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Elementary queens

The Queen of 10, Ms. Jane Santiago, visits all FM Kindergarten classrooms every 10 days; The Queen of Books, Ms. Megan Kruse, visits all FM Kindergarten classrooms every other 10 days. The Queen of Code, Ms. Wendy Bailey, was unveiled for the first time! Ms. Bailey works with students, PK-12, in the area of Computer Science all school year! The Queen of 10 incorporates math fluency standards, which helps our Kindergartners build a strong number sense. The Queen of Books shares books that align with the Module topics studied in Kindergarten. Their visits are intended to reinforce the students' excitement about learning in the areas of math and reading!



Courtesy photo



Kramer gets Community Hero Award

LEE COUNTY - Breanna Kramer, Lee County Health Department's Community Outreach & Development Project Outreach Coordinator, was recently honored with a Community Hero Award from Prevent Child Abuse Iowa. This award was presented to three Iowans who are making a positive impact in their community to strengthen families for safer, happier childhoods.

Kramer is the grant coordinator for the health department's Resilient Communities Demonstration project grant and the "Empowering Families" workgroup in Lee

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New playground opens at Wilson Lake

LEE COUNTY - Lee County Conservation will be joined by the Fort Madison Ambassadors for a ribbon cutting to officially open the playground on Saturday June 10th at 11am.

Three Rivers Conservation Foundation launched the "Places to Play" campaign in 2019 with the objective of replacing and enhancing playgrounds at Lee County parks. Since the kickoff to the campaign, a new playground has been constructed at Pollmiller Park and now at Wilson Lake. Construction is underway for the final playground at Chatfield Park, west of Keokuk, IA. The ribbon cutting ceremony will occur at the new playground at Wilson, which sits directly north of the large shelter house. For questions or concerns, contact the Lee County Conservation office at 319-463-7673 or conservation@leecounty.org.

Hinterland Dairy has generously donated coupons good for 1 free ice cream sandwich or 1 free dish of ice cream to be redeemable at their business located at 2149 Franklin Road, Donnellson, IA. Lee County Conservation will be handing out these coupons to children who attend the ribbon cutting ceremony between noon and 1pm on June 10th.

IOWA NEWS

Van Buren County gets United First Aid grant from state

DES MOINES – Today, Governor Kim Reynolds, Lt. Governor Adam Gregg, and the Iowa Economic Development Authority announced that three \$50,000 grants have been awarded to Calhoun County Public Health, Cass County Board

of Health, and Van Buren County Hospital to test an innovative program aimed at decreasing emergency response times in rural Iowa. The total grant funding of \$150,000 was made available through the Governor's Empower Rural Iowa

Initiative.

The program, called Iowa United First Aid, is a model that was adapted from the Israeli nonprofit United Hatzalah (which translates

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CITY NEWS

FM, county offices closed Monday

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison City offices will be closed Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day. Monday's trash route will be moved to Tuesday, May 30th. All other routes will be unaffected.

Lee County Offices will be closed Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day.

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WEATHER

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FRI 26 May.....Sunny & cool, 74° F/ 49° F
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Local News/From the Front

City looking to fill several key volunteer posts

FORT MADISON - The City of Fort Madison is accepting applications for vacancies on all appointed boards, commissions and committees. Applications can be found at www.fortmadison-ia.com or through the City Clerk's office at 811 Avenue E. This application process is an effort to ensure diversity and representation of our community. Interested persons should submit completed applications to the

City Clerk's office during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All applicants must be at least 18 years of age. These are uncompensated positions. All applications are subject to the open records laws of the State of Iowa.

Below is a listing of boards and commissions needing members:

- Board of Adjustment
- Historic Preservation Commission

Pilot program aimed at rural response times

VAN BUREN - Continued from Page 1

to "United Rescue"). The Israeli model uses technology to crowdsource nearby volunteer emergency responders and has driven response times down to an average of ninety seconds in cities like Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, and to three minutes on average across the country.

