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## Wellmark earmarks \$100K for PORT Phase III

*Second grant from foundation requires matching funds*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison PORT Committee is moving closer to the final pieces of the city's recreational trail.

Committee officials released Thursday that a \$100,000 grant from the Wellmark Foundation has been earmarked for phase III of the project, but the committee has to provide a dollar-for-dollar match be-

fore Aug. 24. Phase III will connect the Baxter Sports Complex with Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Rachel Benda, chairperson of the PORT Committee said phase III is still in early planning.

"We are in the preliminary stages of mapping out a route, but it will connect to FMCH, and we hope to break ground once the route is finalized," she said.

"We are excited to once again receive support from Wellmark for our PORT trails," said Rachel Benda, chairperson of the PORT Committee. "The first grant we received from them helped us realize the necessary funds to complete Phase I. Now with two Phases complete we are anxious to get started on the final phase of our initial three Phase project. It is wonderful to see so

many people enjoying the trails. We have had tremendous support and are now asking for monetary donations to help get the project completed."

"The Wellmark Foundation is proud to support this project that encourages physical activity and access to and consumption of nutritious foods now, and for generations to come," said Becky Wampler, The Wellmark Foundation executive director.

Benda said Wellmark focuses their assistance on projects that have to do with wellness, nutrition and sustainability. The foundation also gave the PORT Committee a \$75,000 grant for Phase 1, the portion of

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

### In Service

The Fort Madison B shift pushes truck 9411 into the bay at the Fort Madison Fire Station Wednesday afternoon. The push is ceremonial for new trucks that are put into service. Training on the new pumper has been completed and the \$560,000 truck is now fully operational. Pushing the truck are Fire Chief Joey Herren, Alex Meierotto, Mike Fullenkamp, and Mike Schneider. Engineer John Lange is in the truck.

## ISU Extension hits 100 years with county

**BY LEE ANN SHAFFER-SMITH**  
ISU Extension Outreach Coordinator

DONNELSON - This year Lee County is celebrating 100 years of organized county extension work. This long-established partnership with Iowa State University provides local citizens with access to education and university research. ISU Extension and Outreach provides education and builds partnerships for a strong Iowa and a strong Lee County.

The celebration kicks-off at the Lee County Fair on July 11th, 2018. We invite the public to join us at the Grandstand during the crowning of the Lee County Fair Queen. Dr. John Lawrence, Vice President of Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, will speak about Extension and the impact it has on Iowa counties. Following this event, we invite you to join us for food, conversation, and celebration.

A hundred years ago the people of Lee County joined the extension movement and hired their first local extension agent. Today ISU Extension and Outreach serves as a 99 county campus, connecting the needs of Iowans with Iowa State University research and resources.

The Lee County Extension Council represents county residents and acts on behalf of ISU Extension and Outreach locally. The Lee County Extension Council includes Chairperson Chris Lindner of Keokuk, Vice Chairperson Vicki Kokjohn of West Point, Treasurer Rick Tebbs of Fort Madison, Secretary Tricia Knipper of Donnellson, Tina Loges of Farmington, Tom Mohrfeld of West Point, Steve Newberry of Argyle, Dave Lowenberg of West Point, and Brad Vandenberg of

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## FCC beefs up investment in rural health care facilities

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Dave Loebsack released the following statement today after the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) voted to raise the cap on the Universal Service Fund's Rural Health Care Program by \$171 million. This new investment brings the cap for this fund to \$571 million, which helps provide access to high speed internet for rural health care providers. In 2016, Loebsack worked to get legislation signed into law that made skilled nursing facilities

eligible to receive funds through this program.

"I am pleased that the FCC voted to raise the amount of funding available through the Rural Health Care Program, which has not seen an increase since 1997. It is essential that all the different components of the USF are fully supported, and ensuring rural healthcare providers and their facilities have access to broadband internet is necessary for both patients and doctors," he said.

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## Obituaries/From the Front

### OBITUARIES

# DORIS ROSELLA "ROSIE" GRAY

Doris Rosella "Rosie" Gray, 85, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 3:39 a.m. on Thursday, June 7, 2018 at Great River Medical Center. She was born on March 16, 1933 in Fort Madison, IA to George & Bessie Moulton Bailey. She married Wallace "Wally" Gray on October 3, 1978 in Kahoka, MO. He preceded her in death in 2005. She was a member of the Fort Madison Christian Church and a lifetime member of VFW Post 4999 in Chillicothe, IL.



