

PEN CITY CURRENT

It's Black & White and **Read** all over

Tuesday, September 27, 2022 | 18 pages | Volume 6 • Issue 166



www.pencitycurrent.com

Raking the Park



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Crews continue to work on the surface of Riverview Park's west side as part of the city's marina renovation. Surveyors were at the park Monday afternoon doing work as well. Half of the new docks for the marina have been installed.

Supervisors approve adding EMS staff

BLESSING CRISIS: County moving swiftly to try to provide emergency transports

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - Lee County officials moved swiftly Monday to try and shore up additional staff and equipment as Blessing Keokuk Hospital closes in on a Friday closure date.



SEYB

The hospital's closure also will end the 24/7 emergency room service and all dispatched emergency transports now will likely be run north to Fort Madison, Burlington or possibly to Quincy by Lee County EMS staff.

At Monday's regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Matt Pflug said the county will act, but he was hoping for some support from the hospital as they close up operations.

"Obviously this is something we have to do and we're gonna do it one way or another," he said.



HOLMES

The hospital is officially closing at 7 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 30.

Dennis Cosby, Lee County EMS director said the hospital is already starting to divert patients and wind down services.

Cosby said the county ambulance service will have to supplement Keokuk service for calls immediately and due to lack of notice they haven't had time to add any additional staff.

Supervisors voted 5-0 to approve hiring nine additional EMT staff and purchase a rapid response vehicle.

Supervisor Garry Seyb said that rapid response vehicle will be used by paramedics for advance life support calls or "A" calls.

Seyb said the plan is for the paramedics to move in the rapid response vehicle and respond to calls and if the call

See **AMBULANCE**, page 3

CITY NEWS

Kiwanis to throw picnic at Ivanhoe

PCC Staff

FORT MADISON - Kick off fall with disc golf and a picnic at Ivanhoe Park in Fort Madison on October 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Fort Madison Kiwanis Club and Robert Ellison have worked together to add a 9-hole disc golf course to Ivanhoe park and, with the help of a grant from Climax/Molybdenum, the course is open and ready to play.

This picnic will be a great chance to try out the new disc golf course. All current and prospective golfers are welcome to attend. John Shaw, the owner of Excitement Disc Golf, will be present to offer help to new players. John Shaw has been playing disc golf since 2003 and has been a professional player since 2014.

See **KIWANIS**, page 2

EDUCATION NEWS

Central Lee again a DM Register Top Place to Work

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON — The Des Moines Register has named the Central Lee Community School District as one of its 2022 Iowa Top Workplaces. This is the third time in four years the district has earned this recognition.

The state's largest newspaper recognized 40 employers across the state in this year's list, which is based solely on employee surveys.

"At a time when many school districts are struggling to fill key positions, Central Lee has been able to remain fully staffed. This is thanks to the outstanding culture that has been built in our district,"

See **CENTRAL LEE**, page 8

INDEX

Business Directory.....P.6	JDRF.org.....P.7	Pen City Current.....Ps.6-7
Cape Air.....P.3	LCK Roofing.....P.5	Pilot Grove Savings Bank.....P.5
CLASSIFIEDS.....Ps.6-7	Lee County Democrats.....Ps.9-18	Pothitakis Dentistry.....Ps.7-8
Complete Rental.....P.2	Lee County Health Department.....P.2	Public Notices.....P.7
DiscoverTheForest.org.....P.7	LEE COUNTY NEWS.....Ps.3,8	RonDavoo.....P.5
EDUCATION NEWS.....P.8	LOCAL NEWS.....P.2	Sonny's Super Market.....P.8
Fort Colony Family Restaurant.....P.5	Mobile Nursing Services.....P.7	Southeast Iowa
FOR THE RECORD.....P.3	OBITUARIES.....P.2	Regional Medical Center.....P.4
FROM THE FRONT.....Ps.2-3,8	• Donna M. Johnson, 88	SPORTS.....Ps.4-5,8
Fullenkamp Insurance.....P.2	• Shirley A. Phillips, 84	Wondra Chiropractic Clinic.....P.7

WEATHER

OpenWeatherMap
TUE 27 SepSunny and cool, 66° F/ 36° F
WED 28 SepSunny and cool, 60° F/ 40° F
THU 29 SepSunny and cool, 65° F/ 43° F

IOWA LOTTERY

LUCKY FOR LIFE 09/254 5 17 39 41, Lucky Ball: 15
PICK 3 09/25 MIDDAY799
PICK 3 09/25 EVENING783
PICK 4 09/25 MIDDAY8145
PICK 4 09/25 EVENING7953

SUBSCRIBE

Scan the code to subscribe today
Paid & Free Options Available!



Obituaries/From the Front

OBITUARIES

SHIRLEY A. PHILLIPS

Shirley Ann (Mason) Phillips, 84, of Warsaw, Illinois, departed this life to meet her Lord on Saturday, September 24, 2022, surrounded by her family at her home in Warsaw, Illinois.



PHILLIPS

Shirley was born on January 21, 1938, in Warsaw, Illinois, the daughter of Annie (Hank) Acker and Albert Mason. She was united in marriage to the love of her life Robert G. Phillips on June 13, 1956. Robert passed away on May 12, 2018. Shirley went to school in Warsaw and got her GED later in life. She was a born-again Christian, and her greatest joy was giving to others and spending time with her family.

