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Area students get peek at career paths

LCEDG, Burlington Partnership, SCC
put on 3-day exploration sessions



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Taylor Eismann of Aeroview Services in Sperry, talks with area eighth graders about land surveying and how drone technology has improved quality and clarity in the industry.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEST BURLINGTON - More than 300 Lee County and Danville students invaded the southeast portion of South-eastern Community College on Wednesday to hear about career paths as they get ready for four years of high school.

The 8th Grade Career Exploration Day, sponsored by Lee County Economic Development Group, Burlington Partnership, and SCC was in its 3rd and final day on Wednesday and featured employers from all sectors of the workforce. More than 930 southeast Iowa students participated in the event over the three-day

period. The first day was Monday and featured 5th graders.

"We're looking at careers and different occupations. So the whole eighth grade class came up," said Tyler Wade, an 8th grader from Fort Madison who had just left a YMCA presentation on sports and wellness. Wade said he thinks something in the construction field might be more up his alley.

Alliant had a pretty interesting class and I've been thinking about a career in construction and that kind of thing," he said. "They talked a lot about field work and what it takes to be a lineman and digging holes and stuff."



MILLARD

LCEDG Marketing and Communication's Director Dana Millard said this is the second year LCEDG has participated in the event.

The students were exposed to six different career paths including health care, construction, marketing, business, and others.

Students rotated between different classes every 25 minutes from 9 a.m. to

11:30 a.m. He said the guides for that class said the salary for that type of work would be somewhere near \$60,000.

"That sounds pretty good," he said.

11:30 a.m.

Shelly Marshalls from Unity Point Health Care in Keokuk talked with students about the different career paths in health care including emergency room, becoming a registered nurse, certified nurse specialist, and other nursing degrees.

"Advanced Practice Nurse is the highest level and those nurse are making around \$100,000 per year. So nursing has lots of potential," she said to a group of about 17 students.

Fort Madison Real Estate Agent Carrie Fraise, from Fraise Auction and Real

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Harvestville brings Wave to fall corn maze

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON - This fall Harvestville Farms in Donnellson will bring a new twist to "...amber waves of grain".

Adam, Julie, and Kathy Hohl, owners of the fifth generation farm, were so impressed with the tradition of fans waving to the children in the University of Iowa Stead

Family Children's Hospital at the end of the 1st quarter, they're carving it into their corn field.

The tradition, which caught fire after Iowan Krista Young posted on Hawkeye Heaven, that it would be neat if everyone turned around and waved to the kids in the hospital for a little inspiration. Four months later the tradition was being broadcast on just about every national

news and sports outlet in the country...even finding its ways to some Iowa away games such as the Hawkeye's game in East Lansing, Mich. against the Spartans.

Adam Hohl said after seeing footage of the phenomenon, the family thought it would be a neat idea for the 2018 maze.

"We thought it would be a really cool corn maze during the



season and then in December we started thinking more seriously about it," Adam said.

"So we contacted the

university and the hospital to make sure they were good with it."

Hohl said the hospital didn't have any issues

Harvestville Farms will open officially on April 7 weekends only until May 1. The farm's annual corn maze will feature the Iowa Wave this fall.

with the idea and the University was good, too as long as no trademarks

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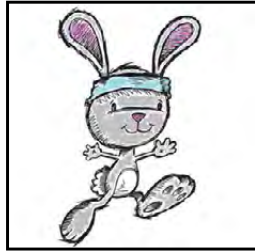
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For the Record/Current-Lee

CURRENT-LEE

HTC TAPS 8th Annual Bunny Hop Event – March 31st, 2018



WEST POINT - HTC Bunny Hop 5K Run/Walk or 10K Run event. Saturday, March 31st beginning at the West Point Library. Registration begins at 8:00a.m. The race begins at 9 a.m. Pre-registration before March 23rd is \$20 & includes t-shirt. Registration on or after March 23rd is \$25. Drinks and light snacks will be provided for participants. Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place finishers in each age group. Registration forms can be found here or www.holytrinity-schools.org. [Click here](#) to download & print your registration form.

