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## 2019 District wrestling

### No titles but Hayes, Kruse, Settles head to DM



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FMHS senior Sam Hayes throws Iowa City High's Jason Lemus to the mat in the semifinal round Saturday. Hayes would get the pin shortly after rolling Lemus up on the mat. Hayes took 2nd at the district meet and will be wrestling at the state meet for the first time next week.

### Cordray's bid for 3rd trip to state stopped in OT

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

CEDAR RAPIDS – The Fort Madison Bloodhounds didn't come away with a title at the district state qualifying meet on Saturday, but the Hounds will be sending Elton Kruse, Sam Hayes, and Danen Settles to the state tournament next week.

Fort Madison had three others capture 3rd place and two fifth place finishers for a total of 147 points and a fourth place finish overall at the Class 3A District wrestling tournament at Cedar Rapids Prairie High School. The top two finishers in each division get to participate in the state tournament.

Senior Elton Kruse will represent Fort Madison at Wells-Fargo by knocking off Iowa City West's Parker McBride in the 113 lb. semifinal match.

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Senior Alex Lauber gets Cedar Rapids Prairie's Jack Holvorson up in the air in the quarterfinal round Saturday. Lauber would win with a pin at 1:21 and would go on to finish fourth on the day.

### FMHS celebrates CTE success

High school has more than 200 students in 30 programs

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – National data shows that students taking career and technical education courses in high school are faring better in earnings and career readiness than those who excel academically, but stay away from the CTE offerings.

February is national CTE Month, a public awareness campaign from the Business Professionals of America in conjunction with the Association for Career and Technical Education.

Fort Madison Principal Greg Smith will be holding a breakfast on Feb. 22 to recognize those leaders in the area that have helped contribute to one of the leading CTE schools in the state.

Fort Madison High School has had welders, building trades, and family science classes compete and win awards at the state level for demonstrated skills in CTE coursework. Smith said it's been the support of the board and the district's ability to attract skilled instructors that is setting it apart from other schools in the area.

He said the district's vision is success for every student after they graduate and the CTE programs help target that goal to a higher percentage of the students.

"Look at the vision of the FMCS D that everyone is successful post high school. Well, we're putting our money where our mouth is," he said. "We want all kids, we don't care what your GPA is necessarily, if this is something you're interested in, let's do it."

"And if we don't have it, and this is another thing I'm working on, is let's get you out so you can get that experience. I want my juniors and seniors out half a day everywhere exploring, learning, getting some contact time. If you want to be a vet, spend time with a vet, whatever. Get the course work done and caught up, and get outta here and get that experience."



SMITH

The district has 240 students in CTE programs and currently has 30 courses in the curriculum.

According to a report in the American Educational Research Journal in 2017, national statistics show students who are engaged in rigorous Career and Technical Education courses have a lower drop-out rate and increased on-time graduation.

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FORT MADISON – The following is a list of events and happenings going on in Fort Madison as submitted to en City Current.

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### Fish & Shrimp Fry this Friday

The FM Eagles Club is hosting a Fish & Shrimp fry this Friday to benefit the Fort Madison Food Pantry. Dinner is served 5-7:30pm. Music by The Hillsiders starts at 5pm. 50/50 Drawing. Live Auction starts at 6:30pm. Auction items include 4- 2019 Cardinals’ box seats tickets; Sheaffer Golf Course Greens Fees & Cart, 25 Punch Card, and 10 Punch Card; and more! Desserts provided by The Kensington, Kim’s in West Point, & others! 4821 Avenue O (Behind Burger King), Fort Madison.



### Local artist on display at SCC

Lori Illner Greene will have her art work on display at the Southeastern Community College Art Gallery, 1500 W. Agency Road in West Burlington from Jan. 28-Feb. 15. The gallery showing will feature her “Raptors and Other Birds of Prey” series.

### Evening with Chuck Long

Former Iowa standout and NFL quarterback Chuck Long will be at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course on Tuesday, Feb. 12 for presentation, including a social hour and dinner with doors opening at 4:30. The social hour and dinner will be from 5 to 6 and Long will speak at 6 p.m. with a question and answer to follow. For more information, contact Ryan at 319-528-6214 or by email at [mcmillan@sheaffer-golf.com](mailto:mcmillan@sheaffer-golf.com).

### Ribbon-Cutting

A ribbon cutting for The Kingsley Inn and River Rocks Bar & Grille will be held on Feb. 15 at 10 a.m.

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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### DONALD E. MAYER

Donald E. Mayer, 85 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died Thursday evening, February 7, 2019 at his home. He was born November 8, 1933, in Farmington, Iowa a son of Alvin C. and Mary Edna (Byers) Mayer.



MAYER

Don graduated from Farmington High School in 1951. While still in high school, he worked with a local carpenter/contractor. During this time and after graduation, he rebuilt his parents' home. On July 5, 1953, a tornado damaged their home and extended the building process. His work was showcased in the Des Moines Register's Picture Magazine.

Don served in the U.S. Army in West Germany from 1956-1958. He then served in the U.S. Army Reserves until 1962. Don was a retired carpenter/contractor.

Don joined the Claypoole/Fort Madison Masonic Lodge #13 on July 25, 1969. He was also the builder of their current building. Don served in the Grand Lodge of Iowa in several offices and committees including being Grand Master 2004-2005.

On November 9, 1988, he married Rose Marie (Koehler) Coleman at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa.

Don is survived by two daughters, Allison (Mark) Box of Fort Madison, Iowa and Diane (Scott) Day of Muscatine, Iowa; two grandchildren, Axel Box and Hailey Day. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and two sisters, Ruth and Roma.

Per his wishes, his body has been cremated. His family will greet friends from 1:00 - 2:00 pm Sunday, February 24, 2019 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. A Grand Lodge Masonic Memorial Service will follow and begin at 2:00 pm Sunday at the funeral home. A private burial will be at the Green Glade Cemetery, Farmington, Iowa at a later date. A memorial has been established, contributions may be left at the Barr Memorial Chapel. Online condolences to the Mayer family may be made at [www.barrmemorialchapel.com](http://www.barrmemorialchapel.com).