Shirley loved to travel, especially to Branson at Christmas time. She was a member of the Warsaw Assembly of God. So many were touched by her loving and giving heart. She was a stay-at-home mom (and she was the best) to her four children: Kathy A. (John) Happs of Sutter, Illinois, Roberta L. Finton of Quincy, Illinois, Truman H. (Annie) Phillips and Evelyn L. (Dan) Terrell, both of Warsaw. Shirley had fourteen grandchildren and many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Shirley is preceded in death by her husband Robert; her parents; her sisters Mary and Leola; brothers Jim, Pat, Sam, Everett, Edwin and Harold; and her son-in-law Steve Finton.

Funeral services will be held at 10 am Friday, September 30, 2022, at Printy Funeral Home in Warsaw, with Rev. John Happs officiating. Burial will follow at Oakland Cemetery in Warsaw. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Thursday, September 29, from 2 to 7 pm, with family meeting friends from 5 to 7 pm.

A memorial fund has been established. Tributes and condolences may be left at www.printyfuneralhome.com. Printy Funeral Home of Warsaw is in charge of arrangements.

OBITUARIES

DONNA M. JOHNSON

Donna May Johnson, 88, of Niota, Illinois, passed away at 7:30 p.m. Friday, September 23, 2022 at her home.

She was born on May 14, 1934, at home near Burnside, Illinois, the daughter of Henry Thelma (Knipe) Russell. She married Louis Pilkington, they were married for twenty-seven years. She later married Lyle Johnson, they were married for twenty-three years. He preceded her in death in 2007.



JOHNSON

Survivors include three daughters: Diane Pilkington of Niota, Illinois, Angie (Adrien) Robinson of Cornelious, North Carolina, and Linda (Jim) Wilson of Nauvoo, Illinois; four sons: Leland (Debi) Pilkington of Henryetta, Oklahoma, Roger Pilkington of Niota, Illinois, Rick (Kris) Pilkington of Carthage, Illinois, and David (Kim) Pilkington of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina; three Step Children: Maggie (Mike) Bentley of Peoria, Illinois, Carodeane (Pete) Armstrong of Ottawa, Illinois, and Kevin (Lori) Johnson of Tinley Park, Illinois; twenty-one grandchildren and twenty-nine great grandchildren. Also surviving are two sisters: Juanita (Richard) Sandford, Darlene Hawkins and two brothers Duane (Marsha) Russell, Merlin Russell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Louis Pilkington; husband: Lyle; son: Kenneth; four sisters: Kathleen Deitsch, Norma Boales, Betty Harris, Karen Knowles and three brothers: Larry Russell, Willard Russell, William Russell.

Donna was a 1952 graduate of Nauvoo High School. From 1952 to 1955, she attended Blessing Hospital - School of Nursing earning her RN, she then went on to earn her Bachelor of Science degree in health arts from the College of St. Frances in Joliet in 1984. She worked as a registered nurse at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Fort Madison, Iowa for thirty-one years. Donna was a member of the Monmouth American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting, crafts, loved flowers, reading, and traveling.

Visitation will begin at 12:00 noon, Friday, September 30, 2022 at Schmitz - Banks and Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo, where the family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

A memorial has been established in her memory for Lee County Hospice.

Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home of Nauvoo is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at www.sbbfuneralhome.com.

Complete Rental Price Beat Guarantee

Show us an advertised price or quote
We'll beat it by 15%

5636 Avenue O, Fort Madison, IA
319-372-8105
Located right across the road from Jim Baier in Fort Madison

**Not valid with any other discounts*

Group to showcase new disc golf course

KIWANIS - Continued from Page 1

Not interested in disc golf? Please join us anyway. The park has other amenities including a skate park, playground and cement walking trail. Kiwanis will be providing a lunch of hot dogs and chips and we will have face painting. You can also enter a drawing to win a kid's disc golf set. All activities are offered for free, though we will be accepting free will donations to benefit our clubs' efforts to maintain and beautify the park.

For additional information contact Sarah Clendineg, sarahclen@gmail.com, (319) 561-0056.

It's easy to cruise through life

when you know you have the strength & experience of Fullenkamp Insurance beside you.

Auto • Boats • RVs • Motorcycles

FULLENKAMP INSURANCE

Trusted Choice
Independent Insurance Agent

307 5th Street West Point | 319-837-6178 or 800-292-2208
Monday through Friday 7:30-5 & Saturday 8:30-11 or by appointment
www.FullenkampIns.com

Touching the Community with Care

LEE CHD

LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
#3 John Bennett Drive, Fort Madison
(319) 372-5225 . www.leecountyhd.org

Charles Vandenberg, Editor

(319).371.1670
charles.v@pencitycurrent.com

Lee K. Vandenberg, Sales Manager

(319).371.4125
lee.v@pencitycurrent.com

Copyright © 2022 by Pen City Current

All published materials are property of Pen City Current and cannot be used without express written permission.

PEN CITY CURRENT
It's Black & White and Read all over

Founded in 2016
P.O. Box 366 | Fort Madison, IA

Member LION Publishers
www.lionpublishers.com



Pen City Current, www.PenCityCurrent.com, and Pen e-Saver are products of Market Street Publishing, LLC. Pen City Current is published Monday through Friday mornings by 6AM.