In Iowa, the program will equip trained volunteers with an app on their phone that delivers 911 dispatch alerts when an emergency occurs in their vicinity. Volunteers will be trained and supplied with the materials and equipment necessary to perform first aid, bleeding control, CPR, and use of an automated external defibrillator (AED). The goal is for volunteers to quickly respond to emergencies in nearby areas and stabilize victims while an ambulance is on the way, decreasing the amount of time it takes to receive lifesaving assistance.

"I'm proud that the Governor's Empower Rural Iowa Initiative created the Iowa United First Aid program," said Governor Reynolds. "This is what the initiative was intended to do - seek innovative ways to impact the quality of rural life in our state.

Iowans deeply value service to their communities and their neighbors, and I believe this program and its volunteers will make a tremendous difference in improving access to emergency services in rural communities and saving lives."

"This model holds real promise in using technology and innovation to solve a serious challenge facing our rural communities," said Lt. Governor Gregg. "I appreciate and commend the applicants who have stepped up to lead the way."

Applicants were required to provide a minimum \$25,000 local match for the grant, for at least \$75,000 in total funding to support this program. While costs vary, it is estimated that this amount can support training and equipping a minimum of 25 volunteers in each county. Additionally, the Iowa Rural Development Council has provided grant funds which will assist in the purchase of first aid supply bags, equipment, and safety identification vests for volunteers. The technology has been donated by NowForce and PulsePoint for the program's pilot year.

For more information on Iowa United First Aid and other Governor's Empower Rural Iowa Initiative programs, visit iowaeda.com/empower-rural-iowa.

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

BETTY PFEIFERLING

Betty Pfeiferling, 83, of Warsaw, Illinois, passed away on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at Quincy Healthcare and Senior Living in Quincy, Illinois.

Betty was born on March 8, 1940, in Pilot Grove Township, the daughter of Raymond and Edna (Roper) Pitt. On July 29, 1962, she was united in marriage to Fred Pfeiferling in Elvaston. Betty is survived by her husband Fred of Warsaw; her children Lori (Tom) Wolff of East Peoria, Illinois, and Diana Pfeiferling of Carthage and Amy (John) McKee of Mackinaw, Illinois; five grandchildren: Bridget (Clayton) Young, Elena and Clarice Wolff, and Ariel and Connor McKee; her sister Dorothy Speer of Strafford, Missouri; her sister-in-law: Janet Frey of Des Moines, Iowa; seven nieces and nephews; and numerous cousins in the Ardmore, Tennessee, and Huntsville, Alabama, areas.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents, her sister Jean Bentley, and her sisters-in-law Julie Smeltser and Joetta Ruffcorn.

After graduating from Hamilton High School in 1958, she was employed at Dada and Sons as inventory clerk for five years. She joined Trinity United Methodist Church in May of 1965 and enjoyed being active there. She was the director of the Children's Joy Choir for fifteen years and taught the little ones Sunday School Class for several years and was church secretary for nine years. Her last job was working at Walmart in the clothing departments for eighteen years, retiring in 2010. Being with her children, grandchildren and friends was her greatest joy.

Funeral services will be held at 12 pm (Noon) on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at Printy Funeral Home in Warsaw, with burial to follow at Oakland Cemetery in Warsaw. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday from 10 am to 12 pm (Noon) directly before the service. For those unable to attend in-person, the service will be livestreamed on Betty's obituary page at www.printyfuneralhome.com.

Memorials may be directed to Trinity United Methodist Church in Warsaw or the donor's choice.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.printyfuneralhome.com.

Printy Funeral Home of Warsaw is in charge of arrangements.



PFEIFERLING

OBITUARIES

LEONARD M. JACKSON

Leonard "Leo" M. Jackson, 15, of Keokuk, Iowa, passed away on Monday, May 22, 2023.

Leo was born on October 30, 2007, in Davenport, Iowa, the son of Jason and Dureen (Strifler) Jackson. He attended Keokuk High School and was going into his Junior year. Leo was a wonderful student, excelling at everything he did. From starting on the football team to dominating track and weights, there was nothing that Leo couldn't accomplish if he put his mind to it. When he wanted to relax, Leo would play X-box with his family or curl up with a good book.

