



# Pen City Current

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## Amtrak agreements again in front of council

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – After being pulled from the City Council agenda two weeks ago, final agreements between the City of Fort Madison and Amtrak regarding the relocation of the rail depot to Riverview Park, could be voted on Tuesday.

Three separate agreements are on the agenda for the City Council's regular meeting Tuesday night beginning at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Included in the agreements is a platform sublease agreement with Amtrak. This agreement provides for the city constructing the platform and then giving ownership to Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad. Amtrak would then lease the platform from BNSF and then sublease it to the city to give the city responsibility for any maintenance and repair. Under the agreement the city would also be responsible for all utilities and insurance coverage.

Amtrak is also contributing \$150,000 to the construction of the platform.

The second agreement is between the city and Amtrak where the city agrees to construct depot improvements, which have already been done, and construct a platform as well as installing Amtrak approved signage and a wheelchair enclosure.

The third agreement provides for the city leasing Amtrak 813 square feet of exclusive space in the station for operations including a "common area" to be used by passengers. It would be a 20-year lease with two 10-year

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## HTC sends science, quiz kids to state

FORT MADISON - Holy Trinity Catholic had a multiple program state send off on Wednesday. The schools Quiz Bowl team won the Southeast Iowa Superconference championship and headed to the State Quiz Bowl this weekend. The Holy Trinity Science Club also headed to the State Science Fair. Thursday was high school judging, and according to science advisor Ernie Schiller, three of the seven science students who attended the fair placed. On Friday, 16 of 19 Holy Trinity Middle School students received awards. A complete list of the awards will be available Monday.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Holy Trinity Catholic's Science students participated in this weekend's State Science Fair with 16 of 19 middle school students receiving awards and three of seven high school students placing.

able Monday. One of the middle school students, Dalton Boeding, received

a special send off from the district. Boeding has received several "Inspir-

ing Excellence Awards and has participated in numerous science fairs.



## Beside The Point

Chuck Vandenberg,  
Pen City Current - Editor

## *Droning on about patience, gratitude*

I don't want to keep droning on about it this... see what I did there... but this past week was a true adventure. And a lesson in what a good community this is.

This idiot editor went out by himself in the field where, hopefully in 2021, there will be a new elementary school sitting. I have a new toy that I want to use to gather news photography from above. But obviously I need to train more on it.

It's a small drone that Kris Kringle put under the tree this year. It takes great video and pictures but you have to know what the sam-hell you're doing with the thing. There are some really seasoned pros with these things around Fort Madison.

I... am not one of those people.

Fort Madison coach Luke Rickelman had some athletes working out on the east slab at the middle school while I was buzzing this thing around in what is probably one of the largest open fields in city limits. But, needless to say, I got cocky and lost control of this thing at about 400 feet.

On what ended up being my last practice flight, I pushed my drone to new heights.

Oooooooo. Pretty!! I could see the freakin' river on my phone that I was using to navigate. But then a nervous-

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## RSVP looking for community garden help

PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The United Way of the Great River Region is looking for volunteers to help work the Community Garden behind Hy-Vee.

Those interested in doing outdoor work and like plant and harvest food are encouraged to volunteer for this worthwhile effort that helps feed underserved families in Lee County

The United Ways' RSVP program is seeking individuals this Spring who will plant, cultivate, and harvest produce from our Community Garden located at 2606 Avenue L, Fort Madison.

Volunteers must enjoy working outside, gardening and harvesting. The work may require some bending, stooping and lifting of 10 lbs. or less and would require one hour two times a week.

If interested and for more information, please call Tammy at 319-372-8043.

United Way of the Great River Region supports non-profit organizations and agencies that provide programs addressing needs in health, education and financial stability to residents in Clark, Hancock, and Lee Counties. United Way of the Great River Region serves all of Lee, Hancock, and Clark counties.

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## Obituaries/Lottery Numbers

### MARY BELLE BERGMEIER

Mary Belle Bergmeier, 92, of Nauvoo, Illinois passed away Saturday, March 30, 2019 at her son, Randy's, home near Niota, Illinois.

