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Underway at the Old Fort



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Demolition crews begin taking down one of the crumbling buildings at the Old Fort replica in Fort Madison Tuesday. The city is taking down several of the buildings while renovating others and getting the Fort ready for summer tour season. Discussions earlier this year to dismantle the Old Fort were abandoned in favor of using volunteer efforts and donations to rehabilitate the landmark.

OLD FORT PLAYERS

OFPs female version of Odd Couple opens Friday

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A twist on the lovable Felix Unger and Oscar Madison takes the stage this weekend at Old Fort Players, but in most cases they're wearing a bra.

The Odd Couple-Female Version, a play by Neil Simon, hits the stage after a brief delay this spring. The comedy with some real laughs starts on Friday evening with a 7:30 p.m. performance. The cast continues the show again on Saturday and then Sunday with a 2 p.m. showing. The same schedule will take place the following weekend June 9-11.

Online ticket sales are still underway at <https://oldfortplayers.com/>. General admission tickets are just \$15, with seniors and military personnel tickets at \$12. Students are \$10.

Instead of Felix and Oscar, we get Florence and Olive

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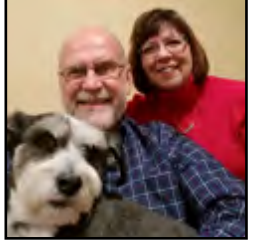
Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The Old Fort Players production of The Odd Couple - Female version takes the stage Friday with some veterans and newcomers to the theater troupe. Showtimes are 7:30 Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are still on sale at www.oldfortplayers.com.

OPINION

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



Wait and see for 2023

Strange year. My first clue as to just how strange '23 was going to be was when our McIntosh Apple Tree didn't bloom. Ginnie and I have lived on the Empty Nest Farm going on eight years now, and that Mac Apple Tree has over produced every year, with apple-laden branches bent clear to the ground. The Macs are nice apples, too—full of flavor and great for eating or pies. It was sort of a fall rite, having the Snavelys come out on a Saturday to make apple sauce. I talked to a fruit tree “expert” and she said fruit trees will sometimes take a year off. Hmm. I didn't know an apple tree could be so human, so moody.

Buddy has been kind of hard to live with. Buddy is a French breed of dog called a Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen. Well, also for the first time ever, a Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen won Best of Show at the prestigious Westminster Dog Show. And the dog's name is, “Buddy Holly,” a distant cousin, according to Buddy. Geesh. Our Buddy is quite proud that his cousin won Best of Show and lords it over our cat, Stormy. Stormy feigns boredom, swishing his tail in dismissal.

When our rhubarb first came up, I cut a mess and took it in to Ginnie. She asked what I wanted her to make. Knowing that crisp is easy to make, I asked for Rhubarb Crisp. Ginnie gladly complied. I took a picture of it and posted it on Facebook, specifically on “I Grew Up In Iowa.” I'll be danged if Ginnie's Rhubarb Crisp didn't almost go viral, with over 1,200 “likes” over night, from all over the country. That is a record for anything I've ever posted on Facebook. Rhubarb rules!

We have a stock tank left over from when we raised a heifer, Blossom. Wanting to put the stock tank to use, I drug it

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WEATHER

THU 01 Jun..... Warm with late showers & storms, 89° F/ 67° F
FRI 02 Jun..... Warm with chance of showers & storms, 89° F/ 66° F
SAT 03 Jun..... Hot & sunny, 92° F/ 66° F

OpenWeatherMap



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LUCKY FOR LIFE 05/30..... 25 28 35 43 46, Lucky Ball: 2
MEGA MILLIONS 05/30..... 13 16 40 64 68, Mega Ball: 21
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For the Record

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Fort Madison Police Report

03/22/22 - 10:27 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Sierra Lynne McGee, 32, of Burlington, in the 1800 block of Avenue E, on a charge of driving under suspension.

03/23/22 - 10:39 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

03/23/22 - 10:49 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Sean Michael Raines, 40, of Fort Madison, in the 2100 block of Avenue C, on three warrants for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/23/22 - 5:15 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Andrea Jean Hoenig, 38, of Fort Madison, in the 3500 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving under suspension.

03/24/22 - 9:13 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 400 block of Avenue E.

03/24/22 - 1:30 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue H.

03/24/22 - 1:56 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 400 block of 6th Street.