Glo Crazy for Education run set for April 7



FORT MADISON - A 5K run/walk will be held on April 7 at Baxter Sports Complex beginning at 8 p.m. Proceeds from the event will go to the Elliott Test Kitchen in Fort Madison. The event is being put on by Fort Madison service clubs including Fort Madison Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary clubs as well as the Fort Madison High School key club. Registration can be done at www.pencitycurrent.com/glo-crazy/.

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 03/13/18 - 12:59 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1200 block of 38th Street.
 03/13/18 - 3:05 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1300 block of Avenue E.
 03/13/18 - 6:04 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a shoplifter in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report

03/13/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical call, two false alarms and one lift assist.

Lee County Sheriff's report

03/13/18 - 1:50 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Edward Charles Lemberger, 68, of Wever, in the 3500 block of 175th Street in Wever, on a charge of 3rd degree harassment. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 03/13/18 - 4:03 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Robert Harry Mills, Jr., 44, of Keokuk at the sheriff's office on a court ordered hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. Those listed above are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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OBITUARIES

JAMES DAVID "JETHRO" CARTER

James David "Jethro" Carter, 63, of Nauvoo, Illinois, passed away at 2:00 A.M. Tuesday March 13, 2018 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City.

Born August 6, 1954 at Fort Madison, Iowa the son of James Milton and Elizabeth Anne Harman Carter. On September 25, 1982 at Hamilton, Illinois he married Vickie Anderson.

Survivors include his wife Vickie of Nauvoo, two sons: James Anderson of Nauvoo and David "Gus" Carter of Dallas City, Illinois. One granddaughter Aleigha. Three sisters: Jean Starr of Nauvoo, Marlene Rambo of Nauvoo and Marsha Carter of Arizona. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister Helen Overfield, one nephew Doug Overfield, three brothers-in-law Richard Starr, Richard Rambo and Wendall Overfield.

Jethro was a graduate of Nauvoo Colusa High School.

His body has been cremated.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 P.M. Saturday April 28, 2018 at the Nauvoo Park District.

A memorial has been established in his memory. Contributions may be mailed to the Schmitz-Banks and Beals Funeral Home P.O. Box 201 Nauvoo, IL 62354.

The Schmitz-Banks and Beals Funeral Home of Nauvoo is assisting the family with arrangements.

WARREN BRENT JOBE

Warren Brent Jobe, 71, of Keokuk, IA died Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at River Hills Village in Keokuk.

He was born October 19, 1946 in Keokuk, IA the son of Ralph and Mildred Stutes Jobe.



JOBE

Warren graduated from Keokuk High School with the Class of 1965.

He had been employed at Phoenix Manufacturing in Keokuk for thirteen years, until his retirement in 2009.

Warren enjoyed spending time outdoors fishing and mushrooming. He was a talented artist and created many beautiful paintings, which he sold. Warren was a gifted woodworker and made ornate picture frames. Warren played the guitar and was in many different bands through the years.

He is survived by one daughter, Sarah June Campbell (Mike) of Keokuk, two granddaughters, Alyssa and Natalie, one brother, Max Jobe (Sue) of McCook, NE, two sisters, Joy Brown of Keokuk and Connie Jobe of Keokuk and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Ronald Jobe and one sister, Vicki Hendrickson.

A Gathering of Remembrance will be held from 6-8 p.m., Saturday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with the family meeting with friends at that time.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.



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Education News/Area News

HTC's Sam Avery earns "Outstanding" award

FORT MADISON - Sam Avery, a junior on the Holy Trinity speech team, has been selected as an "All State" Outstanding Performer by Iowa High School Speech Association judges in the area of Radio News.

Sam and his teammates performed at the state contest, which was hosted this year by Cedar Rapids Kennedy High School on March 10th.