For the Record/ From the Front

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

09/23/22 - 9:12 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Taylor James Smith, 21 of Fort Madison on a charge of an environmental nuisance.

09/24/22 - 1:30 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 900 block of 4th Street.

09/24/22 - 11:21 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 800 block Avenue E.

09/25/22 - 2:04 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Timothy Allen Regan, 26 of Fort Madison, in the 3900 block of Bluff Road on an active warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/25/22 - 2:25 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2500 block of Avenue G.

09/25/22 - 10:45 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Ryan K. Shaw, 38, of Dallas City, on Richards Drive, on a charge of 5th-degree criminal mischief. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/26/22 - 8:30 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to report of a property damage accident in the 2000 block of Avenue B.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

09/24/22 - 8:25 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested David Anthony Hernandez, 52, of Montrose in the 100 block of Main Street in Montrose on a charge of domestic abuse assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on bond.

09/25/22 - 4:32 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Amy Lynn Pardall, 52, of Montrose in the 100 block of Main Street on a charge of domestic abuse assault. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond.

09/25/22 - 8:52 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Josey May Fink, 21, of Keokuk in the 3200 block of Mississippi River Road on charges of possession of controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and criminal trespass. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/25/22 - 10:33 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Andrew James Evans, 31, of Keokuk in the 3200 block of Mississippi River Road on charges of trespass, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.

Those listed above are only charged with a crime, and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

09/23/22 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls and one burn complaint.

09/24/22 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls and one lift assist.

09/25/22 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls and one burn complaint.

County looking for answers with hospital closure

AMBULANCE - Continued from Page 1

is a "B" call or Basic support call, that doesn't require a paramedic, then the EMTs handle the call and the paramedic is back in service.

If an "A" call comes in the paramedic can move to that call and if a transport is required the paramedic can get on the ambulance for the life saving support and an EMT can drive the command vehicle back to the base.

This would keep paramedics available for higher level emergencies, and not just riding on rigs.

With the added staff and a second ambulance, the county will need new housing for the staff in the city. Seyb, Pflug, and EMS staff did tour several facilities that are for sale in Keokuk that could be options for the near future.

Pflug asked Cosby what the county was looking at in reality.

"Since they only gave us 30 days notice, we're going to have to supplement with the Donnellson unit," he said. "We'll have to move some trucks around and do the best we can for the first couple weeks until we get that second truck staffed."

He said there will also be some overtime until they get extra staff in place, if they can find other staff.

Pflug said people in Keokuk are "scared to death".

Lee County grant writer and ARPA administrator Chuck Vandenberg said one Blessing official responded that he didn't support subsidizing the Lee County service.

However, Blessing Health CEO Maureen Kahn had said in a recent article that the former Keokuk Hospital Foundation money could go toward EMS services. However, that money has been diverted to the Keokuk

Community Foundation. The foundation had several hundred thousand dollars.

Vandenberg said he reached out to the USDA, and Great River Health for any potential assistance with the funding shortfall that is anticipated with the increased emergency transports in the county out of Keokuk.

So now the county is looking at setting up a system based on transport efficiencies.

"This is something we have to do. Garry made the comment that we have to have the best transport in the state of Iowa. And whatever it takes to do that, we're gonna do it," Pflug said.

He said taking patients to urgent care for emergencies isn't a viable option.

Cosby said the more minor incidents like needing sutures could work, but not for stabilization.

"If you come to urgent care and they can't take care of your condition they tell you to call 9-1-1 or tell you to go the emergency room. They won't take you," Cosby said.

Pflug said he's not sure two hospitals are warranted in the county, but if the county can keep Fort Madison healthy financially, that's a smart way to look at it.

Seyb said very few counties in Iowa, especially rural counties don't have two hospitals. He said that's why a solid transport service is a necessity.

"We need to build the system to be able to have the most effective transport from wherever that call comes from to get to a hospital."

Cosby said that's a model that is being developed across the country including in metro areas.

Supervisor Chuck Holmes said the county needs to look at this as a long-term situation.



Serving the Burlington area!

St. Louis from **\$39** each way

Chicago from **\$49** each way

capeair.com | 800-CAPE-AIR

Sports

Rough patch of schedule now behind Central Lee Hawks

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

WELLMAN — There is time, Central Lee coach Chuck Banks said, for the Hawks to turn around their football season.

Friday's 51-0 loss to Mid-Prairie, though, was another night when, while the Hawks occasionally showed the ability to move the ball, they also turned it over.

"Right now, we have to remember this," Banks said. "It's one of those games where, although you want to forget games like this, we need to remember it. We have to come back Monday and keep working."

The Hawks (1-4) were down 7-0 when the turnovers started coming.

Dylan Henry's interception of a Cory Jones pass set up a 4-yard touchdown run from Mid-Prairie's Collin Miller for a 14-0 lead.

After Central Lee failed to convert on a fourth-down at midfield, Miller would score again on a 5-yard run for a 21-0 lead.

A blocked punt set up a 7-yard touchdown run from Landry Gingerich, and the Golden Hawks (4-1) led 28-0.