Leo could always be found with a pack of cards on his person and loved to shuffle them. More than anything, Leo loved others. He enjoyed making people smile with his wild antics and got along with everyone he met. He loved his family fiercely and was the best brother and son anyone could ask for.

Leo is survived by his parents, Jason and Dureen Jackson of Keokuk; his brother Blake Jackson of Davenport; and two sisters: Kaitlyn and Jaelynn Jackson, both of Keokuk.

Leo's life will be remembered with a memorial service at 6 pm on Monday, May 29, 2023, at New Testament Christian Church in Keokuk. Everyone is invited to dress casually in Leo's memory.

Memorials may be directed to the family for expenses.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com.

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.



JACKSON

Pen City Current obituary policy

Pen City Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes. Reposting of obituaries due to changes can only be requested by the submitting funeral home and will be assessed a \$15 reposting fee.

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Sports

FM boys can't keep up with Liberty in finals loss

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

NORTH LIBERTY — Sometimes, speed has to be experienced to be fully appreciated.

Fort Madison boys soccer coach Kevin Wellman had checked out plenty of video on Iowa City Liberty, and had scouted the Lightning in person.

Then came Wednesday's Class 3A Substate 4 final, and what the Bloodhounds got from the Lightning was a lesson in quickness.

Liberty struck for two goals in the first 7 1/2 minutes, staggering the Bloodhounds in a 10-0 win that sent the Lightning to next week's state tournament.

Hayden Saul and Cooper Saul each had three goals and Flori Gembo Motshalindo had two for Liberty (9-8).

"They were better soccer players than we were," Fort Madison coach Kevin Wellman said. "Better soccer players."

The Lightning struck quickly, with three shots on goal in the first 3 1/2 minutes, a stunning fury that set the tone for the rest of the match.

"We were surprised," Wellman said. "We knew (Motshalindo) was very fast, we knew (Roman Riggs, who had a first-half goal) was very skilled, very good playmaker. We didn't know all of them were as fast as they were."

"You can't see that on film. We came up to watch them play Dubuque Senior, and I don't know if we sat too far up on the bleachers and didn't notice. But yeah, we were all surprised."

Cooper Saul opened the scoring with a shot from the middle seven minutes into the match, then Hayden Saul punched in a



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Nolan Guzman brings the ball up the pitch as an Iowa City Liberty midfielder pursues Wednesday night in Fort Madison.

goal 40 seconds later for a 2-0 lead.

Cooper Saul added a second goal at the 13:54

mark, then Riggs scored with 5:44 left and Motshalindo scored with 3:52 left.

That lead seemed insurmountable, and the Lightning kept the offense going in the second half.

Cooper Saul's third goal came 5 1/2 minutes into the second half, then Forrest Saul and Hayden Saul scored within 20 seconds of each other to push the lead to 8-0. Motshalindo added his second goal with 29:11 to play, then Hayden Saul ended the match with 3:07 to play with his final goal.

Fort Madison, which claimed its third consecutive Southeast Conference championship, ended its season with a 15-4 record, falling in the substate final for the third consecutive time.

"I don't know if you heard me after the game, but I told these kids that I wouldn't trade any of their guys for any of our guys," Wellman said, his voice cracking with the emotion of the defeat. "I take away a lot of good things from this season. We had a lot of wins, finishing 15-4. We went through some games that were tough that we didn't go away from, games when we were down and responded."

"It's a testament to the character of these guys, which is why I would never trade them. There is high quality character in every one of them."

Fort Madison loses five seniors, including Xander Wellman, who had 30 goals and 16 assists this season coming off a knee injury near the end of last season, and Jacob Pothitakis, who recovered from a severe leg injury last season to have a 7-goal, 15-assist year.

"This was a great group of seniors, but they're always a great group," Kevin Wellman said.

Then he smiled.

"I really love coaching at Fort Madison," Wellman said.