This selection, a great honor, is not a first for Avery, as he was also an "All State" Performer in Radio News last year. Avery will be honored during a ceremony at the 40th Annual All-State Festival of Individual Events to be held on March 26 at the University Northern Iowa.

This festival is a setting to showcase Iowa's top high school orators.

Others HTC orators



receiving ratings at the State Contest are Sterling Barnes, "Superior" in StoryTelling; Ryan Otte, "Superior" in StoryTelling; Elizabeth Ebbing, "Superior" in Poetry Reading; Annabelle Scheetz, "Supe-

rior" in Poetry Reading; John Stinson, "Superior" in Prose Reading and "Excellent" in Improv. Acting; Kyle Scheetz, "Excellent" in Story Telling; and Danny Caruso, "Excellent" in Acting.

Burlington, Keokuk get Alliant Tree grant funds

BY PCC STAFF

CEDAR RAPIDS - Projects in Keokuk and Burlington have been tapped to receive funds through Alliant Energy's Branching Out program with trees for projects in each city.

Burlington will receive \$4,457 to plant trees along selected streets throughout the city, while Keokuk is slated to receive \$2,240 for trees as part of a Keokuk High School service learning project in Rand Park.

For nearly 30 years, Alliant Energy's Iowa utility and Trees Forever have partnered through Branching Out to help Iowa communities plant a diverse mix of trees. These efforts have allowed trees to live longer and provide decades of energy savings to those communities.

Thanks to the latest round of Branching Out grants, 35 communities will complete 38 tree-planting projects this spring. More than \$150,400 in grant money was awarded. Additional projects will be funded after another round of grant applicants submit fall proposals, which are due June 1.

Branching Out is an energy efficiency program that brings together community volunteers, Trees Forever and Alliant Energy. Community leaders create specific tree-planting projects, and Alliant Energy provides funding for the trees. Experts from Trees Forever assist in the correct placement, planting and care of the trees for energy efficiency and aesthetic appeal.

Doug Kopp, president of Alliant Energy's Iowa utility says, "When you plant a tree, you're creating a legacy. Fifteen years from now you can come back and see what you've done and it is impressive. These trees provide a benefit to the community in terms of energy efficiency and carbon reduction for years to come and we're proud to be a part of it."

"Our efforts help trees live longer!" said Meredith Borchardt, Trees Forever program manager. "Branching Out helps community volunteers select the best species for each location. Then we assist each community in developing a care and maintenance plan to help ensure these trees will live for decades. That's important because the energy savings continue to grow as the trees get older and older."

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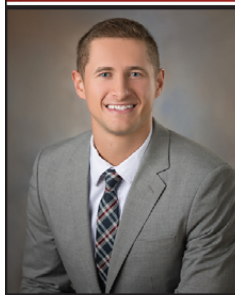
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From the Front

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were used in the artwork.

“We always like to try and partner with a local company and charity and, obviously, with how big the wave became last year we thought this would be good to do,” he said.

The entry fee into the maze, which should open Labor Day weekend, is the same as it has always been. \$6 for everyone with children ages 2 and under getting in free. With each entry fee, the Hohl family will donate \$1 to the hospital. The corn maze closes each year on Oct. 31.

Hohl said the business during the fall season didn't allow his family to get to Iowa City to see the Wave in person.

“We didn't go up. I don't think anyone would have liked it if we were closed on Saturday in the fall. But we have close friends who did get to be a part of it and they told us how special it was,” he said.

Hohl said the plans are already in place and the design is set, now all they are hoping for is some good weather to get the crop in on time.