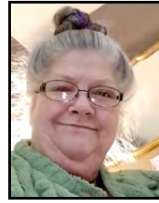
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The Current runs obituaries at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes.

## OBITUARIES

### LISA KATHLEEN TOLMOSOFF

Lisa Kathleen Tolmosoff, 56 of Keokuk, IA died Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at UnityPoint Health in Keokuk.



TOLMOSOFF

She was born October 31, 1962 in Escondido, CA the daughter of John and Sally Sharp Tolmosoff.

Lisa graduated from Ramona High School in Ramona, CA. She had been employed by Lexington Square in Keokuk as an LPN for many years.

Lisa enjoyed quilting, crocheting, knitting and sewing. She was an avid reader and especially enjoyed reading romance novels, true crime books and mysteries. Lisa loved caring for her birds and loved her four legged friend, Boltz.

She is survived by one son, Andrew Harvey (Jordan McCredie-Harvey) of Hamilton, IL, four grandchildren, Brooklyn Harvey, Bentley Melcher, Camden McCredie and Wyatt Harvey, two sisters, Cindy Snyder (Terry) of Hamilton, IL and Debbie Henson of Keokuk, one brother, Larry Tolmosoff of Ramona, CA and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one son, Michael Harvey, her mother and step-father, Sally and Dale Walker, her father, John Tolmosoff and one sister, Shirley Polard.

There will be no services held at this time.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

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# Sports

## HTC gives fun send-off to state swimmers

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

before, but it's the first trip for Hellman.

The 6'5" inch relay specialist will be helping the Grayhounds in the 200 medley and the 200-yard freestyle. He anchors the medley and swims the third leg in the freestyle.

Hellman said he doesn't think a championship will be in the cards in the relays so he said he's just going to go up, swim hard, and enjoy the meet.

"Well, we're coming in 15th and 16 so I think we'll do pretty well," Hellman said. "I think we can get to around 10th place in both relays so I'm hoping for that."

Schuff has competed in relays at two other state meets. He also broke the BHS 100-meter backstroke record during the regular season, but qualified in the relays.

"I'm a senior and it's my last year so I just want to leave it all in the pool and this will be the last time swimming in high school. It's that mentality of not having

any regrets and swim as hard as I can."

Wyrick also competed in the state meet last year.

Wyrick will be on both relay teams and will also swim individually in the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard freestyle events. Wyrick is seeded 15th in the 50 and 21st in the 100. The top 24 times at the district meets last weekend qualified for state.

The senior from Central Lee said the night before is a pretty easy night and all that's left is hitting the water.

"I'm going to eat pretty good tonight hopefully and then get up and stretch out and get ready for tomorrow," he said.

Mohrfeld finished second in the 100-yard breast stroke and set the school mark at BHS with a :59.66 at the district meet last weekend. Mohrfeld will race in both relays and will compete in the 100-yard breast and the 200-yard individual medley. He enters the meet with the 3rd best time in the state in the 100 and he's



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Members of the Burlington High School swim team, including HTC juniors Jacob Mohrfeld and Wyatt Hellman, seated first and second from right, Kale Schuff of Danville, and Blake Wyrick, of Central Lee, fourth from right, get hit with silly string at Friday's send off at HTC.

FORT MADISON - It's getting tougher and tougher to find ways to send Holy Trinity athletes off to state, but they found a way again on Friday as juniors Wyatt Hellman and Jacob Mohrfeld were sent off to Saturday's state swimming championships in Iowa City.

In the past 12 months, HTC sent the volleyball team and cross-country specialist Matt Hellige off to state competitions.

On Friday, Mohrfeld and Hellman were joined by Central Lee's Blake Wyrick and Danville's Kale Schuff in Shottenkirk Gymnasium, as the four will compete representing Burlington High School in six events at the University of Iowa Campus Recreation and Wellness Center beginning at noon Saturday.

Mohrfeld, Wyrick, and Schuff have all been to the state championships

seeded 22nd in the 200.

"From last year I've dropped two seconds off the 100 and I'm at :59.66 and the best in the state is :56," Mohrfeld said.

That :56 was a :56.75 from Forrest Frazier and Mohrfeld's dad, Matt, who helps coach at BHS, said Frazier has worked out at the U.S. Olympic facility in Colorado, and has the potential to throw up a :52 in Jacob's heat.

Mohrfeld said he was

hoping to drop a couple seconds off his district time.

"Dropping three seconds would be a pretty far goal, but I'm hoping for a :58 and hopefully that will get me in the top 5, maybe 2nd or 3rd."

HTC Principal Michael Sheerin showered the boys with trinkets, and at one point, literally with water, as the student body and faculty revved the swimmers up just before

school let out.

BHS head coach Jeff Kristensen said the experience of past meets will help the squad this year.

"I think they have real good chances since it's the second year for three of them. The first year you realize how many people there are and how loud it gets," Kristensen said. "This year that will be secondary, and they'll be able to concentrate on what they're doing."



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### Complete recap of 2019 district wrestling meet