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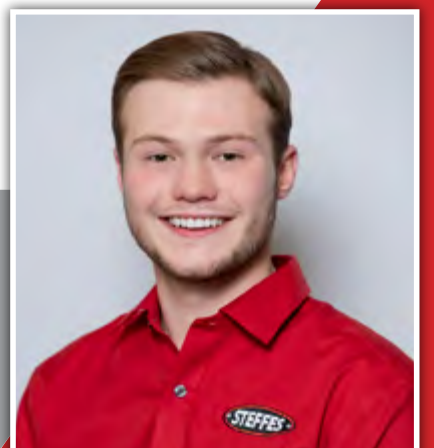
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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 1, 2023**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building in Fort Madison on Monday, May 1, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Garry Seyb, Ron Fedler, Matt Pflug, Chuck Holmes and Tom Schulz.

All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

The Board opened the

meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Seyb amended the agenda adding approval of a seasonal worker for Conservation under Personnel Actions. Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

At 10:01 a.m. Seyb opened a Public Hearing for comments on approving the Fiscal Year 2024 County Budget. There were many citizens in attendance.

Those that spoke were Brent Koller, Donnellson; Rick Kuntz, Wever; Leah

and Jesse Steffensmeier, West Point; Kathy Mehmert, West Point; Mel Sanders, Houghton; Andrew Johnson, Donnellson, Tina Blint, West Point and Brent Dresser, Keokuk. Everyone speaking asked the Board to be mindful when establishing their Budget. Jesse Steffensmeier voiced an objection to the Budget. At 11:14 a.m. Pflug made a motion to close the Public Hearing. It was seconded by Schulz. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to approve Resolution #2023-60.

Roll call: Schulz-aye, Holmes-aye, Pflug-aye, Fedler-aye and Seyb-aye.

**RESOLUTION
2023 - 60**

Resolution - Adoption of Budget & Certification of Taxes FY2024

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing has been completed concerning the Proposed Lee County Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 in accordance with the Iowa Department of Management guidelines and, per Iowa Code Section 331.434, Subsection

5; NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, the Public Hearing is acknowledged and the Budget & Certification of Taxes for Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 as presented is hereby adopted.

Dated at Fort Madison, Iowa on the 1st day of May, 2023.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Garry Seyb, Chairman; /s/ Ron Fedler, Vice-Chair; /s/ Chuck Holmes, Member; /s/ Matt Pflug, Member and /s/ Tom Schulz, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Public Input: Conservation Director Heather Huebner gave a report on Earth Day cleanup.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Schulz, to approve replacing an Assistant County Attorney due to a resignation. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to approve the Fiscal Agent Agreement with Children

First for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Pflug, to approve purchasing a 2023 GMC crew cab pick-up from Deery Brothers, Burlington, in the amount of \$45,370.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to approve a proposal from Meller Excavating and Asphalt to repair Bridge #63.1 at Augusta, in the amount of \$12,946.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Pflug, to approve a Notice to Bidders for construction of a maintenance building in West Point for Secondary Roads.

Motion carried. Sealed bids will be received in the Lee County Auditor's Office, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison, until 10:00 a.m. on May 30, 2023.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Pflug, to set Monday, May 15, 2023 at 10:01 a.m. at the Board of Supervisors' meeting, for Public Hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for the West Point Maintenance Shed Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to approve an agreement with Advanced Correctional Healthcare for 36 hours per week of Nursing Services at the Jail, at a cost of \$162,999 annually. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Fedler, to approve an addendum to an agreement with Quadiant Leasing for the postage machine in Keokuk. Motion carried. The monthly lease payment is \$169.67.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to approve Resolution #2023-62.

Roll call: Pflug-aye, Holmes-aye, Schulz-aye, Fedler-aye and Seyb-aye.