GRAY

Rosie is survived by: 3-step sons: Dan, Dave & Tim Gray; 2-step grandchildren; 1-step great grandson; 1-sister: Nina Woods of Fort Madison, IA; numerous nieces & nephews. She was preceded in death by: her parents, husband, 5-brothers & 3-sisters.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 10, 2018 with a funeral service to immediately follow at 3:00 p.m. at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Les Featheringill officiating. Burial will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, June 11, 2018 at Chillicothe Cemetery in Chillicothe, IL. A memorial has been established in Rosie's memory. Online condolences to Rosie's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

# ISU Extension programs help more than 1 million

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Donnellson.

With their understanding of local issues, these elected officials make sure that significant educational programs are available in Lee County that help people solve critical issues affecting their lives.

Education and partnerships are how we solve problems and prepare for the future. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach looks forward to being part of the ongoing life of Lee County for years to come.

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For more information about ISU Extension and Outreach contact the Lee County office at 319-835-5116, or visit [www.extension.iastate.edu/lee](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/lee).

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## Education News/From the Front



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The J. Patrick Koellner Scholarship is given annually by Lee County Bank to a graduating senior from Fort Madison High School and from Holy Trinity Catholic High School. This \$1,000 scholarship is designated for students with outstanding citizenship, leadership qualities, and sound academic success. Shown here is Lee County Bank President, Mike Culbertson, presenting a \$1,000 check to Brett Schneider, a 2018 graduate of Holy Trinity High School, and wishing her great success in her future endeavors.

## PORT seeks grant match dollars

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the trail that runs north and south from Bluff Road to Ivanhoe Park. Phase II connected that segment of trail to the Baxter Sports Complex.

To make a donation or for more information about the PORT of Fort Madison trails, visit Facebook @PORT of Fort Madison or email [portoffortmadison@gmail.com](mailto:portoffortmadison@gmail.com). Benda said the committee also has a brochure they can mail out that has a pledge form for those wishing to make a future donation. She said other fundraising efforts will be announced later.

PORT of Fort Madison operates as a subcommittee under the Parks & Recreation Department of the City of Fort Madison with the mission to improve and promote the walkability, run-ability and bike-ability of Fort Madison. For more information, contact Rachel Benda 319-371-5804.



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Pick 4 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm



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## Sports

## Hounds fall 11-3

BY PCC STAFF

WAPELLO - The Fort Madison Lady Hounds got two hits from Maycee Featheringill and a two-run double from Sadie Smithburg in a rain-shortened 11-3 loss to Wapello on Wednesday night.

The Arrows Samantha Smith had control of the Hounds for most of the first four innings going 1-2-3 in the first inning all on infield singles.

Senior Kamryn Bailey slapped a double to start the second inning and came around to score on Featheringill's one-out single. Dalyn Wondra grounded out and Logan Johnson fanned to end the rally with the Bloodhounds trailing 4-1.

Wapello plated two more in the bottom half of the second for a 6-1 lead. The Hounds would go quietly in the third and fourth with Smith sitting down six in a row.

The Hounds got the bats going in the top of the fifth with Featheringill leading off with a single. Wondra struck out and Johnson drew a walk and Jassmine Bass followed with a strike out for the second out. Allison Helmick then singled to load the bases.

Smithburg then roped a double scoring Featheringill and Johnson. Olivia Williams drew a two-out walk before Lauren Bailey grounded out to end the threat, but FMHS had cut the lead to 8-3 with the Arrows having put up two runs in the bottom of the fourth.

Wapello scored three more in the bottom of the fifth before the game was called due to inclement with two outs.

The Hounds get a break of sorts as they take their 4-11 mark to Davenport West on Saturday.

## Fair fishing on local waterways

DES MOINES - The following is the fishing report for local lakes, ponds and rivers for southeast Iowa for the week ending June. 13.

**Big Hollow Lake**

Water temperature are in the 80's. Largemouth Bass - Fair: The spawn has wrapped up; adults moved out to deeper water to cool off. Work the flooded trees with soft plastics. Bluegill - Fair: Warm temperatures lead to a quick spawn. Most moved back out into deeper water. Work the 6 to 8 foot deep water.

**Deep Lakes**

All that sand also warms up fast during the day. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Some males were still in fairly shallow late last week. The bigger females were out deep. Bluegill - Fair: Found some 10 inch bluegills

last Thursday. Most of them are out in deeper water, but you can sight fish them. Redear Sunfish - Fair: Look for them out along the weed beds in a little deeper water where they are hunting down their favorite food - snails.