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| <p>106: Owen Kruse (Fort Madison) - 4th Varsity - Quarterfinals - Owen Kruse (Fort Madison) over Jayden Massey (Clear Creek-Amana) (Fall 0:30)<br/>Varsity - Semifinals - Ethan Wood-Finley (Iowa City, City High) over Owen Kruse (Fort Madison) (Fall 0:48)<br/>Varsity - 3rd Place Match - Hunter Kalous (Prairie, Cedar Rapids) over Owen Kruse (Fort Madison) (Dec 8-6)</p>   | <p>6th Varsity - Quarterfinals - Joe Ring (Iowa City, City High) over Chance Hocker (Fort Madison) (Fall 1:54)<br/>Varsity - Cons. Semis - Chance Hocker (Fort Madison) over Mason Sorge (Iowa City, West) (Fall 0:37)<br/>Varsity - 5th Place Match - Nick Pearson (Prairie, Cedar Rapids) over Chance Hocker (Fort Madison) (Fall 2:55)</p>   | <p>Varsity - Semifinals - Danen Settles (Fort Madison) over Jordan Jacobus (Prairie, Cedar Rapids) (Fall 3:52)<br/>Varsity - 1st Place Match - Jacob Mury (Iowa City, City High) over Danen Settles (Fort Madison) (TB-1 4-2)<br/>Varsity - 2nd Place Match - Danen Settles (Fort Madison) over Julius Harris (Burlington) (Dec 3-0)</p>   |
| <p>113: Elton Kruse (Fort Madison) - 2nd Varsity - Quarterfinals - Elton Kruse (Fort Madison) received a bye<br/>Varsity - Semifinals - Elton Kruse (Fort Madison) over Parker McBride (Iowa City, West) (Dec 5-4)<br/>Varsity - 1st Place Match - Austin Kegley (Prairie, Cedar Rapids) over Elton Kruse (Fort Madison) (Fall 1:09)<br/>Varsity - 2nd Place Match - Elton Kruse (Fort Madison) over Parker McBride (Iowa City, West) (RULE)</p>   | <p>182: Diego Lozano (Fort Madison) - 3rd Varsity - Quarterfinals - Diego Lozano (Fort Madison) over Drake Bailey (Burlington) (Fall 0:48)<br/>Varsity - Semifinals - Logan Andeway (Prairie, Cedar Rapids) over Diego Lozano (Fort Madison) (M. For.)<br/>Varsity - 2nd Place Match - Logan Andeway (Prairie, Cedar Rapids) over Diego Lozano (Fort Madison) (RULE)<br/>Varsity - 3rd Place Match - Diego Lozano (Fort Madison) over Gavin Luze (Iowa City, Liberty) (Fall 2:17)</p> | <p>Will Larson (Fort Madison) - DNP<br/>Varsity - Quarterfinals - Avante Henley (Mount Pleasant) over Will Larson (Fort Madison) (MD 13-5)<br/>Varsity - Cons. Semis - Will Larson (Fort Madison) received a bye<br/>Varsity - 5th Place Match - Will Larson (Fort Madison) over Mike Luyeye (Iowa City, Liberty) (Fall 3:42)</p>  |
| <p>120: Dayne Cordray (Fort Madison) - 3rd Varsity - Quarterfinals - Dayne Cordray (Fort Madison) over Austin Steuhm (Prairie, Cedar Rapids) (Fall 1:06)<br/>Varsity - Semifinals - Hunter Garvin (Iowa City, West) over Dayne Cordray (Fort Madison) (MD 14-6)<br/>Varsity - 2nd Place Match - kael Scranton (Clear Creek-Amana) over Dayne Cordray (Fort Madison) (SV-1 11-9)<br/>Varsity - 3rd Place Match - Dayne Cordray (Fort Madison) over Garrett Bormann (Iowa City, City High) (Dec 4-1)</p> | <p>195: Sam Hayes (Fort Madison) - 2nd Varsity - Quarterfinals - Sam Hayes (Fort Madison) over Trevor Wellington (Mount Pleasant) (Fall 0:08)<br/>Varsity - Semifinals - Sam Hayes (Fort Madison) over Jason Lemus (Iowa City, City High) (Fall 4:25)<br/>Varsity - 1st Place Match - Ashton Stoner-DeGroot (Prairie, Cedar Rapids) over Sam Hayes (Fort Madison) (M. For.)<br/>Varsity - 2nd Place Match - Sam Hayes (Fort Madison) over Elias Cordero (Burlington) (Fall 1:14)</p>  | <p>Mason Schau (Fort Madison) - DNP<br/>Varsity - Quarterfinals - Collin Leavy (Iowa City, West) over Mason Schau (Fort Madison) (SV-1 6-4)<br/>Varsity - Cons. Semis - Owen George (Burlington) over Mason Schau (Fort Madison) (Dec 4-0)</p>   |
| <p>152: Jakob McGowan (Fort Madison) - DNP<br/>Varsity - Quarterfinals - Justis Kruse (Prairie, Cedar Rapids) over Jakob McGowan (Fort Madison) (Fall 2:13)<br/>Varsity - Cons. Semis - Mason Applegate (Iowa City, West) over Jakob McGowan (Fort Madison) (MD 16-8)</p>  | <p>220: Alex Lauber (Fort Madison) - 4th Varsity - Quarterfinals - Alex Lauber (Fort Madison) over Jack Halvorson (Prairie, Cedar Rapids) (Fall 1:21)<br/>Varsity - Semifinals - Zach Beason (Mount Pleasant) over Alex Lauber (Fort Madison) (Fall 3:44)<br/>Varsity - 3rd Place Match - Davryn Stewart (Iowa City, City High) over Alex Lauber (Fort Madison) (Fall 1:49)</p>   | <p>Nathan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) - DNP<br/>Varsity - Quarterfinals - Jarrod Alger (Iowa City, Liberty) over Nathan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) (Dec 16-9)<br/>Varsity - Cons. Semis - Nathan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) received a bye<br/>Varsity - 5th Place Match - Nathan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) over Randal Mosier (Clear Creek-Amana) (Fall 1:09)</p>   |
| <p>160: Keaton Poe (Fort Madison) - DNP<br/>Varsity - Quarterfinals - Colton LaGrange (Prairie, Cedar Rapids) over Keaton Poe (Fort Madison) (MD 16-4)<br/>Varsity - Cons. Semis - Joe Dixon (Iowa City, West) over Keaton Poe (Fort Madison) (MD 17-5)</p>  | <p>285: Danen Settles (Fort Madison) - 2nd Varsity - Quarterfinals - Danen Settles (Fort Madison) over Damion Wilson (Iowa City, Liberty) (Fall 2:15)</p>   | <p>Gavin Wiseman (Fort Madison) - DNP<br/>Varsity - Quarterfinals - Gavin Wiseman (Fort Madison) over River Belger (Burlington) (MD 10-2)<br/>Varsity - Semifinals - Keaton Speicher (Iowa City, West) over Gavin Wiseman (Fort Madison) (Fall 1:36)<br/>Varsity - 2nd Place Match - Samuel Stevens (Clear Creek-Amana) over Gavin Wiseman (Fort Madison) (MD 18-5)<br/>Varsity - 3rd Place Match - Gavin Wiseman (Fort Madison) over Michael Santoro (Iowa City, City High) (Fall 1:58)</p> |
| <p>170: Chance Hocker (Fort Madison) -</p>   |   |  |



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## Sports

# Wiseman, Cordray and Lozano all take 3rd place

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Kruse got a bye in the first round and ended up facing McBride in the semifinal match.