Central Lee then put together its best possession of the game. The Hawks ran 12 plays and got to the Mid-Prairie 45, but Kayden Calfee's fourth-down pass was intercepted by Mid-Prairie's Cain Brown.

The final turnover of the first half came in the final seconds, when Grady Miller scooped up a fumble and 37 yards for a touchdown and a 35-0 lead at halftime.

"You just can't make mistakes like that against any team, especially the good ones," Banks said.

Mid-Prairie got a safety and two second-half touchdowns for the final margin.

The Hawks continue to be plagued by injuries that have sapped their depth.

"We're a little banged up," Banks said. "And that doesn't help."

Central Lee has three games remaining against Davis County, Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont, and Centerville.

"Those are games we can win, but we have to play better," Banks said. "We have to just keep going."



Central Lee High School's Chase Johnson (25) is tackled during their game against Mid-Prairie High School, Friday, September 23, 2022 at Mid-Prairie.

Photo by John Lovretta/
Special to Pen City Current

We've Got Your Back



Introducing Charles Frank, MD Spine Surgery

"Treating spine problems takes detective work and problem solving, which fits with my interest in physics. And growing up on a farm helped me develop the mechanical skills to diagnose and fix them. Surgery is the last option in spine treatment. There are many options for treatment before surgery."

— Charles Frank, MD

To make an appointment with Dr. Frank in our West Burlington Orthopedics clinic, call 319-768-4970.



greatriverhealth.org

Sports

Hounds move to 5-0 with shutout of Mt. Pleasant

UNDEFEATED: Fort Madison finds right gear in second half for win

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Bloodhound head football coach Derek Doherty said the Hounds have had a bit of trouble getting into gear this season.

But Fort Madison shifted just fine in the second half Friday night as they rolled to a 46-0 win over Mt. Pleasant in District 4A-3 football action at Richmond Stadium.

"I think the message here is just be us. We hope lessons were learned that staying on script is important and I trust that they all learned that, but we're going to have to go back and reevaluate why things weren't clicking in the first half," Doherty said.

"Was it homecoming, staying up too late, trying too hard... we're going to have to have open honest questions about that - and we will."

The Hounds' offense played just eight snaps from their own side of the field in the first half, yet managed only 12 points. Two of those came on a safety when Mt. Pleasant quarterback Jacob Richtman slipped on the wet grass in the endzone in the Panthers second series of the night.

But Fort Madison quarterback Aiden Boyer was having trouble hooking up with most receivers with passes over the top or behind, while some just slipped through open hands.

Fort Madison would finally find the endzone on their fourth series of the night. Starting at midfield, Boyer would flip a pitch to Kane Williams streaking across the backfield and Williams would go 19 yards to the right sideline for the score.

Boyer would keep the ball on the next play on a read option for a few yards, and then the Hounds countered with the same pitch play to Henry Wiseman this time to left and Wiseman would squirm through the secondary for a 26-yard TD run and a 9-0 lead.

Leif Boeding would add a 25-yard field goal with just over a minute left in the second quarter for a 12-0 lead at the half.

But out of the lockerroom the Hounds, now 5-0 and 2-0 in the district, realized just who they were.

"Our message at halftime was we felt like we were pressing too hard - trying to do too much," Doherty said. "They needed to settle in and be themselves. We know what kind of ballplayers they are and they were just doing unorthodox things."

That ended pretty quick when on the third play from scrimmage to start the third period, junior tailback Teague Smith bulled in from six yards out for an 18-0 lead.

Mt. Pleasant wouldn't get anything going in the next series, but returned the favor and forced a Fort Madison punt. The Panthers would then get their best scoring chance of the night pushing it to the Hounds' 28, but Richtman threw incomplete on 4th and 8 to give it over to Fort Madison.

On 3rd and 10 Boyer found Kane Williams on a swing pass good for 28 yards and a first down. Smith would get five on the next carry and the break free for a 37-yard touchdown run off the right side.

However, three penalties against the Hounds on the play, including a holding penalty and an unsportsmanlike conduct call on the sideline, pulled the ball all the way back to the Mt. Pleasant 32.

But if it ain't broke don't fix it, and Hounds offensive coordinator Justin Menke called the exact same play, with the exact same result as Smith again bounced out to the right wide and raced down the sideline for the TD.

"I was mad, but I was like they can't stop me I'll just try and do it again. I wasn't going down the second time. There was no way I wasn't going in," he said.

Smith gave credit to the dawgs up front for opening holes all night long. The junior had his best night of the season going 115 yards on 12 carries and two scores.

"Our line is really, really good. They are one of the best in the state and they were opening up some huge holes in second half - and when I get the ball I want to make every opportunity count," he said.

Junior guard Ike Thacher said the first half yips were in the past.

"It doesn't matter - we got it going in the second half," he said.

"We just started getting our blocks and not letting go. We didn't stop and we were just working harder than them and were able to break 'em."

Leading 26-0 with 3:48 left in the third, Mt Pleasant took the kick at the 22 and failed to advance a single yard under the pressure of the Hounds defense and were forced to punt.

With more solid field position starting at the Panther 49, Fort Madison ran Smith twice to start things. On 2nd and 5 Smith again broke into the secondary for 36 yards setting up Williams for a pitch pass to the right. Williams bounced off about four Panther tacklers and spun into the endzone for a 34-0 lead.

