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## IFC gives \$250K to CAC



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Lee County Economic Development Group President and CEO Dennis Fraise announces a \$250,000 donation to the Lee County Career Advancement Center from OCI Iowa Fertilizer Tuesday afternoon in Montrose.

### CAREER CENTER: Donation gives Lee County center a boost for programming

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE - Iowa Fertilizer officials on Tuesday unveiled a check for a quarter million dollars to help get a county career center off to a strong start.

The Lee County Career Advantage Center got the boost at the Lee County Economic Development Group offices in Montrose as part of a ceremony Tuesday afternoon.

LCEDG President and CEO Dennis Fraise said the investment from OCI Iowa Fertilizer sends a strong message about the viability of the new education center housed on the LCEDG property.

Fraise said since Sept. 6 the center has had more than 500 students visit the center.

"We're here to help find opportunities and create jobs for the community, while growing the regional economy," Fraise said.

"And it's not lost on us that Iowa Fertilizer and our other plants are the backbone of our economy. We're talking about 4,000 plus manufacturing jobs in Lee County, \$250 million in wages - it's the backbone of what we do. Without the men and women that work in these plants we wouldn't be successful today.



MCHALE



FRAISE

Fraise said LCEDG went to Iowa Fertilizer to help jump start the center's programming.

"We went to them and said we needed someone to put a flag in the ground and say 'Follow Us' - and boy did they," Fraise said.

Plant Manager Mickey McHale said the investment was based on what the career center needed to get started plus the value the fertilizer plant saw in the center's programming.

"We had spoken to Dennis and they needed a certain amount of commitment before they were capable of getting other funds," McHale said.

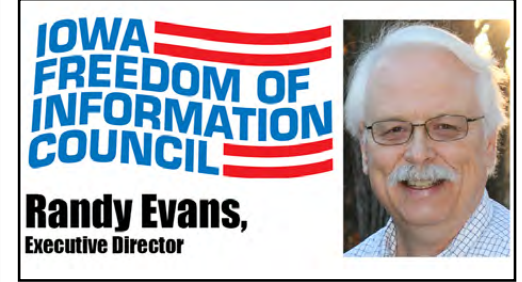
"This is basically similar to what they asked for plus what we thought we needed to deliver as a company to the community, so that's what we came up with," he said.

McHale has been with OCI for nine months and said the career center has always been a part of plant conversations.

"We need to do something for the community and we need to find employees that have the skills sets they will get

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### OPINION



## Care center deaths leave questions

There was a news update over the weekend about two elderly Iowans who wandered away from different care centers last winter and froze to death.

There is no question the deaths were horrible tragedies. There is no question they resulted from carelessness and a needless lack of attention by employees of the centers.

There are important questions that need to be asked, though. Why was one death a regrettable accident but the other death was a crime? And why, if Iowa treats the one death as a crime, is the blame not shared by others who could have stepped in and prevented the death?

The answers come down to different decisions made by the county attorneys serving the two communities, Spirit Lake and Bondurant, and to the Iowa Legislature's decision in 2021 to classify the death of a dependent adult as second-degree murder when it results from intentional abuse or recklessness by a caretaker.

The way the cases have been handled gives rise to uncomfortable questions about whether justice is being administered fairly and equitably across Iowa.

Before we get into that, here is background about the two cases so you better understand what occurred. I tip my hat to reporter Clark Kauffman, who shined his spotlight on these cases for Iowa Capital Dispatch.

The first death was Elaine Creasey,

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### WEATHER

WED 28 Sep .....Sunny and cool, 61° F / 39° F

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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### ERIC M. RHODES

Eric Matthew Rhodes, 53 of Hamilton, IL passed away Monday, September 26, 2022 at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, IA.

He was born August 22, 1969 in Keokuk, IA the son of Don and Linda Thornton Rhodes.



RHODES

Eric graduated from Hamilton High School with the class of 1987.

In May of 2006, Eric met Nikki Doty and they have been together ever since.

Survivors include his parents, Don and Linda Rhodes, Nikki Doty, two cats, Tipper and Gracie, one dog, Milo, two brothers, Brian Rhodes and Keith Rhodes, one niece, Megan Rhodes (Christopher Loring), one nephew, Drew Rhodes, one great-niece, Emma Loring and one great-nephew, Waylon Loring all of Hamilton, IL. He is also survived by one aunt, Mary Bolton of Hamilton, IL, one uncle, Jay Thornton (Margo) of Muscatine, IA and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his paternal and maternal grandparents and several aunts and uncles. Eric had been employed by Roquette in Keokuk for ten years.