Kruse was then pinned by top-seeded Austin Kegley of Prairie at 1:09 in the title match sending Kruse to the 2nd place match where McBride had slipped into the wrestle back by beating Iowa City High's Reese Hayden. But Kruse had already beaten McBride, so by rule, he was awarded 2nd place.

"This was great making it there, but now I want to go up there and do something.

Senior Sam Hayes, who's been hampered by injuries most of his career including a fractured back as a freshman that cost him his sophomore year, and then a troubled shoulder his junior year kept him out of district action.

But the senior said he's

just smiling now that he's finally punched a ticket to the Wells-Fargo arena.

"This is great. All I can do is just smile," Hayes said after wrapping up second place with a first period pin over Elias Cordero in the wrestle back for second place.

During his freshman year he fractured his back after an awkward land in a match which cost him districts and his sophomore year. He then tore the labrum in his shoulder, sidelining him for the last half of his junior year.

He injured the other shoulder this year and has been wearing protective gear on the shoulder, Hayes said he and the coaches agreed to forfeit the title match against Prairie's Ashton Stoner-DeGroot, and slide to the 2nd place match.

"I've beat that kid before," Hayes said. "I majored him last year, but it was just a precautionary thing for us. Say I lose that match and then

I have to come back and wrestle another match and I'm sore... so I would like, make the tournament and then I can wrestle him at state and beat him there. But this feels great to get that stress of my back."

Settles was seconds away from taking the heavyweight title against top-seeded Jacob Murry of Iowa City High. The two went into overtime at 1-1. Settles scored an escape from the down position in the tiebreaker with four seconds left and flipped Murry to the mat but outside the circle.

Head coach Ryan Smith asked for an explanation, and then Murry took down in the tiebreaker rotation and was able to escape with :22 left in the period. He then got Settles in a headlock and was able to pull him to the ground with just :02 left on the clock for the win.

Settles would go to the wrestle back and take on Burlington's Julius Harris

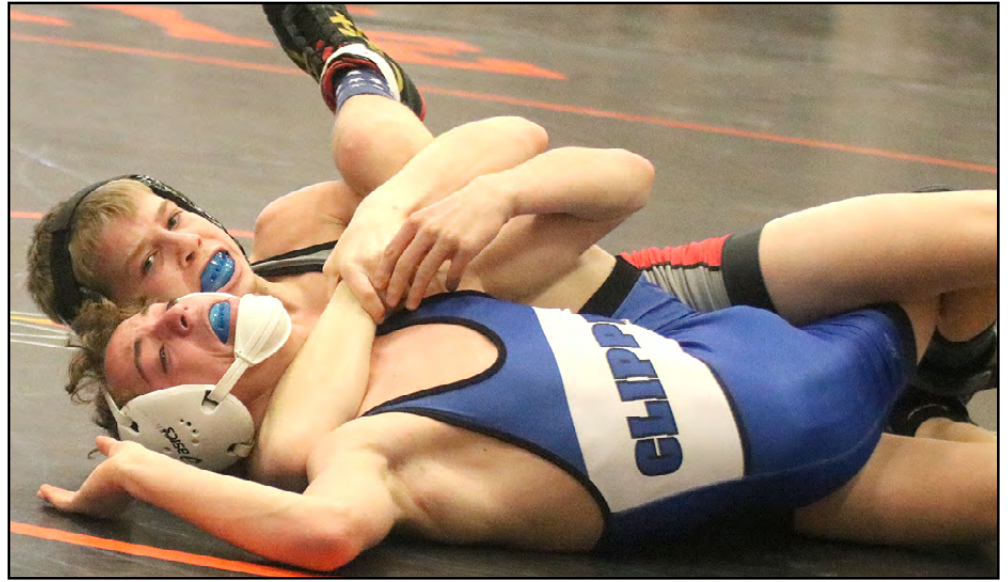


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Fort Madison freshman Owen Kruse gets Clear Creek Amana's Jayden Massey in a package in first round action at Saturday's district wrestling meet. Kruse would finish fourth and not qualify for state, but three other Hounds will make the trip.

and won with a 3-0 decision to take 2nd place.

Settles said he had to take a different tact with the bigger Murry in the title match.

"I didn't want to square up with him and go upper body. I wanted to defend his style. When he got me in the headlock I just tried to keep my hips up so I could get two, but it just didn't happen," Settles said.

Smith said he was proud of the kids' effort and couldn't really ask for much more.

"I can't fault our effort tonight," Smith said. "It goes back to what I said before districts, we needed good attitude and good effort and I think we saw that about 99% of the time today," Smith said.

He said Cordray's match was one of the tougher ones on the night.

"He was down by like 5 with about half a minute left and just gave it everything he had and tied it up at 9 to force the overtime. That was a tough one," he said.

Freshman Gavin Wiseman came up short in a wrestle back with

Clear Creek Amana's Sam Stevens 15-3 for third place. Wiseman won his first match which pitted him in the semifinal against 126-lb top-seeded Keaton Speicher of Iowa City West. Speicher rolled Wiseman to the mat at the 1:34 mark and was able to seal the pin two seconds later, forcing Wiseman to wrestle back.

Freshman Gavin Wiseman has the upper hand on Burlington's River Belger in opening round action Saturday. Wiseman went on to finish 3rd in the 126 lb. bracket, just missing a bid to the state tournament.

Wiseman pinned Iowa City High's Michael Santoro in the 3rd place match but fell to Samuel Stevens in the 2nd place match by an 18-5 major decision.

Wiseman said it would be have been nice to go to Des Moines, but he said he's learned a lot and enjoyed the atmosphere of districts.

"It was pretty nice, the excitement, the crowd," he said. High school is a whole new level with wrestlers but the experi-

ence was great. I'm not happy, but I'm content. It would have been better if I had won and went to state, but overall, I did decent today," Wiseman said.