Just three plays into Mt. Pleasant's next series, Leif Boeding jumped a route and picked off a pass falling backwards guarding an out route to the left. Fort Madison wouldn't capitalize and would have to punt, but the defense would step up again and clean things up forcing another 4-and-out for the Panthers.

Two plays later Boyer found Leif Boeding behind the secondary for a 37-yard scoring strike. Boeding finished the day with a whopping 205 yards receiving on just five catches.

The junior would score the Hounds final points when Marcus Guzman, who took over calling the plays with the Hounds up 40-0, found Boeding again behind Mt. Pleasant's safeties for an 86-yard catch-and-run down the Panther sideline to set the final score.

Boyer finished was 11-of-30 on the night for 207 yards and three touchdowns. Guzman went 2 of 2 for 91 yards and a score.

Doherty said it's nice to have someone who has confidence to step in when Boyer needs to come to the sideline.

"That's really nice and he'll do whatever we ask of him. That's the kind of kid he is," Doherty said.

But he said the defense reached a goal that they just missed last week against Washington.

"I'm so proud of Coach (Jason) Crooks' defense. It was a major goal of ours to get that (shutout). We were close to that at the end last week and we gave up one late," he said.

Thacher had seven tackles, four for losses, to lead the Hounds defense. Daniel Sokolik had 6.5 tackles and batted down pass attempt. He also had three tackles for losses and a sack.

Fort Madison travels to Clinton (1-4) next week. Clinton lost 42-30 to Burlington at Bracewell Friday night.

ICK ROOFING
YOU'VE CALLED THE REST,
NOW CALL THE BEST!
Competitive Rates • Honest & Reliable • SENIOR/MILITARY DISCOUNTS
319-457-5705
email: ickroofingandrepairs1@gmail.com

Fort Colony
Family Diner
Open 7 Days A Week
DAILY SPECIALS
Breakfast All Day
(319) 372-5759
5102 Ave. O, Fort Madison, IA 52627

Making Dreams Come True Since 1911

Owning your own home
doesn't have to be
just an American Dream.

It can be **YOUR**
dream come true!

Meet our loan officers from left to right:
Scott Piper, Brett Wrieden, Justin Menke, and Nichole Nagel



Call today to talk to one of our home loan officers.

319-469-3951

Donnellson | Fairfield | Fort Madison | Houghton | Keokuk | Mt. Pleasant | Packwood | Pilot Grove | West Burlington | West Point | Winfield

www.PilotGroveSavingsBank.com



S.E. IOWA Always fresh, always friendly
Ron Davoo fresh chicken & pizza pit
FRESH, NEVER FROZEN
JUMBO MARINATED TENDERS
hand-breaded with our special seasoning
Open Monday-Saturday 11AM - 8:30PM | Closed Sunday
Ron Litchfield Owner/Pizzapreneur
605 South 10th St, Burlington, Iowa 52601
Phone (319) 752-5767 / Cell (319) 572-2495
Email: Ron.Litch176@msn.com https://www.facebook.com/RonDavooPizza

Classifieds

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

**Buying or Selling?
Call Karen first!**

- Real Knowledge
- Real Experience
- Real Dedication

HOPE ASSOCIATES REAL ESTATE

Karen Hope
(319) 372-4040

Real Results!

KEMPKER'S
True Value RENTAL

Treating our customers like family since 1970

Fort Madison • Burlington • Mount Pleasant

www.kempkerstruevalue.com

**Protect your bottom line with
The Power of AgMax®**

Large commercial and diversified operations have distinctly different exposures than traditional farms and ranches. That's why we created AgMax specifically to serve the unique needs of commercial agriculture operations and related businesses, including:

- Producers who process, retail or direct market
- Equine and kennel operations, including boarding, breeding and training
- Agritainment and agritourism
- Hunting and other farm-based recreation

Contact me today to learn how I can help you maximize your insurance protection.

Larry Holtkamp
1301 37th St
Fort Madison
(319) 372-9145
larryholtkamp.com

FARM BUREAU FINANCIAL SERVICES

Western Agricultural Insurance Company *West Des Moines, IA *Company provider of Farm Bureau Financial Services CA019 (12-14)

Auto Detailing • Car Wash • Sign Rental

Turbo Wash

(319) 372-WASH (9274)
Fort Madison

Gift certificates available

Locally owned & operated

General Insects
Termites

Cullen
PEST CONTROL

(319) 372-1060

Toll Free 1-888-818-7378
Email: cullenpest@hotmail.com
www.cullenpest.com

Residential Commercial

Mice
Bed Bugs

"Cause who needs bugs?"

MAKING Stitches

Contact Sarah Clendineng
sarah@makingstitches.net
319-561-0056

Sewing Machine Service and Repair
Memory Quilts
Sewing Classes

facebook.com/makingstitchesfortmadison

Surprisingly great rates right around the corner.

Jess Sutcliffe, Agent
2623 Avenue L
Fort Madison, IA 52627
Bus: 319-372-5982
www.fortmadisoninsurance.com

I'm your one-stop shop for the service you deserve at a price you want. Call me for surprisingly great rates and Good Neighbor service right in your neighborhood.