She was born on February 12, 1927 in Bentonsport, Iowa the daughter of Calvin and Jennie June Henry Corns. She married Tom Bergmeier. They later divorced.



BERGMEIER

Mary was a 1945 graduate of the Fort Madison High School. Mary worked for John A. Kraus Company in Nauvoo for 52 years. She was an avid L.A. Dodgers and Kyle Busch fan. Mary enjoyed going on "critter drives" to look at wildlife. Her grandson and great-grandson were the light of her life. She was a member of the Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo, where she was active in the Catholic Women's Club. Survivors include, one son, Randy (Cathy) Bergmeier of Niota, one grandson, Jason (Autumn) Bergmeier, one great-grandson, Drake Bergmeier, two brothers, Wesley Corns of Fort Madison and Charles Corns of Burlington and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Shirley and Barbara and one brother, Henry. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at the Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo with Fr. Tony Trosley as celebrant. Burial will be in the Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Cemetery, Nauvoo. Friends may call after 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, at Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo where the family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. with a Parish Rosary recited at 6:30 p.m. A memorial fund has been established for the Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church or School.

Please visit Mary's obituary at [sbbfuneralhome.com](http://sbbfuneralhome.com) to leave a condolence.

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### THOMAS SHADWELL RUMP

Thomas Shadwell Rump, 87, of Burlington passed from this earth on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 10:02 PM at the Great River Hospice House following a lengthy illness surrounded by his wife and children.

He was born on June 2, 1931 in Ft. Madison to Edward and Valley Shadwell Rump. On May 2, 1971 he married Ardith Rich in Mt. Pleasant. After graduating from Ft. Madison High School he attended Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, MO and then attended Coe College and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Following college he received his commission as a 2nd Lt. in the Air Force.



RUMP

After serving in Korea with the 2157th Air Rescue Squadron, he joined the Air Force Reserves. During this time he served as Liaison Officer for the Air Force Academy in Colorado. He retired from the Air Force after twenty two years with the rank of Major. Tom earned his teaching certificate from Iowa Wesleyan College and substitute taught in the Ft. Madison School District. He worked for Job Training Partnership and taught General Educational Development classes in Ft. Madison and Burlington through Southeastern Community College. He owned and operated "Rumps Young Fashions and Varsity Shop" in downtown Ft. Madison for many years.



He was very active in the Boy Scout Program. Tom was a Scoutmaster and Post Advisor of Troop 29 in Ft. Madison. He was a member of the Order of the Arrow and served on the Tribal Council. He was also the Ft. Madison District Chairman and served on the Board of Directors and the Executive Board of the Southeast Council of Boy Scouts. He was presented with the Pilot Award and the Silver Beaver. Tom served on numerous committees as a member of the Ft. Madison Chamber of Commerce and the United Way Board. He was past president of the Ft. Madison Rotary Club, a member of Holy Family Parish, the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion, the Reserve Officers of America and the Retired Officers Association. Tom loved playing golf and traveling to the mountains out west.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of forty seven years, Ardith Rump of Burlington two children Jeffrey (Nicole Panther) Rump of Ft. Madison and RaeAnn (Loren) Menke of West Point; five grandchildren; four nieces; five nephews and one sister in law. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother Richard; one nephew; three brothers in law and three sisters in law.

Friends may call after 2 PM on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at King-Lynk Funeral Home where the family will meet with friends from 5-6:30 PM. Following visitation his body will be cremated. The funeral mass will be held on Friday, April 5, 2019 at 10:30 AM at Ss. Mary & Joseph Church. Burial will take place at a later date in Calvary Cemetery, West Point.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for Great River Hospice House or Holy Trinity Catholic Schools and online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

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## Obituaries

### NORBERT G. RICKELMAN

Norbert G. Rickelman, 90, of Ft. Madison passed away at 2:06 AM on Sunday, March 31, 2019 at The Kensington.