Senior Dayne Cordray also finished third after falling in sudden victory 11-9. Cordray, who qualified for state as a freshman and a junior said he knew he was going to have pull something off in the waning moments of the 2nd place match.

"The last match going into the third period I knew I was down by quite a bit and had to pull something big. I saw the opportunity for the cradle and hit it but I couldn't get his shoulder to the mat. It was setting on my shoulder and, looking back, if I had adjusted I could have gotten it," he Cordray said.

"He's a really good kid, but I just left my shoulder up in the extra period and didn't get squared up, that's all it was. It's a bitter pill to swallow, but just like cross-country, I got a lot out of it."

The state tournament starts on Thursday night, Feb. 14 in Des Moines at the Wells-Fargo arena.



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Senior Dayne Cordray has good position on Austin Steuhm of Cedar Rapids Prairie in the first round of district wrestling in Cedar Rapids Saturday.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
PROCEEDINGS  
FORT MADISON  
CITY COUNCIL  
12/18/2018**

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, December 18, 2018, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Randolph presided with Council Members Greenwald, Morawitz, Rink, Andrews, Mohrfeld, Lair and Cangas present.

On motion, Council approved the agenda as written. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 12/4/2018; Payment of Claims, Resolution No. 2018-63, property tax exemption for Todd A/ Tammy G Piper at 2004 Avenue H; New Cigarette Permit: Fort Madison Tobacco & Liquor Outlet Plus, 1734 Avenue H, effective 2/1/2019; and Liquor Renewals: Palms Supper Club, 4920 Avenue O, effective 2/1/2019; Pizza Hut, 1123 – 24th Street, effective 12/20/2018 and La Casa Salsa, 4821 Avenue O, effective

1/1/2019.

On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2018-64, authorizing the filing of an application with Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission for Regional Transportation STBG funds for reconstruction of the intersection of Business 61 and 53rd Street. On motion, a resolution setting cemetery fees failed. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2018-65, appointing David Varley to serve on the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors, term expiring 1/1/2020.

On motion, Council approved to receive and file the City's audit for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2018. On motion, Council tabled an Agreement to Lease with Viking USA, LLC.

At 7:01 P.M. on motion, Council adjourned until January 2, 2019, at 5:30 P.M.

/s/ Bradley A. Randolph, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

REVENUES	EXPENDITURE	12/1-12/15/2018
General \$ 163,489.35	General \$ 20,207.26	
Special Rev. 94,373.61	Sp. Rev. 10,717.46	
Road Use 5,611.98	Road Use 14,614.75	
Debt 34,802.63	Capital 172,070.46	
Water 2,034.45	Water 23,828.89	
Sewer 1,994.13	Sewer 66,249.16	
Solid Waste/IW 718.68	Solid Waste, IW 29,161.94	
SW Utility 234.70	SW Utility 146.00	
<b>\$303,259.53</b>	<b>\$336,995.92</b>	

PAYROLL	12/7/2018
General \$218,119.71	
Spec. Revenues 3,508.95	
Road Use 27,623.96	
Water 28,942.29	
Sewer 42,581.99	
Solid Waste 12,955.34	
Airport 486.54	
Storm Water 4,056.68	
<b>\$338,275.46</b>	

**Claims from 12/18/18**

AIRGAS USA, LLC, ACETYLENE/ARGON/OXYGEN..... 177.4  
ALAN ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT, URINAL SCREENS..... 228.66  
ALEXIS FIRE EQUIPMENT CO, SERVICE/PUMP TEST..... 1,130.00  
ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC..... 1,638.32  
ALTORFER MACHINERY CO, PARTS/LABOR..... 595.69  
AMANDA ALEXANDER, BEANIES FOR RUN/WALK..... 445.77  
AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOC, MEMBERSHIP..... 238  
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, CLEANING SUPPLIES..... 671.08  
ARCHWAY CONTROL,

LP, DEF FLUID..... 110  
B&B PROPANE, PROPANE..... 334.43  
BATES SANITATION & ASPHALT, PORTA-POTTIE..... 150  
BEACH & ENKE TRUCKING, SNOW REMOVAL - MAINSTREET..... 1,485.00  
BIG RIVER RENTAL, SCISSOR LIFT..... 142  
BIG STATE INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY, SAFETY KITS..... 260.2  
BROWN SUPPLY CO. INC., PATRIOT BLADES..... 3,596.00  
BROZENES HYDRAULIC EQUIP, OIL/LIGHT..... 469.62  
BUILDING MATERIALS INC, PARTS/LUMBER..... 1,450.39  
BURLINGTON MUNI WATER, BACTERIA SAM-

PLES..... 85  
CITY OF FORT MADISON, TREAT LEACHATE..... 1,545.02  
CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT, N FEDLER BASIC TRAINING..... 1,219.70  
CULLEN PEST CONTROL, MONTHLY CONTROL..... 189  
CURE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, HARDWARE/AGREEMENT..... 3,863.65  
DAILY DEMOCRAT, VETERAN'S SALUTE - AD..... 414.22  
DIAMOND VOGEL PAINT CO, PIN/RETAINING RING..... 8.86  
DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY, #10 WINDOW ENVELOPES..... 1,451.36  
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, BALLAST..... 132.96  
FLOYD'S E-Z WAY, TRASH PICK UP..... 346.1  
FORT MADISON ART ASSN, HOTEL/MOTEL TAX..... 4,974.64  
FORT MADISON COMM. HOSPITAL, DRUG COLLECTION..... 56  
GEM ELECTRONICS, MONTHLY SERVICE CONTRACT..... 248.85  
GREAT RIVER REGIONAL WASTE, WASTE..... 15,183.54  
GREENWOOD CLEANING SYSTEM, TOILET PAPER..... 117.36  
HICKEY CONTRACTION CO, 2334 AVENUE I DRIVEWAY..... 1,271.34  
HOWARD R GREEN COMPANY, AVENUE I BRIDGE..... 12,192.58  
HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE, OXYGEN/ARGON..... 1,460.64  
IA ASSOC OF HOUSING OFFICIAQL, 2019 MEMBERSHIP FEE..... 30  
IDEAL READY MIX COMPANY, CONCRETE..... 1,424.64  
IOWA BRIDGE & CULVERT, AVENUE I BRIDGE 117,267.27  
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RES., RENEWAL FEE - ANNUAL TANK..... 65  
IOWA FIREFIGHTERS ASSOC, MEMBERSHIPS..... 52  
IOWA ONE CALL, UNDERGROUND LOCATE..... 82  
J&S ELECTRONIC BUSINESS, TONER..... 498.01  
JET GAS, TANKWAGON DYED DIESEL..... 3,615.48  
JETCO INC., INSTALLED PANEL..... 6,810.00  
JL TIME & ATTENDANCE CO, MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION..... 143  
LISCO, PHONE..... 1,982.58  
LYNCH DALLAS P.C., NEGOTIATIONS - PROF FEES..... 1,333.32  
MARTIN EQUIPMENT, STABILIZER FOOT..... 830.92  
MASTERCARD, MINECRAFT..... 60  
MCFARLAND-SWAN, OFFICE GLOVES