Like a good neighbor,
State Farm is there.®

Individual premiums will vary by customer. All applicants subject to State Farm® underwriting requirements.

State Farm
Bloomington, IL
2001878

State Farm

DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY
Est. 1977

Coffee Mugs
Posters Art Supplies
Printing
Office Furniture
Trifold Brochures

Business Cards
Photo Correction
Flyers
Office Supplies
Vinyl Banners
T-Shirt Printing

621 Avenue G
Fort Madison, IA

319.372.2721
doddprinting.com

ENJOY FREE DELIVERY TO FORT MADISON, KEOKUK, BURLINGTON & THE SURROUNDING AREAS!

Patrick Profeta
General Manager

Keokuk Auto Credit
We Tote the Note

No Credit Check Low Weekly Payments

www.keokukautocredit.com

1728 Main
Keokuk, IA 52632

Office: 319-524-2334
Fax: 319-524-2373

Dirty Dog Detailing & Boarding

Grooming by appointment
Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday

319-371-9044

2090 250th St
Donnellson, IA 52625

Owners Barb Ball & Natalie Dauma
Family owned & operated

Over 31 Years Combined Professional Animal Experience

Never Shiver. Don't Sweat.

Just call

YOUR Heat & Air guy

Ft. Madison: 319-372-4328
Burlington: 319-752-4328
All Areas: 877-380-4328

24 Hour Service • FREE Estimates • Servicing All Makes

www.YourHeatAndAirGuy.com

Cape Air.

Service to Burlington starts February 1st, 2022!

St. Louis
from \$39 each way

Chicago
from \$49 each way

capeair.com | 800-CAPE-AIR

Say I'm Thinking of You with Beautiful, Fresh-Cut Flowers

Every Day, Special Occasions, Events, & Funerals

Fresh Flowers • Silk Flowers & Gifts
Casket Sprays • Plants
Remembrance Arrangements

Lee County Floral LLC
Delivering to all of Lee County

319-470-8611 • Donnellson
Click this ad to visit us on [f](https://www.facebook.com/lee-county-floral-llc)

www.LeeCountyFloral.com • Victoria@LeeCountyFloral.com

Advertise in a brand new way.

Reach thousands of potential customers each day & grow your business. Call today!

Lee (319)371.4125 • Chuck (319)371.1670

PEN CITY CURRENT
It's Black & White and Read all over

Classifieds/Public Notices

SHOP Classifieds

PLACE YOUR AD ONLINE AT WWW.PENCITYCURRENT.COM OR CALL (319)371.4125

PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
POLLING SITE CHANGE
NOTICE**

Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise announces polling sites (changes in bold) for the November 8th General Election.

Fort Madison Ward 1

Fort Madison City Hall
811 Avenue E
Fort Madison

Fort Madison Ward 2
McAleer Hall
415 11th Street
Fort Madison

Fort Madison Ward 3
Fort Madison Public Library
1920 Ave E
Fort Madison

Fort Madison Wards 4A & 4B

Rolling Hall
2210 Avenue I
Fort Madison

Fort Madison Ward 5 and Madison Township
Fort Madison Christian Church (previously Hillview Village)
1029 48th Street
Fort Madison
Franklin and Marion Townships & Cities of Donnellson, Franklin & St. Paul
Pilot Grove Savings Bank Community Room
506 N. Main Street
Donnellson

Cedar, Charleston, Harrison, Van Buren Townships & City of Houghton (Cedar, Harrison and the City of Houghton previously voted in Donnellson)
Central Lee School District Administrative Building

2642 Hwy 218
Donnellson

Jefferson Township & addresses West of 243rd Ave up to Highway 218 & everything West of Highway 61 laying North of Highway 218 in Montrose Township
Lee County Conservation Center
2652 Hwy 61
Montrose

Addresses that lay West of Highway 61 & East of 243rd Ave in Montrose Township & City of Montrose
Ivor Fowler Center
710 Main Street
Montrose

Des Moines & Jackson Townships (Des Moines previously voted at Central Lee)
Jackson Township Fire

Station
2416 340th Street
Keokuk

Denmark, Green Bay, Pleasant Ridge, Washington Townships & Wever (Denmark and Pleasant Ridge previously voted in West Point)
Wever Townhall/ Fire Station (previously Grace Bible Church)
1692 354th Ave
Wever

West Point Township and City of West Point
West Point American Legion
309 5th Street
West Point

Keokuk Ward 1
South Lee Co. Courthouse
25 N 7th Street
Keokuk

Keokuk Ward 2A & 2B
Heritage Center

508 Main Street
Keokuk

Keokuk Ward 3
Keokuk Public Library
210 N 10th Street
Keokuk

Keokuk Ward 4
Evangelical Free Church
2315 S 7th Street
Keokuk

Keokuk Ward 5
Keokuk Community School District Business Office
500 N 20th Street
Keokuk

Keokuk Ward 6
First Christian Church
3476 Main Street
Keokuk

Keokuk Ward 7
Keokuk Nazarene Church
3116 Plank Road
Keokuk

Questions-call the Auditor's Office at 319-372-3705 or dfraise@leecounty.org

Mobile Nursing Services
Now Hiring
Burlington & Ft. Madison Areas

RNs & HOME HEALTH AIDES

Free Health Insurance and Hiring/Retention Bonuses Paid Bi-Weekly

We are now hiring additional staff to meet the needs of our increased client base.
Apply at:
705 Ave. G, Fort Madison
Or email:
mobnurse@mobilenursingservices.com

EOE

Part-Time Office Help

We are looking for a new team member to enhance the patient experience at our clinic. High energy, motivated, self-starter with great communication skills is a must.