He was born on May 21, 1928 in Washington, IA to George and Anna Helling Rickelman. On September 2, 1950 he married Jean Mansheim in Ft. Madison. Norbert was a lifelong farmer and was an Archer oil dealer for over forty five years. He was a member of Sacred Heart Church, Knights of Columbus, Iowa Pork Producers Assn, Iowa Cattleman's Assc, Iowa Corn Growers Assn, Iowa and the Farm Bureau. In his younger years he was a square dance caller for many events and belonged to a square dance and euchre club. A proud steward of the land he loved everything outdoors. He especially enjoyed his



RICKELMAN

black angus cattle, his black Labrador and his favorite cat. His favorite seasons were spring planting and fall harvest. He was very proud of and treasured all of his children and their families and loved family get togethers.

Norbert and Jean enjoyed traveling to many states visiting relatives and friends, including Hawaii, Arizona, Texas, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Kansas, South Dakota, Colorado, Missouri, Washington DC as well as Canada and Mexico. The family would like to thank all the staff at The Kensington, FMCH Hospice especially Carol Reed, RN and the Dream Catchers Group for granting his final wish to tour his farm the day before his passing. Also all his Doctors and Nurses at GRMC and Mansheim Family Practice for their wonderful care over the years.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Rickelman of Ft. Madison; one daughter, Karen (Jim) Koenighain of Cedar Rapids; four sons, Warren (Peggy) Rickelman of Ft. Madison, Richard (Kay) Rickelman of Pulaski, IA, Dan (Lynda) Rickelman of Ft. Madison and Steve (Laura) Rickelman of Pulaski, IA; twelve grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren; one sister, Martha Kurka of Fairfield, IA; one sister in law, Bernice Rickelman of West Point; several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Mary in infancy; one brother, Leonard and two sisters, Evelyn Goldbach and RoseAnne Strunk.

Friends may call after 2 PM on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at King-Lynk Funeral Home where the family will meet with friends from 4:30-6:30 PM at the funeral home. A rosary will be recited at 6:30 PM. The funeral mass will be held at 10:30 AM at Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 with Rev. Joseph Phung officiating. Burial will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

A memorial has been established for Sacred Heart Church of FMCH Hospice and online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

### PAMELA JOYCE LEWIS HUNTER

Pamela Joyce Lewis Hunter, 63, of Nauvoo, IL passed away Thursday, March 28, 2019.

She was born on February 29, 1956, in Lemont, IL, the daughter of Shirley Jane Meyers Lewis. She graduated from St. Mary's High School in Chicago.

On November 20, 1974 Pam was united in marriage to Lewis William Hunter in Lemont, IL. He preceded her in death on June 29, 2017.

Pam owned and operation Pam Hunter's House Cleaning Service for several years and also did home health care. But her main job was being a mom and her life revolved around her family.

She was of the Baptist faith and attended the First Baptist Church, Faith Family and the Evangelical Free Church all in Keokuk. When wintering in Texas with her husband she attended the First Baptist Church in Harlingen, TX.

Pam had a good eye for antiques and collectables and enjoyed hunting for treasures at thrift shops, garage sales and auctions. She enjoyed watching her favorite TV shows, The Three Stooges, Game of Thrones and Shark Week on the Discovery Channel. She looked forward to watching The Voice each week with her granddaughter.

She is survived by four daughters, Mercianne Hunter Finch, Lauriebeth Hunter (Bob Page) and Jenna-Lyn Shuman (Micheal) all of Keokuk, Beckajoyce Hunter (Warren Veerasingam) of Coralville, one son, Brentlewis Hunter (Katie) of Cedar Rapids, seven grandchildren, McKenna Jade Hunter (Nick) of Parnell, Hunter Michael Finch (Elizabeth Engelbrecht) of Ames, Hailey Anne Finch, Mason Robert Lewis Page, Breanna Bell Page, Alexis Beulah-Rose Shuman and Brady Micheal Shuman all of Keokuk, one brother, Gerald "Sonny" Meyers of Cedar Rapids, her mother-in-law, Lois Schnakenberg of MO, sister-in-law, Shirley Jensen (Rick) of KS, brother-in-law Kevin Hunter (Wendy) of TX and her very best friend since grade school, Connie Wiedlin (Jerry) of Chicago.