He was of the Catholic faith.

Eric was an animal lover and loved all kinds of animals. He enjoyed tinkering on cars and engines and could fix anything. Eric also enjoyed buying and reselling various things and his favorite quote was "Let's get it done, not talk about it".

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Father Tony Trosley officiating. Burial will be in the Oakwood Cemetery in Hamilton, IL. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 10-11 a.m., Friday at the funeral home with family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to Hearts of Hancock or Keokuk Humane Society.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

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## OBITUARIES

### MARILYN J. AUSTIN

Marilyn Jean Austin, 65, of Warsaw, Illinois, passed away on Saturday, September 24, 2022, at Blessing Hospital in Keokuk, Iowa.

Marilyn was born on April 10, 1957, in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of Wilbert and Lucy (Towles) Hauff. She was united in marriage to Gerald Hester in 1978, who passed away in 1985. In 1988, she was united in marriage to Jeffrey "Jeff" L. Austin in Keokuk. He survives.

Marilyn held several jobs throughout her life, tending bar at Whitey's and Haage's, cleaning houses and working at gas stations among other occupations. She loved being in the great outdoors, tending to her flowers and mowing. In her younger years she was a tremendous athlete who enjoyed running, biking and bowling. Marilyn never knew a stranger and loved helping others through Meals on Wheels. She was an avid card player, and especially enjoyed playing Euchre. She loved animals of all kinds, but most of all, she cherished her family.

Marilyn is survived by her husband Jeff Austin of Warsaw; four children: Angela (Johnny) Gonzales of Carthage, Illinois, Christian Hauff of Keokuk, Thaddeus Hester of Fort Madison, Iowa, and Ashley (Tiffany) Austin of Colchester, Illinois; four siblings: Richard Hauff of Keokuk, Patty Hauff of Warsaw, Bubby (Renea Glenn) Hauff of Keokuk, and Lena (Bruce) Dyer of Keokuk; five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Marilyn is also survived by her three dogs: Dottie, Buddy and Bowser.

Marilyn is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Gerald Hester, her stepson Nathaniel Tregar, her nephew Nathan Keppel, her brother-in-law Steve Austin and her sister-in-law Sally Hauff.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to Hearts of Hancock Animal Shelter.

Tributes and condolences may be left at [www.printyfuneralhome.com](http://www.printyfuneralhome.com).

Printy Funeral Home of Warsaw is in charge of arrangements.

### ROBERT A. HARDY

Robert A. Hardy, 87, of Denmark, IA, passed away on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at his home. He was born on September 21, 1935 in Memphis, MO to Wallace & Gladys Hardy. He married Edna Blanche Pumphrey in December of 1982 in West



HARDY

Burlington, IA. He was a farmer and worked in several factories over the years, including Beechcraft Aviation, J.I. Case and lastly General Electric in Burlington. He served in the U.S. Army and loved being outside working in his yard and garden.

Bob is survived by: his wife: Blanche Hardy of Denmark, IA; 3-step children and several nieces & nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and 1-brother, Kenneth Hardy.

A private family graveside service will be held at Denmark Cemetery. Online condolences to the Hardy family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com). King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory in Fort Madison is assisting the family.



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<p><b>Wednesday, September 28</b>  <b>Chicken &amp; Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Corn</b></p>
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# Business News/For the Record

## OCI makes contribution to education center

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here. In the long run it benefits everyone," he said. "It's to help high schoolers recognize what opportunities are out there aside from the typical doctor, engineer, lawyer. There's other ways to make a good living and you don't necessarily have to go to college if that's not what your goal is."

The center is a collaboration between the Fort Madison, Central Lee and Keokuk school districts, Southeastern Community College, Lee County Economic Development Group, and the southeast Iowa business community, including OCI Iowa Fertilizer Company.

The center will provide a premier learning space designed to provide students and parents with additional workforce skills tailored to specific industries in the region and connect those learners with local employment opportunities.

"OCI Iowa Fertilizer Company's \$250,000 donation to the Lee County Career Advantage Center will un-

lock new opportunities for learners of all ages while at the same time enhancing the economic landscape in the southeast Iowa community," McHale said.

"Since the company broke ground in Lee County ten years ago, we have been committed to being a good neighbor and the partnerships we have formed with local businesses, philanthropic organizations, and more reflect the priority we place on supporting community improvement efforts. Nowhere is that more evident than our ongoing support for ensuring young people have the skills and training necessary for jobs in critical and emerging fields."