- Job duties include but not limited to the following:
- Greeting patients and handle patients flow
 - Answer phones and schedule appointments
 - Payment accountability
 - Patient relations

Please complete application or email resume by September 28th to:
Wondra Chiropractic & Acupuncture
319-372-7898
wondrachiropractic@gmail.com
Applications available onsite



**WARNING
SIGNS
OF
T1D**



- Headaches
- Weight Loss
- Blurry Vision
- Extreme Thirst
- Frequent Urination
- Increased Appetite
- Fruity Breath Odor
- Fatigue and Weakness
- Rapid Deep Breathing

We're Not Southeast Iowa's Favorite Dental Office Without Our Great Team

APPLY TODAY TO JOIN US!

Pothitakis Dentistry currently has positions available for a Full-Time Hygienist



Complete an application at or mail your resume to
1223 S. Gear Avenue, Eastman Plaza, Suite 302
West Burlington, IA 52655 or email burdental@gmail.com
EOE

www.DrMarkDDS.com

Follow Us
[@pencitycurrent](https://www.instagram.com/pencitycurrent)



DiscoverTheForest.org



Sports



Above left, Nathaniel Swigart hauls in a pass and gets tackled in front of referee Pat Weber. Above, Hound lineman Daniel Sokolik gets a sack on Mt. Pleasant quarterback Jacob Richtman in the third quarter of Friday's 46-0 win over the Panthers.



Lunch Specials
Sept 29-30
11am - 1pm

Monday, September 26

Tenderloin, Mac & Cheese, Pudding

Tuesday, September 27

Tater Tot Casserole, Green Beans

Wednesday, September 28

Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Corn

Thursday, September 29

Fried Chicken Dinners

Friday, September 30

Grilling on the Sidewalk

Crozier cites culture of respect for repeated honors

CENTRAL LEE - Continued from Page 1

said Mark Hulsebus, School Board President. "One of the things we have in common with all of this year's award winners is having a team made up of individuals who all work toward the betterment of the organization as a whole. On behalf of the board, I want to express my appreciation for everything our staff members do to make Central Lee such a special place."

Central Lee is a rural public school system known for the wide variety of academic and co-curricular opportunities it delivers to students. The district has over 400 students open enrolled into its schools each year, and many of its staff members are Central Lee graduates. Currently, the district's leaders—including the superintendent, principals and curriculum director—are all Central Lee graduates.

"We are incredibly proud to once again be named as one of the state's top workplaces, as it reflects the value we place on the talented educators who serve our students and families," said Dr. Andy Crozier, superintendent. "The success of our schools comes down to having a strong culture, with people who feel respected and empowered to prepare the next generation for the challenges and opportunities of the future. We cannot thank our teachers and staff enough for their amazing work, day in and day out."

AVAILABLE FOR DENTAL EMERGENCIES



**GET THE BEAUTIFUL
 SMILE
 YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED!**

- Family Dentistry
- Teeth Whitening
- Dental Implants
- Extractions



Now accepting new patients

Ft. Madison East
 (319) 372-3614

Ft. Madison West
 (319) 372-4882

West Burlington
 (319) 753-2515

New London
 (319) 367-2311

Mediapolis
 (319) 394-3255

Burlington
 (319) 752-7993

www.DrMarkDDS.com

The Lee County Democratic Party

is proud to present our 2022 Candidates!



Deidre DeJear
Candidate for Governor



Mike Franken
Candidate for U.S. Senator



Christina Bohannon
Candidate for U.S. Representative



Michael Fitzgerald
Candidate for State Treasurer



John Norwood
Candidate for Secretary of Agriculture



Rob Sand
Candidate for State Auditor



Tom Miller
Candidate for Attorney General



Joel Miller
Candidate for Secretary of State



Rebecca Bowker
Candidate for House District 100



Dennis Cohoon
Candidate for House District 99



Erik Van Lancker
Candidate for Lt. Governor



Nancy Booten
Candidate for County Recorder



Chris Spann
Candidate for County Treasurer



Donna Amandus
Candidate for Supervisor District 2



Ross Braden
Candidate for County Attorney

Maxwell Mendenhall
Candidate for Supervisor District 3

EVERY VOTE MATTERS

Paid for by the Lee County Democratic Party

Thank you President Joe Biden

**and the Democrats in the United States Congress
for passing the American Rescue Plan.**

**Thank you for investing \$100 million to protect Iowa schools
in the wake of the recent gun violence.**

Thank you for investing \$330 million in housing for Iowa.

Thank you for investing \$18 million in Iowa's airports.

Thank you for investing in our small businesses across Iowa.

Thank you for investing \$300 million in Iowa's broadband.

**Thank you for investing \$100 million in
Iowa's water infrastructure.**

**Thank you for investing \$200 million in grants
to registered and licensed Iowa daycare providers.**

Thank you for the expanded direct payments to Iowa families.