Besides her husband, Lewis, she was also preceded in death by her granddaughter, Meechele Kayle Page, one sister, Sherry Ott, one brother, David Meyers and a brother-in-law George Oliver Hunter.

Funeral services will be held at 1 pm on Saturday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with Pastor Derek Olsen officiating. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk.

Visitation will be held on Saturday from 11 am - 1 pm at the funeral home with the family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the Family or to the Keokuk Animal Shelter.

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# It was man vs gravity, nature, and fishing line

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ness took over me. You're not supposed to fly them higher than 400 feet, but this model recommends 150 feet. Yeah....I think I broke both of those.

So I looked up into the sky. BIG MISTAKE! This thing looked like a dot of a sparrow against the light blue afternoon sky. "Ohhhh. Bring it down," I said to myself. There was a slight breeze out of the southwest that began to push my robot whirlybird toward the bluff.

"This isn't good." I have an emergency stop button that I could have hit, but I didn't want to risk crashing it on an unsuspecting motorist. Shortly after that, the dissent disappeared. I looked down at my video feed and saw branches and sky.

"Crud. Well that's gone," I thought, and a sick feeling came over me as I trodded up the field to the road and saw my drone hanging like a bat about 110 feet up in the air. The bluff goes straight up so, from the base of the tree, it was about 70 feet up.

I walked slowly to our Toyota FJ Cruiser, dubbed "the beast" and thought about how I was going to explain to the wife Santa's present wasn't coming home.

I had posted on Facebook that the Pen City Current News Drone had been lost in a tree and I needed ideas.

More than 60 tips came in from...start climbing, Tarzan... to... get a shotgun!?, throw tennis balls, call the fire department, tie a weight around a rope and throw it over the limb...buy a new one?!...get a cat!!!!??

A firefighter posted "give us a call". I did to get the daily record and they said "yeah, we think we can get it and we need to do some training on the ladder so meet us out there."

WHAT?!?! Really...you're gonna go get my drone? The taxpayers are going to crucify all of us. But here they came, anchored the ladder truck and two firefighters navigated the bucket through the trees and came up 20 feet short. One firefighter wanted to blast it with a pulse of foam water. We decided to quit while we were ahead. I offered a donation to the department for their efforts. They said no.... it was great training for the ladder truck. I'm making a donation to the firefighter explorers.

I went back home depressed that it was going to be in the tree by itself overnight. Poor thing. Then Mayor Brad Randolph got in touch at 8:30 p.m. and said he had good flashlights and extender poles, and to meet

him on Bluff Road.

We went out and climbed up the hill and after about 15 minutes found where it was. It's tough to see a black drone against a black sky. But he found it. After extending his pole out 50 feet and looking like he'd hooked a whale with these poles bending over, we leaned it against a branch and attached another swimming pool pole to the end and pushed it up. In about five seconds that pole gave way to the weight and bent like a straw.

"Uh....I owe you a new pole," I said, thinking this is getting very expensive now. Buy a new one was starting to sound like a good idea.

"Nope," he said. "I've got another one."

"Hey, lets strap some sticks on there. They're dead and don't weigh as much." This was my idea, not the mayor's. MINE. So we start strapping up straight dead sticks and went after the thing again. The sticks which we put on top of the poles, started to bend and snapped as we pushed the pole up.

We both laughed a little and finally I convinced the mayor to leave. (I now have a deeper understanding of why we're still moving the depot - this guy doesn't give up easily). We stopped at his truck for a moment of brain storming. Almost at the same time we said "a bow". He said if someone had a bow... and I jumped in and said, I was just thinking I have a compound bow at home. Ideas started churning.