RESOLUTION #2023-62

WHEREAS, the Lee County Supervisors passed a Resolution at the January 3, 2023 Board meeting designating banks in Lee County to be official depositories with set limits,

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Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Garry Seyb, Chairman; /s/ Ron Fedler, Vice-Chair; /s/ Chuck Holmes, Member; /s/ Matt Pflug, Member and /s/ Tom Schulz, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Pflug, to give the approval to the Building Study Committee to proceed in negotiations with the Fort Madison Housing Authority to take over ownership of the County-owned apartment in Fort Madison. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Pflug, to approve the Consent

Agenda that includes the April 24, 2023 Board minutes and the payment of claims for the week. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Fedler, to approve a step increase for Avery Jacobs, Conservation Tech I, from \$21.64/hr. to \$22.25/hr., effective 5/4/23; a replacement new hire for the Sheriff's Office, Andrew Markham, Deputy Sheriff, \$25.25/hr., effective 5/14/23; a change in pay due to additional duties for Ryanne Wood, Community Services Administrator, from \$111,603.15/annually to \$145,764.15/annually, effective 1/1/23 and a temporary new hire for Conservation, Logan Hasek, Conservation Aide, \$14.00/hr., effective 5/1/23. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Commission of Veteran Affairs Minutes of Meeting for March 28, 2023 and a Manure Management Update for Knee Deep Solutions in Van Buren Township

Committee Reports: Holmes reported on a Children First Board meeting. Pflug reported on an Employee Safety Team meeting. Seyb reported on a Lee County Broadband Committee meeting and a Road Safety Audit.

County Engineer Ben Hull gave his Department Head report.

At 12:43 p.m. it was moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May

8, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison. Garry Seyb, Chairman Attest: Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor

Claims paid May 1, 2023

A Nxt Deg Comm, svs	100.00
Advance Correctional Health, svs	1049.54
Agriland FS, fuel	448.18
Airgas USA, splys	329.11
Alliant Energy, svs	1845.54
Amazon, splys	229.97
American Trust, fees	715.50
Barr Mem Chapel, svs	1200.00
B Bonar, svs	200.00
Bound Tree, splys	714.30
Calhoun-Burns, svs	1109.20
Central IA Juv Detention, svs	2664.13
CenturyLink, svs	99.00
Comm Action, svs	886.83
Comm Heating, svs	436.00
Conduent Payment Integrity, splys	24.71
CJ Cooper/Assoc, svs	180.00
Des Moines Co Auditor, svs	625.00
Diamond Drugs, Inc., splys	1142.37
Donnellson Tire & Service, svs	1190.95
ES&S, svs	571.04
Ellipsis, svs	1446.15
Empower Trust, svs	1050.00
EMSLRC Univ of IA Hospitals &, edu	25.00
Farm/Home Sply, splys	705.69
Federal Engineering, Inc., svs	670.00
Ron Fedler, exps	65.00

Fort Madison Family YMCA, svs	2100.00
FM Housing Auth, svs	1639.07
FM Housing Auth, svs	130.00
FM Vet Clinic, mtr	155.35
FM Water, svs	209.37
Garner FoodMart, fuel	939.57
Lura J Gatton, rent	300.00
Nancy Granaman, svs	1627.89
GreatAmerica Financial Svcs., svs	174.42
Stephanie Monique Hansen, exps	201.50
Hartricks Lumber, splys	3.39
Healthcarefirst, svs	1243.79
Hoerner YMCA, svs	1800.00
Huffman Welding, equip/svs	1601.70
HyVee Catering, splys	1426.00
ICCS, dues	2500.00
Iowa Office of the State Medic, svs	8213.00
IA Prison Ind, splys	436.59
IA State Pen, meals	13604.50
ISAC, reg	210.00
ISACA, reg	200.00
Jays Auto, svs	2340.74
Jet Gas, fuel	14010.02
Jireh Incorporated, svs	189.74
Patrick Kaltefleiter, fuel	74.40
Kempkers, splys	46.93
Keo Area Med Equip, splys	828.75
Keokuk Water, svs	261.24
Keokuk PD, svs	10500.00
King-Lynk Fnrl, svs	1730.00
Klingner Assoc, svs	26769.99