..... 119.46  
MENKE PROFESSIONAL AUTO PARTS, BLOWER MOTOR..... 139.99  
MES-MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY, JACKET REPAIR 2,199.00  
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY EMBROIDERY, UNIFORM 143  
MOHRFELD ELECTRIC, REMOVED FOUNTAIN @ POND..... 44  
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY CO, INNER LID..... 1,541.75  
NORTH LEE CO HISTORICAL SO, HOTEL/MOTEL TAX..... 4,263.98  
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS, PARTS..... 857.26  
OHIO CALIBRATION LABORATORY, REPLACED BOARDS/TESTS 376  
OMNI SITE, BEACON/SMARTELIGHT..... 9.86  
PARKVIEW VETERINARY CLINIC, RENTAL..... 2,765.00  
PDC LABORATORIES, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE..... 13,814.14  
PEGGY STEFFENSMEIER, MILEAGE - P STEFFENSMEIER..... 65.95  
PERMAR SECURITY SERVICES, MONITORING/SERVICES..... 185.25  
POEPPING STONE & BACH, DESIGN SERVICES..... 3,064.48  
QUARRY CREEK ELK AND BISON, V SLATER - WINTER WEAR..... 172.8  
RAILROAD MANAGEMENT CO, LICENSE FEES..... 470.82  
RAINBO OIL CO, WINDOW WASH..... 129.38  
RED MUNICIPAL & INDUSTRIAL, BELT.. 184.33  
ROBERTS TIRE CENTER CORP, TIRE REPAIR..... 216.25  
S.H. ENTERPRISES LTD., SLUDGE..... 2,337.30  
SERVICE MASTER OF FORT MADISON, JANITORIAL SERVICE..... 1,311.50  
SHOPKO, TIMER..... 10.69  
SHOTTENKIRK SUPERSTORE, PARTS..... 2,598.69  
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, TESTING.... 19.5  
STEFFENSMEIER WELDING & MF, TUBE/CHANNEL/ANGLE..... 276.98  
STERLING CODIFIERS, 2019 HOSTING FEE..... 500  
STOREY KENWORTHY, ENVELOPES..... 180.12  
SWING SET MALL, TIRE SWING..... 191.95  
TOOLS PLUS INDUSTRIES, GRINDING WHEEL W/ HUB..... 93.68  
TRUCK REPAIR, PARTS..... 301.7  
UNITY POINT CLINIC, DRUG TEST..... 42  
UPS, SHIPPING..... 15.63  
VISU-SEWER, LINER..... 60,811.25  
W L MILLER CO, SURFACE FOR RODEO PARK TRAIL..... 37,944.67  
WATER SOLUTIONS UN-

LIMITED, ZINCORTHO/BISULFITE..... 5,376.55  
WEST MUSIC, MUSIC STAND..... 38.4  
WINDSTREAM, PHONE..... 246.01  
WORKING FIRE FURNITURE, RECLINER..... 749  
YOUR HEAT AND AIR GUY LLC, RAN GAS LINE..... 1,110.00  
Total..... 336,995.92  
GENERAL FUND..... 20,207.26  
SPECIAL REVENUE..... 10717.46  
ROAD USE..... 14,614.75  
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS..... 172070.46  
WATER O&M..... 23,828.89  
WASTEWATER O&M..... 66,249.16  
SOLID WASTE..... 29,161.94  
STORM WATER..... 146  
Grand Total..... 336,995.92

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Fort Madison City Council at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, at the Council Chambers of City Hall at 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison regarding an amendment to the City of Fort Madison Zoning Code, Section 10-1: Title: Purpose, and Chapter 10, Administration.

You may appear at the hearing to express your views concerning the above. Written statements may be submitted to the Fort Madison City Clerk, P.O. Box 240, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa, 52627 no later than 4:30 PM on February 19, 2019 or delivered before the hearing is closed.  
Melinda L. Blind  
City Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
FORT MADISON  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 11, 2019  
6:00 P.M.**

**Finance: Hotop/Hope  
AGENDA**

- I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum
- II. Recognition of guests
- III. Reading of Foundation documents
- IV. Monthly communications
  - A. "Did You Know?"
  - B. Superintendent Goal Report
  - V. Approve the agenda
  - VI. Consent Agenda
    - A. Minutes
      1. January 21, 2019, Regular Meeting
      2. January 28, 2019, Special Meeting
      3. February 4, 2019, Work