**Iowa River (Columbus Junction to Mississippi River)**

River levels are holding steady for now. Channel Catfish - Fair: Work the logjams and the high cut banks as the catfish are getting ready to spawn. Flathead Catfish - No Report: Still not seeing much for bank poles on the Iowa River.

**Lake Belva Deer**

Water has cooled off a little and is back into the 70's. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Bass fishing is improving as the fish finish recovering from



the spawn. Black Crappie - Slow: Go deep and move around the flooded timber to find crappies. Bluegill - Good: Most bluegills are done spawning, but you should still be able to find a few pockets of spawning fish. Channel Catfish - Good: Catfish are in the rocks down at the dam and along the deeper shorelines spawning. Bluegill - Good: Most bluegills are done with this round of spawning. Still pockets of spawning fish in some of the more shaded areas of the shallows.

**Lake Darling**

The water has cooled down some. Water clarity isn't bad, but it's still recovering from past rains. Black Crappie - Slow: Crappies have moved out to 8 to 12 feet deep water.

Look for them over the rock piles and cedar trees at those depths. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Bass fishing is picking up as the post spawn bass go back on the feed. Channel Catfish - Good: Catfish are in the rocks down at the dam and along the deeper shorelines spawning. Bluegill - Good: Most bluegills are done with this round of spawning. Still pockets of spawning fish in some of the more shaded areas of the shallows.

**Lost Grove Lake**

Largemouth Bass - Fair: Most of the spawn is over; look for bass to be deeper out taking it easy. Bluegill - Good: Bluegill fishing has picked up a little. Work the 3 to 4 foot deep water around the jetties. Channel Catfish - Fair: Start along the face of the dam in the riprap for males guarding the nests. Black Crappie - Fair: Crappie fishing picked up during the last bit of cooler weather.

**Skunk River (Rose Hill to Coppock)**

The Skunk River water level are holding steady. Channel Catfish - Good: Catfishing has picked up with the stable water levels. Flathead Catfish - Fair: Anglers are catching flatheads on bank poles.

For more information on the above lakes, contact the Lake Darling Fisheries Office at 319-694-2430.

**Mississippi River Pool 19**

Tailwater stage is 6.07 feet at Lock and Dam 18 above Burlington and is falling. Bluegill - No Report: Look for bluegills up shallow in the backwaters. Try fishing around brush piles and logs. Walleye - No Report: Look for walleyes on the wing dams. Cast or troll crankbaits. Trolling three-way rigs with crawlers works too.

River stages are below flood stage and slowly falling. Main channel water temperature is around 76 degrees and water clarity is fair. If you have questions on fishing Pools 16-19, contact the Fairport Fish Hatchery at 563-263-5062.

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Delivering a fusion of traditional Country and '90s Pop/Rock harmonies, four-piece band Radio Romance's new single "Weekend" is available now on Nash Next Records under the Big Machine Label Group Umbrella. PopCulture.com proclaims "Weekend" is "reminiscent of everything that is right with country music." Co-produced alongside Brad Winters, the track soars with Sam Hayes on lead vocals as Josh Gramling on guitar, Adam Smithwick on bass and Moises Padilla on drums round out the unique groove. Finding inspiration from an old Eddie Rabbit album of the same name, Radio Romance was born out of sets cutting their teeth at Legend's Corner on Lower Broadway in Nashville. Seeing RADIO ROMANCE on the wall during their performances, it was an instant sell. Their dynamic live show recently earned them the reigning Champion title of the NASH Next Challenge, further cementing their place in Music City. Radio Romance has introduced their sound to Country fans nationwide alongside some of the genre's top acts including Luke Bryan, Cole Swindell, Lee Brice, Billy Currington and Luke Combs.



### THE MEMPHIS DIVES - THURSDAY, AUGUST 2ND

No one knows for certain when it was that the fires of hell banished these four rock and roll outlaws to Earth, but when they set foot on its dust and dirt, Earth has never been the same. Corie "Cow" Weisenberger came forth with an anthem and sound that crushed mountains. Nathan "Pony" Anderson rose from the flames with a rumbling bass that made the ground quake. Thunder and lightning reigned down from the atmosphere from the pounding percussion of Nick Fones. And the skies were torn and split from the screaming lead guitar of Tyler Soper. The accumulation of these four formed The Memphis Dives. Fear and trembling has struck anyone who has ever hear these four, but the obsession for their sound is unforgettable. From the classic style rock and roll to the modern style rockabilly, these four have something for everyone. When The Memphis Dives play in a city near you, take the gamble. You won't be disappointed.

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