Patricia Knustrom, exps	87.00
Richard Kuntz, meeting	200.00
Lawson Products Inc., parts	1082.35
Lee Co 911 Dispatch Edu Assoc, mtr	2000.00
Lee Co Auditor, postage	4868.14
Lee Co Health, svs	14147.90
Liberty Util, gas	449.11
Lynch Dallas, svs	82.50
Mail Svs, svs/post	1129.28
Maintainer Corporation of IA, equip	143672.00
McFarland/Swan, splys	48.99
MidAmerican Energy, gas	476.52
Motorola Solutions, Inc., equip	406642.32
MtHamill Elvtr/Lmbr, splys	125.09
North Central Ambulance Sales, equip	157026.85
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc., parts	29.98
OMG Midwest, svs	1945.14
Optum Phrmcy Svs, splys	730.27
PCC Ambulance Billing Service, svs	13579.16
Travis Pezley, safety	181.89
Prairie Farms Dairy, splys	189.60
Prevent Child Abuse Amca, edu	120.00
Quad-County Community	

Partners, mtr	1055.60
Quadient Finance, postage	500.00
Rainbo Oil, oil	3639.31
Rathbun Reg Water, svs	147.70
RicohUSA, rent	1399.62
Amber Roberts, MEI	300.00
Bradley Roberts, MEI	1767.00
RSM US Product Sales LLC, svs	300.00
Ryan Diagnostics, splys	1217.00
Sidwell, Harris Local Gov, svs	2070.00
Total Maintenance, Inc., equip	5119.00
Treasures Abounding, mtr	55.50
Trinity Muscatine Public Hlth, svs	24992.54
U.S. Bank Equipment Finance, maint fee	235.35
US Cell, svs	1457.30
Van Buren Co Hosp, svs	11357.30
Verizon Wireless, svs	903.24
Vigen Mmrl Home, svs	2920.00
Mike Walker, svs	200.00
L Wallingford, svs	335.68
Washington County Public Health, svs	6338.89
Windstream, svs	186.98
Meghan Elizabeth Wooster, svs	3400.00

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Education News/From the Front

Kramer honored for work countering child abuse

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County. The group is a network of community partners that are working together on various projects including the child care market study, Resilience Catalysts network, and raising awareness on child abuse prevention and adverse childhood experiences.

Kramer also oversees the Southeast Iowa Public Health Academic Training Program which is funded by a federal HRSA grant received by LCHD. The program partners with Southeastern Community College, Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center, and Carthage Memorial to administer a Community Health Worker course. The 8-week course is free and open to the public, with the next cohort beginning in August. The CHW course also partners with the Mobile Connection Center to provide hands-on learning experience assisting Southeast Iowans access community resources and needs.

Kramer stated, "I was completely shocked and honored by my nomination and receiving of the Community Hero award. Working for the Lee County Health Department has been such a rewarding experience because I have been able to bring together so many perspectives and organizations through the Resilient Communities project. In such a short amount of time we have been able to bring awareness to the different supports needed to grow healthy kids and families. It truly does take a village. I'm happy to accept this award on behalf of all of the Empowering Families members and Lee County families."

Be sure to like Empowering Families of Lee County on Facebook to learn about community events and how to become involved in the group.



Courtesy photo

Fort Madison High School received a \$2,000 grant to purchase jackets for students currently in the program.

FMHS FFA gets Farm Credit Service grant

PCC Staff

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison High School received a \$2,000 grant for its FFA Dress for Success program. The grant is provided through Farm Credit Services of America's (FCSA-America) Working Here Fund.

This project helps provide official FFA clothing for students so they may participate in contests and attend conferences. The Working Here Fund Grant will be used to purchase multiple official FFA jackets and supporting clothing for the chapter.

"Not all students can afford the official FFA dress. This grant allows us to purchase clothing items which means more students have access to FFA learning opportunities," said David Vance, FFA advisor.

These items will be available for students in the Fall of 2023.