I told him I would think about that plan and maybe come back in the morning. I thanked him over and over and we went our separate ways. When I got home, I pulled the bow from the closet and set it out for the next day. I went back to my phone and the mayor had texted saying, "let's go back with the bow".

Geesh! "No. I've taken enough of your time. I'll try again tomorrow."

In the early morning I got up and grabbed a big ball of twine, a utility cutter, and the bow and arrows and headed back to get my drone that I abandoned to the wild of the night.

I texted the mayor and said I was headed out with the bow, arrows, and some twine. He texted back immediately, "use fishing line".

Whatever. This is a compound bow, it can shoot twine for cryin' out loud. Doug Hoenig from Hoenig's Tree Service messaged me saying he had some poles, apparently specific to drone hunting, and would stop by. He took a look and headed back to get his poles. 30 minutes later I was on my way to Shopko for fishing line. Apparently my daughter's compound bow wasn't powerful enough to carry twine 70 feet. Whatever.

I don't like fishing line. I don't like Christmas lights. If it tangles, I hate it. I have no patience for that. After about 20 shots at this tree branch and having fishing line tangled in leaves, my boots, socks, my hat, my underwear, and every freakin' stick that laid on the ground, I started to yell out loud. There was filament everywhere. It felt like I was in a bad scene from a Harry Potter movie and I began to get claustrophobic.

After cutting and retying arrows a couple dozen times, I found a plastic flower pot, put the spool of string flat in the pot, and said, "Screw it, two more times and I'm outta here."

One shot. Clean into the cloudless sky, over the



branch, and the arrow softly succumbed to the theory of gravity and pivoted heading downward. I ran for cover tripping over...everything, and the sleek, black arrow came to rest dangling fortuitously about 10 feet away. I choked back the tears that began to well up.

I pulled myself together, took a breath and got my physics about me. Now....tie the twine thoroughly to the fishing line and pull it... ever so gently, carefully, over the branch. I got the twine tied on and went to the arrow and started to gently pull. I had work gloves on, I didn't need a fish line cutting a groove in my hand.

That vexing 30lb test snagged every bud and twig protruding from every tree within three miles. After about 15 minutes of telling myself to breathe, I freed the line all the way up and gently started to pull. SNAG! Freakinfrackrumbstupidisonof..... I stopped... breathed slowly and gently pulled on the string again. Looking at the ground, I pulled harder and harder waiting for the filament to give. And it did, but gently... not the snap I've so often felt fishing southeast Iowa ponds. I looked up and saw the twine clear up by the drone.

I continued to pull and pray... pull and pray... as the twine came gently down to my outstretched hand. Glorious music was heard in the background and a ray of sunlight burst upon my sweat-glistened face. I think I looked like Edward Cullen.

I fell to my knees holding the twine..shaking with fatigue and the emotion of human perseverance. I had a hallucination of sorts as an image of the wife with hands folded resting softly at her cheeks on her slightly tilted head as her man had overcome nature, and the wild of the woods - and gravity! I had rescued our robot from the watchful eye of the hawks of Iowa and the impending Thursday rain showers.

I slowly moved..as if dancing in the woods...and grabbed the upward trending twine and put it together with the downward trending twine and gave three hard yanks and the drone came tumbling out of the branch and fell softly to the earth - all things restored, including my testosterone.

I sat on the nearest log, pulled out my phone and made a video to commemorate the wonder of it all. You can view it on our Facebook page.

My drone now sits atop the cat tower in our living room. I look at it often. It wants to play. I think not.... Yet.

Speaking of lofty endeavors, Pen City Current is partnering with Radio Keokuk to drop a wider net over news and sports in Lee County. We're very excited about the possibilities of this partnership for our readers and our advertisers, but that's Beside the Point

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## Scene Around the Area/Classifieds

# Approval of depot agreements could start project

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extensions available. Rent on the space will be \$400 monthly from Amtrak.