- Session
- B. Financial reports
    1. January Balance Sheet
    2. January Revenue Summary
    3. Expenditure Report
    4. Student Activity Report
  - C. Accounts payable
    1. January General Account Board Bills for Approval
    2. February General Account Board Bills for Approval
    3. Student Activity Account Board Bills for Approval
    4. Nutrition Account Board Bills for Approval
  - D. Consider personnel resignations
    1. Moriah Rooney, Richardson associate
    - E. Consider employment of personnel
      1. Nancy Butler, High School associate
      2. Jeremy Swink, High School tennis coach
    - F. Consider contract modifications
      1. G. Consider leave of absence
      - H. Consider open enrollment requests
        - I. Other reports
          1. Director \_\_\_\_\_ moved and director \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the documents submitted in the consent section of the agenda be approved and/or filed as submitted.
        - VII. Action Items
          - A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services – Kim Harmon
            1. B. Superintendent – Erin Slater
              1. Consider approval of 2019-2020 Fort Madison Community School District calendar
              2. Consider approval of fundraisers within the athletic department
                - C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager – Sandy Elmore
                  1. Resolution ordering special election on the issuance of \$30,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds and to Fill Vacancies
                  2. Consider approval of roof specifications for Central Office - Kevin Moon
                    - Roof drawing and project specs
                    3. Engagement Letter from Piper Jaffray
              - VIII. Discussion Items
                - A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services – Kim Harmon
                  1. B. Superintendent – Erin Slater
                    1. Certified Employee Attendance
                    2. Board Member Attendance
                    3. Board professional development - Iowa Association of School Boards
                  - C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager – Sandy Elmore

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

1. Refinance of existing Sales Tax Bonds
2. Certified Budget for FY2019-2020 discussion
- IX. Comments from the audience
- X. Legislative update
- XI. Announcements  
March 4, 2019, 6:00 P.M.  
– March Work Session at Richardson Elementary  
March 18, 2019, 6:00 P.M.  
- Regular Meeting, Board Room, Central Office
- XII. Adjourn

15. Staff Reports
16. Board Member Comments
17. Adjournment

Next regular meeting will be March 12, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Hearing and vision assistance available upon request.

Citizens are welcome to all LCCB meetings.

Madison  
Canvass the Tuesday, February 5, 2019 Keokuk School District Special Election  
Personnel Actions  
A. New Hire-Sheriff's Office (Replacement)  
B. Step Increases-Health Department (3)  
Reports:  
A. Sheriff's Monthly Report  
B. Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected  
C. Auditor's Report of Fees Collected  
Commission or Committee Reports  
Closed Session Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5 (c) "To discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation."  
Adjourn

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Budget Hearing Agenda**  
**Great Prairie Area Education Agency**  
**February 12, 2019**  
**5:30 PM Budget Hearing & Regular Board Meeting - Conference Room A**  
**GPAEA Fairfield Office, 2000 West Jackson, Fairfield, Iowa**  
**GPAEA Board/Budget Hearing Zoom**  
**Join from PC, Mac, iOS or Android: <https://zoom>.**

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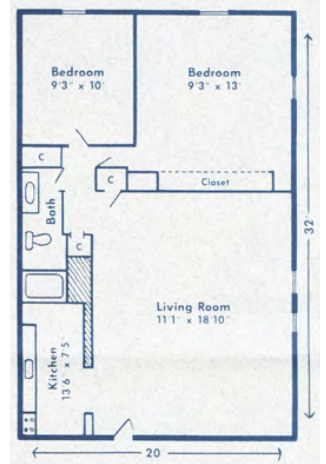
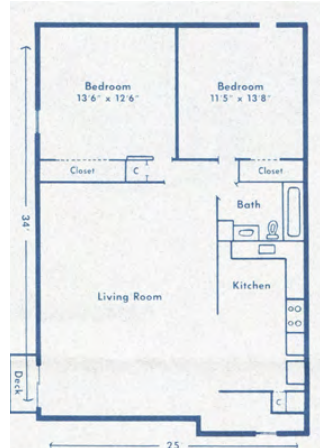


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- I. HEARING CALLED TO ORDER BY BOARD PRESIDENT
- II. BOARD APPROVAL OF THE HEARING AGENDA
- III. BOARD REVIEW OF PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2019-2020  
Administrator's Comments: Dennis Gourley, Chief Financial Officer, will review our proposed budget for Great Prairie AEA for 2019-2020.
- IV. DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE 2019-2020 BUDGET PROPOSAL  
Administrator's Comments: At this time the President should ask any visitors if they have any questions regarding the proposed Budget.
- V. ADJOURNMENT

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### PUBLIC NOTICE Lee County Conservation Board Meeting Agenda February 12, 2019 4:00 p.m. Lee County Conservation Center 2652 Highway 61 Montrose, IA 52639

1. Call to order
2. Oath of Office
3. Approval of minutes from January 8, 2019
4. Public Input  
This is the time of the meeting that a citizen may address the Board on any matters pertaining to the Lee County Conservation Board. The Board cannot take formal action at the meeting on matters not included on the regular agenda, but may ask the staff to research the matter or have the matter placed on a subsequent agenda.
5. Approval of Bills
6. Approval of Financial Report
7. Quail Forever Banquet Sponsorship
8. Approve 2019-2020 Budget
9. Approve Bid to Remove the Old LCCB Office
10. Approve Installment of a new Heating and Air Conditioner System in Pollmiller Cabin
11. Approve Purchase of Riding Lawn Mower
12. Approve Purchase of new Paddle Boats
13. Seasonal Positions
14. Project Updates

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### PUBLIC NOTICE Lee County, Iowa Board of Supervisors Agenda DATE: TUESDAY, February 12, 2019 MEETING CONVENING TIME: 9:00 A.M. LOCATION: Correctional Center 2530 255th Street, Montrose, IA

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approve Agenda
- Approve Tuesday, February 5, 2019 Board Minutes
- Consider Approval of Claims
- Public Input
- Consider Approval of Consulting Engineering Contract with Calhoun-Bums and Associates
- Consider Approval of Resolution Increasing Credit Card Limit for Assessor's Office Employee
- Consider Approval of Resolution Compromising Taxes on Property at 522 Timea Keokuk
- Consider Approval of Resolution Setting Public Hearing to Propose Sale of 1225 25th Street Fort Madison to the City of Fort



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# Obituaries/National News

## OBITUARIES

### MARVIN EDWARD MERSCHMAN



MERSCHMAN

Marvin Edward Merschman 79, of West Point, Iowa, formerly of St. Paul, Iowa, passed away at 6:40 a.m. Friday, February 8, 2019, peacefully at his home in West Point.

Born on January 28, 1940, in St. Paul, Iowa, the son of A.C. and Agnes (Klesner) Merschman. On February 16, 1963, he married Betty Menke at St. James the Less Catholic Church in St. Paul, Iowa.