**Thank you for investing in our counties across Iowa,
including \$6.5 million in Lee County.**

**Kim Reynolds called the American Rescue Plan Act
a "Blue State Bailout", but is happy to give ARPA money
to our communities without giving credit where credit is due.
Chuck Grassley and Marianne Miller Meeks both voted against
Iowa and Lee County receiving these funds. Biden money is helping
fight Iowa's childcare shortage; fund broadband and housing;
protect our students; and give assistance to our counties, families,
and businesses. Democrats care about Iowans.**

**Elect Democrats Mike Franken to the U.S. Senate and
Christina Bohannon to the U.S. House of Representatives.
They care about Iowans.**

DEJEAR **FOR GOVERNOR**

***Deidre knows Iowans work hard,
and they deserve a governor
who will put them first
each and every day.***

THE DEJEAR AGENDA

- ★ **Accessible, Affordable Healthcare**
- ★ **Economic Development**
- ★ **Rural Development**
- ★ **Clean Water**

***Learn more at
DeJearForIowa.com***

f DeJearForIowa **t** DeidreDeJear



**IOWA IS
WORTH THE
WORK!**



My Lee County Priorities

What are Yours?

“This election is critical to fundamental human rights and our Democracy. We have this one chance to make Iowa a place where future generations want to work and play.”

**Join Rebecca & Donna Amandus
September 25 from 2-5pm at the
Fort Madison Eagles Club**

- ✓ **Public Funds for Public Education**
- ✓ **Reproductive Freedoms**
- ✓ **Labor & Livable Wages**
- ✓ **Child Care Accessibility and Affordability**
- ✓ **Mental Health Care**

Let's work together to safe guard our freedoms and invest in families. Please donate today. <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/rebecca-bowker-for-iowa-1>

Rebecca
BOWKER
for **IOWA HOUSE**

VOTE!

Ensure you are registered to vote.
For more information please go to
sos.iowa.gov

Paid for by the Lee County Democratic Party

Rebecca **BOWKER** *for* **IOWA HOUSE**



- **I support teachers, paraeducators, and those who put our children first**
- **I support and value labor that has built southeast Iowa**
- **I support and recognize families need child care, transportation, and leaders who listen**

“ *I grew up knowing what it is like to not have it all. I recognize that everyone deserves a fair shot, not to be judged by color, clothing, or the balance of their bank account. Southeast Iowans are not lazy, so why cut unemployment? Southeast Iowans want to work, so why not raise the threshold for child care assistance? Southeast Iowans are the future, why not fund education to the fullest? My friends and neighbors, we love this community – that is why I ask for your support now and in November.* **”**

REGISTER TO VOTE & VOTE

Donna Amandus

For County Supervisor



“I will continue to work hard to improve the quality of life for the people of Lee County”

Focusing on...

Economic growth - Encouraging small businesses

Tourism - Transparency - Bipartisanship



Michael L. Fitzgerald, State Treasurer

The Triple “A” Candidate

Mission

Keep the Money Safe

Approach to Government

As state treasurer, my focus has been working for Iowans and keeping the state’s money safe. My approach has been consistent. Hire professional staff, focus on efficiency and promote fiscal responsibility.

Accomplishments

It has been a great honor to work for Iowans. I am proud of our accomplishments which have made a difference in the lives of Iowans. As state treasurer, I’ve returned over \$249 million through the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt, helped over 200,000 families save \$6 billion in College Savings Iowa and introduced the IAble savings plan for persons with disabilities.

Agenda

As state treasurer, I have expanded the duties and scope of the state treasury through innovative programs and advanced technology. I will continue to keep Iowa’s money safe, fight to create a retirement savings plan to help everyday Iowa employees gain access to retirement solutions and keep a vigilant eye on IPERS.

Summary

*I have a passion to serve Iowans as their state treasurer.
I will continue to Promote Fair Government and Safe Financial Strategies.
I will continue to work for Iowans.*

www.lowansForFitzgerald.WordPress.com

Click this ad to learn more

Paid for by the Lee County Democratic Party



John Norwood for Secretary of Agriculture

“As Secretary, I will protect urban and rural consumers, expand economic opportunities around diversified food and agricultural production, and advocate for the needs of ALL food, grain, and livestock producers. My first priority will be to build urban and rural support around agriculture systems that are built to last – including strengthening the resiliency of our 20+ million acres of corn and bean ground. We must have healthy soil, clean air, swimmable/fishable waters and safe drinking water for everyone.”





“

Iowa Republican policies are making the Reynolds Workforce Crisis substantially worse, in four specific ways:

- (1) Attacking public schools and false accusations of having a “sinister agenda.”*
- (2) Continued attacks on Labor rights and unemployment benefits.*
- (3) Refusing to fix our state’s worst-in-the-nation childcare crisis.*
- (4) Driving people out of the state with their relentless culture war.*

Iowa Republicans have spent 2022 pouring gasoline on the flames of the culture war and made many of these challenges much worse.

”

Senator Zach Wahls, Iowa Senate Minority Leader

“The whole people
must take upon
themselves the
education of the
whole people and be
willing to bear the
expense of it.”

John Adams
2nd President
of the United States

**PUBLIC DOLLARS
FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