“If all three of the agreements are approved, the City will be responsible to construct the passenger platform, which will involve some city funds as outlined in the budget,” City Manager David Varley wrote in an agenda memo to council members.

“Amtrak will pay the city \$400 per month in rent, but the city must take care of snow removal, repairs, etc for the platform, and the common areas outside

the building. This will be an addition to the City’s annual operating budget and an expense that we currently do not have.”

In February, with city officials ready to pull out of the relocation due to insufficient funding available in the city’s budget, the Iowa Department of Transportation came up with potential additional funds to cover the city’s projected shortfall.

DOT officials said precedent is there for an additional \$400,000 to be allocated from the DOT’s Passenger Rail Service

Revolving Fund.

If approved Tuesday, the platform construction, which has to go through the DOT, could be put into the state’s bid letting process to get the project started.

In other action, the council:

- will have a 2nd reading of an ordinance amendment Title 3 of the city code defining “Rental Housing Unit” and the processes of nuisance abatement.
- will have a 2nd reading of an ordinance amending plumbing fees.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber welcomes newly sworn in Deputy Bryson Hennigar on Tuesday at the North Lee County Courthouse. Hennigar is the second deputy sworn in this year. Deputy Brent Gibb was also sworn in as a member of the sheriff’s department.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Lee County, Iowa**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**Agenda**  
**DATE: TUESDAY,**  
**April 2, 2019**  
**MEETING**  
**CONVENING TIME:**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Correctional Center**  
**2530 255th Street,**  
**Montrose, IA**

Pledge of Allegiance  
 Approve Agenda  
 Approve Tuesday, March 26, 2019 Board Minutes  
 Consider Approval of Claims  
 Public Input  
 Consider Approval of Renewal Premiums with Wellmark  
 Consider Approval of Health Savings Account Premiums with Wellmark  
 Consider Approval of Services Agreement with Health Solutions  
 Consider Approval for Self-Funding Insurance Fund to Cover Cost of Health Coaching for Employees Accessed at High Risk  
 Consider Approval of Renewal with Met Life for Employee Dental  
 Consider Approval of Proclamation Naming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month  
 Update and Possible Action on Sale of Argyle

County Shed Property  
 Update on Powdertown Sanitary Sewer Properties  
 Consider Approval of flow Department of Transportation Five Year Road Plan  
 Consider Approval of Proposal from Calhoun-Bums and Associates for Profession Structural Engineering Services  
 Consider Approval of Class C Beer Permit for Wever Junction  
 Personnel Actions:  
 A. Step Increase-Sheriffs Office  
 Reports:  
 A. Commission of Veteran Affairs Minutes of Meeting  
 B. Manure Management Annual Update for T & VH LLC in Charleston Township  
 Commission or Committee Reports  
 Adjourn  
 Workshop to Follow  
 PUBLIC MEETING  
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 319-372-3705

County Website:  
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## HELP WANTED

### COMMUNITY GARDEN COORDINATOR NEEDED

RSVP/United Way of the Great River Region is seeking a Community Garden Coordinator

Do you like to garden and work outdoors?  
 Do you like to plan, plant and harvest food?

We are seeking an individual this Spring who will plan, plant, cultivate, harvest and lead other volunteers in our Community Garden (garden is located at 2606 Avenue L, Fort Madison, Iowa behind Hy-Vee).

Must enjoy working outside, gardening and harvesting. Will direct garden activities with other volunteers and may require some bending, stooping and lifting of 10 lbs. or less...Times: 1 hour, 2 times per week.

If interested and for more information, please call - Tammy at 319-372-8043.

United Way of the Great River Region supports non-profit organizations and agencies that provide programs addressing needs in health, education and financial stability to residents in Clark, Hancock, and Lee Counties.