The company has also made donations to multiple social causes that matter to the community, including to the Fort Madison Sports Complex, Wever Fire and Rescue, the local United Way, local food pantries, the Fort Madison Fourth of July Celebration, and many more.

## State Farm donates \$1,000 to 2x4s For Hope

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison State Farm agent Jess Sutcliffe is demonstrating what it means to be a Good Neighbor by stepping up to help a nonprofit. She presented nonprofit 2x4's For Hope - Lee County, with a check for \$1,000.

"At State Farm, we are committed to helping build stronger communities," says Jess. "As a Good Neighbor agent and member of this community, it's important to embrace the responsibility by being a part of a solution like this. Thank you 2x4's For Hope in your commitment to helping our veterans!"

2x4's For Hope builds tiny houses for veterans in need. They recently expanded their program to Lee County, Iowa, from Illinois, and a lot in Fort Madison has been acquired for their first build project. Con-

struction is earmarked to begin May 20, 2023 on the first home.

Co-Directors of the 2x4's For Hope project Lester Kistner and Stephanie Warner shared this is just the beginning. "Thank you, Jess and State Farm, for your support of our program! Every dollar donated goes toward the purchase of materials needed to get homes built for these important individuals who have given so much all ready."

All of the labor will be done by volunteers most of whom are veterans themselves. Go to Home | 2x4's for Hope ([2x4forhope.org](http://2x4forhope.org)) to learn more about the program.

## For the Record

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

09/26/22 - 1:15 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Jalen Keith Kutcher, 22, of Fort Madison in the 300 block of 12th Street on charges of assault with dangerous weapons, 1st-degree burglary, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of controlled substances. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/26/22 - 8:32 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Timothy John Smith, 46, of Fort Madison in the 4600 block of Avenue L, on two active warrants, and charges of possession of controlled substances and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/27/22 - 5:35 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited William Francis Rankin, 43, of Donnellson in the 1100 block of 21st Street on a charge of driving while barred.

09/27/22 - 5:57 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2000

block of 303rd Avenue.

**Lee County Sheriff's Report**  
09/26/22 - 11:15 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Katherine Ruth Lamma-Barnes, 27, of Keokuk, in the 100 block of N. 7th Street in Keokuk on an active warrant for a pre-trial release violation. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/26/22 - 2:40 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested John Frank Thomasson, 38, of Gladstone, Ill., in Des Moines County, on a temporary hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/26/22 - 4:35 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kristen Lee Lynn Grell, 26, of Fort Madison, in the 100 block of N. 7th Street in Keokuk on a warrant for probation violation.

*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**  
09/26/22 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical calls.

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## From the Front

# Difficult questions surround handling of senior center deaths

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95, who was found frozen about 7 a.m. on Dec. 9, 2021, outside the Keelson Harbor assisted living center in Spirit Lake. Investigators determined she wandered away about 10 p.m. the night before. The door locked behind her when she left the building. There were signs she tried to get back to the door, but she succumbed in the cold, with the wind chill reaching 14 degrees overnight.

On Jan. 21, 2022, Lynne Stewart, 77, walked out of her room and then left the Courtyard Estates assisted living center in Bondurant through a side door about 9:40 p.m. She apparently fell outside, striking her head. The temperature dropped to 11 degrees below zero that night, and Stewart was found next to the door about 6:10 a.m.

In both cases, employees with responsibility for looking after the women did not follow the procedures each facility established to prevent such tragedies. But managers at the two facilities also did not follow the centers' own training and staffing procedures.

Brooke Arndt, 27, a nurse who worked for a temp-agency, was on duty at the Spirit Lake care center when Elaine Creasey wandered away.

Investigators found Arndt repeatedly neglected to verify each hour that Creasey was in her room. Instead, she told investigators she just looked in the dark room and thought she saw the elderly woman in bed.

The alarm on the care center's exit door sound-



ed at 10:07 p.m. when Creasey walked out. Arndt went to the door 9 minutes later and shut off the alarm. But she did not check the residents' rooms to see who, if anyone, was missing.

In both tragedies, there is plenty of blame to go around. Arndt told investigators she was never trained on how to properly perform the visual checks on residents at night. She also said she never received training on how to respond when the door alarm sounded.

At the Bondurant care center, Catherine Forkpa, 31, was on duty for the overnight shift when Lynne Stewart wandered away from the memory care unit.

Like Elaine Creasey, Stewart was supposed to be checked every hour because she was known to wander. But investigators said surveillance video showed that during Forkpa's entire shift, she never entered Stewart's room. Forkpa also was not recorded by any of the care center's surveillance cameras for about three hours, investigators said.