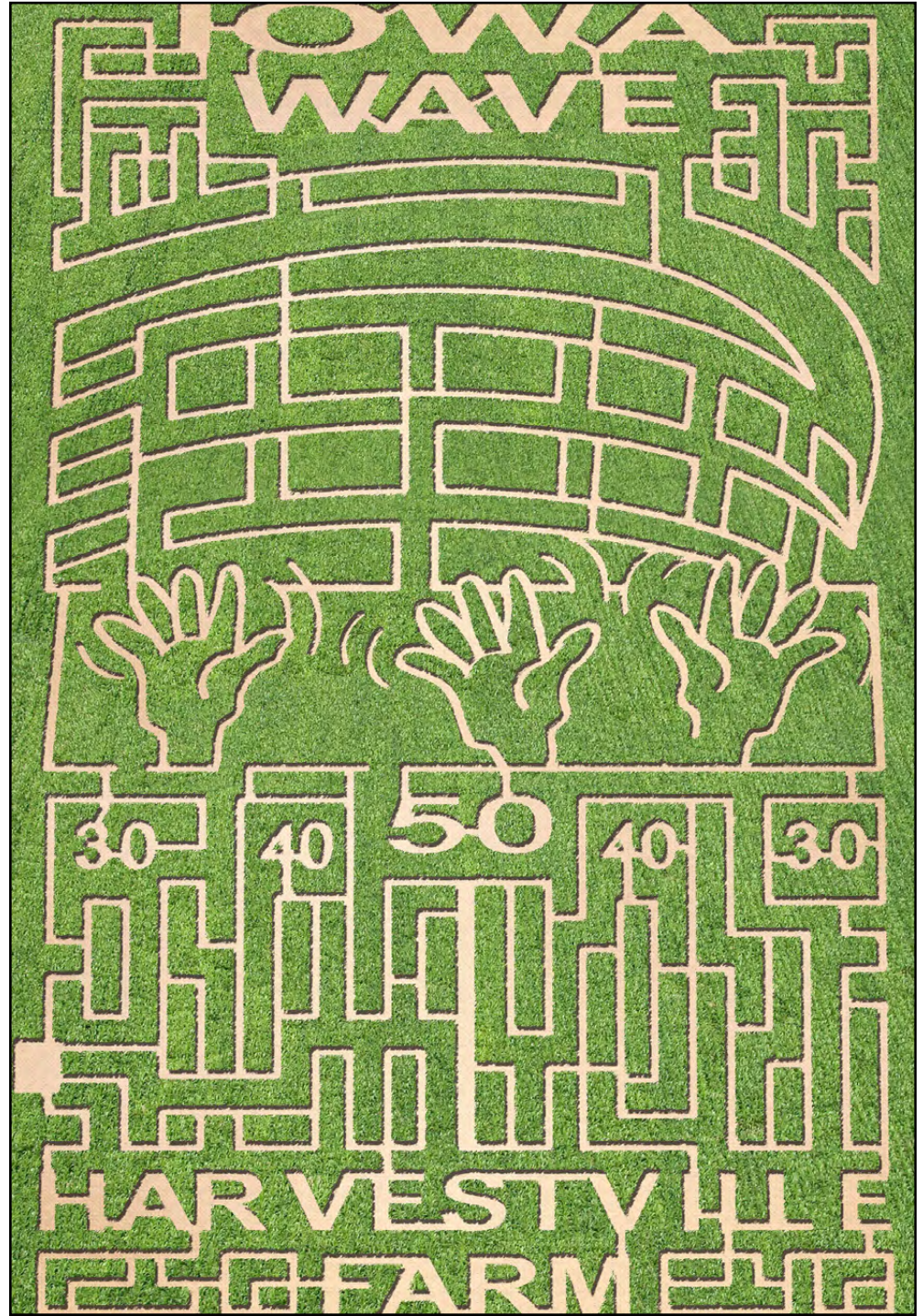
Those looking for more information on Harvestville Farm can find at the company's website at www.harvestvillefarm.com or visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/harvestvillefarm.

The farm is located at 1972 Iowa Highway 2 about five miles east of Donnellson and seven miles west of Fort Madison and can be reached at 1-319-470-1558.

Opening weekend for the 2018 season will be on Saturday, April 7th when the farm will be open weekends from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Beginning in May, the farm is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, along with re-opening “The Pitchfork Cafe.”