Survivors include his wife: Betty of West Point; five daughters: Lora (Jeff) Watznauer of LaFayette, Illinois, Melissa Freesmeier of West Point, Tammy (Wes) Ames of Keokuk, Sonya (John Molter)

Merschman of Burlington and Brenda (Doug) Saye of Edwardsville, Illinois; grandchildren: Nathan (Amber Files) Wellman, Derek (Hannah Fox) Wellman, Lindsey (Tom) Brockhaus, Josh Watznauer, Portia Watznauer, Kelsey Watznauer Jessica (Cory) Bohnenkamp, Jenna Freesmeier, Jordan (Matt) Nelson, Amy (Zack) Chase, Ashley Ames, Brandt Ames, Kaci Ames, Camrey (Travis Opel) Saye, Shelbey Saye, Gabby Saye,; nine great grandchildren: Gracie Paisley, Elle, Lexi, Braxton, Blake, Bryce, Brinlee, Luci; four sisters: Bernice Pomberg of Fort Madison, Laverne Cox of St. Paul, Helen Moeller of West Point and Joann Harold of Bueno Vista, Arkansas. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers: Carl and Jim.



Marvin served in the National Guard. He owned and operated Merschman Carpet Center for thirty years. He was a member of St. James Catholic Church and the Houghton Knights of Columbus. He served on the Marquette School Board and St. Paul Volunteer Fire Department. Marvin enjoyed golfing, playing cards and games (especially when he won). He also enjoyed sports and was an avid Iowa Hawkeye and Chicago Cubs fan.

The family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at St. James the Less Catholic Church in St. Paul.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at St. James Catholic Church in St. Paul with Father Bruce DeRammelaere as celebrant.

A memorial has been established in his memory for Holy Trinity Catholic Schools.

Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be made at [www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com).

## OBITUARIES

### DEBORAH L. HIGGINS

Deborah L. Higgins, 69, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 10:16 a.m. on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at her home. She was born on November 13, 1949 in Keokuk, IA to Robert & Betty Roberts Brookhart. She married Peter A. Higgins in February of 2007 in Fort Madison, IA. She worked at several jobs over the years, lastly as a truck driver.

She is survived by: her husband: Peter Higgins of Fort Madison, IA; 1-son: Jeffrey Rains of Fort Madison, IA; 1-daughter: Nadine (Rob) Burgtorf of Michigan; 3-grandchildren & several great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.


Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and no services are planned at this time. Online condolences to the family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

### Bill would provide child care at VA facilities

WASHINGTON – Congressman Dave Loebsack released the following statement today after the House passed HR 840, The Veterans’ Access to Child Care Act. This legislation will make permanent, and expand, the VA’s Child Care Pilot Program to ensure our veterans have access to convenient, safe and cost-free child care when they have VA medical appointments, including mental healthcare appointments. The pilot program was established in 2010 at four VA facilities. From FY2015 through FY2018, more than 13,000 veterans with children have used the program. Currently, women veterans are the fastest growing population of veterans and 42 percent of the women seeking care at the VA have said it is hard to find child care to attend medical appointments.


“I am very pleased that Congress is acting to ensure our veterans have the support they need to successfully transfer from the military to civilian life. It is very important that we not allow anything to stand in the way of our veterans receiving the care and benefits they earned and deserve,” said Loebsack.






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## From the Front/Weather

# Funding hurdle keeps CTE program from growing locally

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Those same students also see higher earnings, including a 3.2% wage increase in CTE concentrations. Another statistic that stands out is that 80% of students taking a curriculum that includes CTE coursework met college and career readiness benchmarks that only 63% of students with the same academic core work had, but didn't include the CTE courses.

Smith said the district's been able to hire top notch quality instructors like Building Trades Instructor Clint Kobelt, whose construction students have taken state titles in skills competitions. The district also recently hired Chris Bolander, after the closure of Dresser-Rand in Burlington, who has 16 years and a complete list of certifications in welding to replace Jim King in that department. A new automotive instructor fully certified by General Motors has also joined the staff.

With Governor Kim Reynolds touting Future Ready Iowa programming at every stop in the state, Smith said these efforts lead straight to those goals, but funding is still the highest hurdle in reaching more kids.

"I'm really frustrated that there's such a need on every side you talk to. If it wasn't for funding, I'd have four or five more programs going," he said. "The (Fort Madison School) board is very supportive, but it's a money issue. Everyone of those guys you bring in has 16-20 years experience but we put them on a teacher's salary level. Even though they don't have the education at the master's level, we still try to give them credit for the years in the field. That's where they'd be if they were still in the private sector."

He said some of the CTE instructors come in at \$50,000-\$60,000 a year. But

when he talks with local legislators they ask what they can do.

"It's not a lack of support. I talk to (Rep.) Jeff Kurtz and (Sen.) Rich Taylor and those guys, they ask what do you need from us and I hate to say money all the time, but what I need is a way to hire these guys that level the playing field a little. We want to do what you want us to do, the governor's all about it, so let's get together and figure out how we do this. I don't know what the answer is, but it always seems to come down to dollars."

Internal data from the district eight years ago said the curriculum was upside down as far what students needs were. Smith said everything was still focused on collegiate paths, yet 40% of the students weren't going to college and had no concrete plans after high school.

"If we don't have curriculum that fits our needs, are we doing what's best for our kids or what's best for a slim majority," he

said.

Smith recently sat with the board of the Southeast Iowa Builder's Association to figure out what certifications graduating seniors should have if they want to get their resume on top of the pile.

"We approached them to help us to determine what certificates are important. To make a long story short, we're going to meet with HR folks in those industries and say, if you want to look at a kid right out of high school, he's gonna be green, but what else do you need. Would an OSHA 13 certification help, or an ACI concrete national certification, there are all kinds out there," Smith said.

He also credited the Lee County Economic Development Group's Grow Lee program for helping him with contacts and finding subcommittees to continue to advocate and learn about what industries are looking for from the educational community.



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MON 11 Feb



Light Snow

High- 30.9° F | Low - 26.3° F

TUE 12 Feb



Light Snow

High- 31.4° F | Low - 20.4° F

WED 13 Feb



Light Rain

High- 30.3° F | Low - 29.6° F

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