When Stewart left her room and when she left the building, separate door alarms went off. Those alarms triggered alerts on a desktop computer shared by all employees, on tablet computers each

worker was supposed to carry, and on the mobile phones assigned to the facility's director and the on-call nurse.

Investigators learned the director and nurse both did not respond to text alerts about the unanswered alarms. Those text alerts continued every 5 minutes through the night while the two were at their homes.

Forkpa was fired for her actions. Four other employees were reprimanded for failing to investigate the door alarm alerts.

Now, the uncomfortable questions:

Dickinson County Attorney Amy Zenor apparently concluded Elaine Creasey's death, and Brooke Arndt's actions, were merely an accident. On the other hand, Polk County Attorney John Sarcone decided criminal charges were warranted against Forkpa in the Stewart death.

Sarcone's staff chose to file a second-degree murder charge, which is punishable by up to 50 years in prison. Forkpa would have to serve 35 years before becoming eligible for parole. Sarcone could have filed the less serious charge of involuntary manslaughter, which is punishable by no more than 2 years of confinement or a fine of at least \$625.

For Arndt, her punishment was much less severe. The Iowa Board of Nursing placed her on probation for one year and ordered her to complete 30 hours of additional training.

Toby Edelman, a policy attorney for the national Center for Medicare Advocacy, told Iowa Capital Dispatch, "The two resident deaths were tragic and avoidable. Many people in each facility are responsible and should be held accountable for their obvious failures to keep the residents safe."

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MT. PLEASANT CITY  
COUNCIL REGULAR  
MEETING NOTICE**

The Mount Pleasant City Council will meet in Regular Session Wednesday, September 28, at City Hall, 307 E. Monroe

Street, second-floor meeting room at 5:30 p.m.

**AGENDA**

1. Roll Call.
2. Consent Agenda: To the Public -All items with an asterisk(\*) are routine by the City Council and

will be enacted by one motion and a roll call of the Councilmembers. There will be no separate discussion of items unless the Mayor, a Councilmember or citizen so request, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

3. Receive & file communications.
4. Approve agenda.
- \*5. Approve minutes of previous meetings.
6. Approve payment of bills.
- \*7. Receive reports of Officers.
8. Old Business-
  - a) 2nd reading of a proposed ordinance amending code of ordinances to include Fire Service and Emergency Response Fees.

9. New Business-
  - a) Resolution setting Public Hearing on an ordinance amending the zoning ordinance to permit and regulate Recreation Vehicles.
  - b) 1st reading of a proposed ordinance to amend curfew ordinance.
  - c) Resolution authorizing Parks and Recreation to hire temporary part-time employees.
  - d) Resolution authorizing advertisement for offers for lease of city-owned farmland.
  - e) Authorize Mayor to sign an Engagement Letter with Piper Sandler as an underwriter or placement agent for GO Street, park, fire truck, and quiet zone notes, (Bonds)
  - f) Authorize Mayor to sign an agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for Gen-

- eral Aviation Vertical Infrastructure.
- g) Approve purchase of Waste Water Treatment Plant slurry wagon.
  - h) Approve Mayoral appointments for Community Development Committee.
  10. Public Forum.
  11. Adjourn to meet in regular session on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
MEETING NOTICE**

The Green Bay Levee & Drainage District will hold a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 29, 2022, at Heartland Co-op, east of Wever.

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
FORT MADISON  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

**DISTRICT BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS SPECIAL  
MEETING NOTICE**

**Work Session/Special Meeting  
10/03/2022 - 06:00 PM  
Central Office,  
Boardroom  
1930 Avenue M**

**Agenda**

- I. Call Meeting to Order and Determination of a quorum
- II. Approve the agenda
- III. Discussion regarding process for rebidding Package 9A
- IV. Consider approval of CANCO recommendation to reject all bids related to Bid Package 9ASupporting Docs/Links attached to this item
- V. Consider approval of CANCO recommendation for Corridor Paint & Drywall for Bid Package 9B Supporting Docs/Links attached to this item
- VI. Review of district goals and individual building action steps
- VII. Adjourn

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Candidate for Secretary of Agriculture



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Candidate for Attorney General



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**Dennis Cohoon**  
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**Kim Reynolds called the American Rescue Plan Act  
a "Blue State Bailout", but is happy to give ARPA money  
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# Rebecca BOWKER

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- **I support teachers, paraeducators, and those who put our children first**
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- **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.* **”**

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# **Donna Amandus**

**For County Supervisor**



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# 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.  
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“

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- (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.*

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