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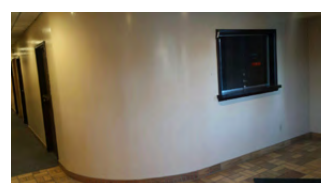
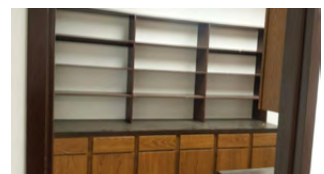
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Students learn that paths change on the way to career

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Estate, spoke with a group of kids on marketing and graphic design. Fraise said she has a business degree from Drake and was discussing with the students how paths can change.

“I tell them my degree is good for what I do because it’s kind of encompassing, but I was an actuarial math major in college. I had a professor sit me down and ask me if this was something that I was comfortable with and it was like Ughhhh! I thought since I was good at math, that’s what I should do. So that’s the good lesson for these kids at this age,” she said.

“I mostly discussed marketing and graphic design and photography because I think that’s important in the future. I did have one student ask me about the real estate field and that’s, you know, your 60 hours pre-license and 35 hours after you pass it. So that’s pretty short compared to a degree.”

Vicki Kokjohn, Vice President of Employee Operations at Fort Madison Community Hospital, told one of her sessions that there were more than 200 jobs in the health care field.

“My nephew graduated from ISU in genetics but its agriculture side, but I have another nephew in genetics who’s in the health field, so there are so many opportunities for you,” Kokjohn said.

“This is a great time to start thinking about it as 8th graders because, technically, after this year you have four more years time to start honing in on what you want to do when you grow up.”

Millard agreed and said the sessions are really important to the eight graders because the next four years are formative for their career choices and some classes can be taken now that help enhance the college coursework.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Vicki Kokjohn, vice president of employee services at Fort Madison Community Hospital, talks with students as part of the 8th Grade Career Exploration Day at SCC Wednesday.

“I think it’s important because at this age they really don’t know what career paths they’re going to go down and what’s available,” Millard said. “So they’re able to look at the typical jobs like nursing, but then we can say, ‘Hey this is how we incorporate technology with drones, or in real estate we can show here’s what we do all day. We just don’t show people houses, there’s a lot more to it.’”

Tayler Eismann of Aeroview Services out of Sperry,

an industry leader in drone land surveying, talked with students about making models of land based on surveys. His company produces tiled photos and 3-D models that are used for a variety of issues including owner usage, site surveying, where infrastructure can go, etc.

Alliant Energy also had a large classroom and showed a video focusing on internships that have manifested into full-time jobs for many of the utility’s employees.

Iowa Fertilizer Company earns touted Exida Safety Award

BY PCC STAFF

WEVER - Earlier today, Iowa Fertilizer Company was named the winner of the Exida Safety Award, recognizing the company’s longstanding commitment to the safety of its operations, employees, and the community at large.

“At Iowa Fertilizer Company, safety is the foundation of our business,” said Darrell Allman, managing director at Iowa Fertilizer Company. “We are incredibly pleased to work with our employees, business partners, and the community as a whole to meet this commitment throughout

the construction of our facility and now, as we have been in production for the past year.”

Working with companies across the globe, Exida is a leader in automation system safety, security, reliability, and more.

“As a leader in safety and technology, Exida is

pleased to recognize Iowa Fertilizer Company’s ongoing commitment to safely provide fertilizer products for farmers throughout the Midwest,” said Steve Gandy, Vice President for Global Business Development at Exida. “As the first world-scale greenfield nitrogen fertilizer plant

built in the United States in the last 25 years, the Iowa Fertilizer facility in Wever has embraced innovation and new technology to ensure the safety of their employees and the broader southeast Iowa community.”

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| SUN 18 Mar | | Light Rain High- 62.2° F Low - 56.6° F |
| MON 19 Mar | | Light Snow High- 54.1° F Low - 31.8° F |

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