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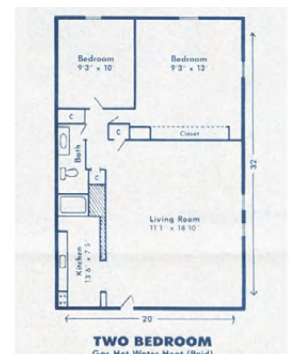
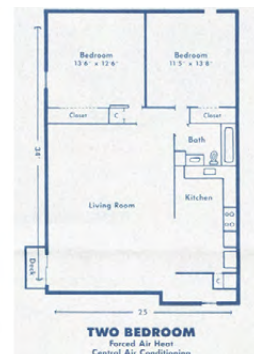
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## CURRENT-LEE

### LCHD Hospice Volunteer Training

Training will take place on four Tuesday evenings starting April 2 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at LCHD office. No fee for the training sessions, which are open to the public. To register call 319-372-5225.

### FMAAA Expressions Art Auction

The annual fundraiser for the Fort Madison Area Arts Association is set for April 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Quality Inn & Suites in Fort Madison.

### Glo Crazy for Education 5K

The Glo Crazy for Education 5K run will take place April 6th beginning at 8 p.m. at Baxter Sports Complex in Fort Madison. Registration begins at 6:30 and refreshments are available at the Sports Complex after the run. Fort Madison Service Clubs Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary and FMHS Key Club organize the event. To register click here: <https://www.pencitycurrent.com/2019glorun/>

### FMHS Boosters Spring Craft Show

The boosters will hold their annual spring craft show will be held April 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the FMHS gym and MPR. More than 70 vendors have signed up for this years show.

### Senior Community BINGO

Each month on the second Wednesday of the month, The Kensington hosts Senior Community BINGO at 2 p.m. in their dining room at 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. All seniors are welcome and cash prizes are awarded.

### Fort Madison Community Clean up

The Fort Madison Chamber will be holding it's annual Community Clean up on Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to noon. with registration at Central Park. Free lunch will follow in the park. Call the Chamber at 372-5471 to register and for details.

### Caregivers Connection

The Kensington hosts this monthly gathering to help educate attendees about all dementia types. Held at noon the 4th Tuesday of every month in The Kensington's private dining room, 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. Call 319-372-4233 to RSVP or for more information.

### Sports Complex Auction, Social Tour

The 2nd annual event will be held on April 27, 2019 beginning at 1 p.m. at the complex with transportation by SEIBUS. Dinner will follow by Fat Jimmy's Smokehouse and the auction begins at 7 p.m.

### Salute to Small Business Breakfast

The Fort Madison Chamber will be holding it's annual Salute to Small Business Breakfast on Thursday, May 9 beginning at 7:30 a.m at Quality Inn & Suites.

### Soroptomist Princess Tea Party

The annual Princess Tea Party is set for Saturday, May 11th at Quality Inn & Suites in Fort Madison. Ages 3-5 will attend from 10 a.m. to noon, while 6 and up will attend from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Registration deadline is April 5. For more information email Dr. Lauri Wondra at [laurisorop@gmail.com](mailto:laurisorop@gmail.com).

### Jack Morris Memorial Golf Outing

The annual Fort Madison Chamber Golf outing will be held June 14, 2019. Sponsorships are available. Contact Fort Madison Partners at 319-372-5471 for more details.

Pen City Current will list your event in this highly visible CURRENT-LEE section in increments of 25 words for \$15. Add a photo for \$5. Effective Jan. 1, 2019 non-profit organizations are eligible for the reduced rate of \$10 per 25 words and \$3 per photo. To place your listing, call Chuck at (319)371.1670 or Lee at (319)371.4125.

## 5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

### MON 01 Apr

Mostly Sunny  
High- 47.9° F | Low - 39.4° F

### TUE 02 Apr

Light Rain  
High- 48.4° F | Low - 36.3° F

### WED 03 Apr

Overcast  
High- 53.5° F | Low - 45.9° F

### THU 04 Apr

Overcast  
High- 56.9° F | Low - 47.8° F

### FRI 05 Apr

Scattered Clouds  
High- 60.6° F | Low - 56.1° F

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Next Exam  
Saturday, April 13, 2019  
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