"At FCSAmerica we understand that educating tomorrow's farmers means we are supporting the future of

rural communities," said Adam Pirkl, regional vice president of retail operations at FCSAmerica's Mt. Pleasant office. Fort Madison High School is one of 73 organizations to receive a Working Here Fund grant in the first quarter of 2023. FCSAmerica awarded \$131,825 during the latest grant cycle ending March 31, 2023.

Fort Madison FFA is part of National FFA and serves to advocate for agriculture at a high school level.

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Shottenkirk pushes pickleball project over goal

FORT MADISON - Greg Shottenkirk, his family, and the entire Shottenkirk Automotive team proudly announced a donation of \$30,000 to push the fundraising efforts for the Victory Park Pickleball Courts over the top! The project cost is estimated cost at \$300,000 and will soon be complete and ready for play!

It is a huge project that will have a lasting impact and we are proud to be able to help make it happen!," said Greg Shottenkirk, owner of Shottenkirk Automotive Group. "It really is a tremendous project for the community to enjoy for many years by enhancing recreational opportunities for residents of all ages and visitors of Fort Madison", said Shottenkirk.

"I have been honored to be part of the committee leading this great project for Fort Madison, and this donation by Greg and the Shottenkirk organization is such an incredible gift to our community. Greg and his team truly give back and it is an awesome thing for sure," said Donna Amandus, Co-Chair of the

Fort Madison Pickleball Association and member of the Fort Madison City Council.

Lynn Hoyer, another member of the Pickleball Committee, added that "we were short on funds to pay for everything, and the Shottenkirk family came through in a big way to put us over the top for funding this awesome project!" "I couldn't be more excited!" added Hoyer.

The Fort Madison Pickleball Association has transformed dilapidated tennis courts into six state-of-the-art pickleball courts that are scheduled to open in the coming days. There is growing demand for this popular sport, and the addition of new pickleball courts will provide ample opportunities for individuals of all ages and skill levels to participate in this exciting sport, while fostering community engagement, health, and well-being.

"The Association is grateful to all sponsors, donors, and community members who came together to support this worthy initiative," said Lynn Hoyer.

Siemens gets new contract for blades in Fort Madison

PCC Staff

ONTARIO, Can - Siemens Gamesa announced Thursday that a new CLEANPOWER project will bring additional blade production to the Fort Madison facility.

The company issued a statement Thursday that it is launching a new onshore high capacity turbine that will require blades made in Fort Madison and nacelle's produced in Kansas..

"Siemens Gamesa is proud to announce the launch of an onshore high-capacity factor turbine designed specifically for the United States, the SG 4.4-164. Debuting at the American Clean Power Association's CLEANPOWER 2023 conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, the new turbine is the result of continuous development built on Siemens Gamesa's experience with proven wind turbine models," the statement indicated.

"The SG 4.4-164 will support American jobs, and meet the domestic content requirements of the Inflation Reduction Act, by utilizing the capabilities of Siemens Gamesa's blade facility in Fort Madison, Iowa, and nacelle assembly facility in Hutchinson, Kansas. The turbine's 81-meter blades were designed by Siemens Gamesa's world-class blade design team in Boulder, Colorado.

"With a country as large as the U.S., we took into account the unique challenges of onshore wind sites from coast to coast, including transportation and logistics, varied wind conditions and environments, state-by-state noise, electrical, and power delivery requirements, and the applicable IRA incentives," said Shannon Sturgil, CEO of Onshore North America for Siemens Gamesa. "This is truly an onshore wind turbine designed for America."

The new turbines will feature a design lifetime longer than the industry standard. The SG 4.4-164 represents Siemens Gamesa's commitment to create value for our customers through the continuous development of technologies that improve performance, competitiveness, and quality excellence.

The model leverages both established and updated platform design to minimize costs and streamline construction, and is available for projects reaching commercial operation in 2025.

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Flag Raising by Boy Scouts 9 a.m.
Sidewalk Chalk Drawing Contest 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Custom Cars & Pickups 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Tractor Parade 1 p.m.
Silver Steppers 2:30 p.m.
Pedal Tractor Pulls 3 p.m.
Live Auction 4 p.m.
Live Music in shelter house 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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