03/25/22 - 9:30 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1500 block of 18th Street.

03/25/22 - 4:55 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

03/25/22 - 7:04 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1800 block of Avenue H.

03/26/22 - 12:01 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Carlos Richard Gonzales, 22, of Fort Madison, no location given, on a charge of drive license denied/revoked - OWI.

03/26/22 - 12:55 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 500 block of 5th Street.

03/26/22 - 1:36 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Shaqwanza Aviance Trotter, 30, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 48th Street and Avenue L, on a charge of driving while barred.

03/26/22 - 3:16 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Deborah Jo Johnson, 60, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of 17th Street, on a charge of city: dog disturbing peace and a warrant for xxx???

03/26/22 - 4:14 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 200 block of Avenue G.

03/26/22 - 8:26 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2800 block of Avenue M.

03/27/22 - 10:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 3900 block of Bluff Road.

03/27/22 - 7:31 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Bradley Glenn Traman, 35, of Fort Madison, in the 200 block of Avenue G, on charges of assault w/ bodily injury and contempt - violation of a no-contact order, and an active warrant

03/27/22 - 9:23 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Tehya Renee Elaine Smith, 21, of Keokuk, at the intersection of 33rd Street and Avenue L, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

03/27/22 - 11:40 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Heather Michelle Hayes, 29, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 24th Street and Avenue J, on a charge of driving while barred.

03/28/22 - 2:04 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Kaneciah Rashell Page, 21, of Burlington, at the intersection of 7th Street and Avenue G, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Lee County Sheriff Report

03/22/22 - 4:19 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 1700 block of 295th Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Judy Danielle Thompson, 41, of Argyle, was traveling in the 1700 block of 295th Street when Thompson lost control of the vehicle and struck a mailbox. No injuries or citations were reported.

03/22/22 - 11:13 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies cited and released Troy Michael Bode, 50, of Montrose, in the 400 block of 10th Street, Keokuk, on a charge of driving while barred.

03/22/22 - 11:52 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Eric Wayne Wood, 34, of Arebla, Mo., in the 1500 block of Hilton Road, Keokuk, on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance and a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/23/22 - 4:07 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Maurice Alexander Talton, Jr., 59, of Keokuk, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for

failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/23/22 - 5:26 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested James Edward Jones, 60, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/23/22 - 6:25 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jeanie Naomii Frakes, 40, of Elvaston, Ill., at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for violation of probation. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/23/22 - 9:18 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Shad Everett Marshall, 43, of Donnellson, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for domestic assault - bodily injury. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

03/23/22 - 10:52 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Phillip Ryan Beavers, 32, of Keokuk, in the 3600 block of 235th Avenue, Keokuk, on charges of failure to display registration plate, improper use of handicapped parking ID, driving while barred, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, speeding, and failure to obey stop sign/yield row. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/23/22 - 11:54 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Brittany Anne Nye, 23, of Donnellson, in the 3600 block of 235th Avenue, Keokuk, on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/24/22 - 1:11 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Gregory Wayne Myers, 63, of Cascade, IA, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on warrants for ongoing criminal conduct - unlawful, 2 warrants for 2nd degree burglary, 1st degree theft greater than \$10,000, and 2nd degree theft greater than \$1,500 but less than \$10,000. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/24/22 - 4:53 p.m. - Lee County

sheriff deputies arrested John Wesley Huss, 34, of Argyle, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for 5th degree criminal mischief. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

03/24/22 - 5:00 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Daniel James Burke, 57, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a judgment hold warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/24/22 - 6:08 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Pele Oscar Wise, 43, of Fort Wayne, Ind., in the 2800 block of N. County Rd., on warrants for 3rd degree sex abuse - def 4+ yrs older, 1st degree kidnapping, 2nd degree sex abuse 2nd or subsequent, distribute drugs near a school, pander minor for prostitution, and 2 warrants for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/25/22 - 8:45 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 3200 block of Hwy. 16. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Jerry Alexander Martin, 49, of Palos Hills, Ill., was traveling westbound on Hwy. 16 when an object flew out of the back of a vehicle driven by Max Al Doubet, 53, of Wever. The object struck Martin's vehicle causing minor damage. No injuries or citations were reported.

03/25/22 - 1:50 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies cited and released Phillesea Sea Roberts, 37, of Minneapolis, Minn., in the 1400 block of Hwy. 27, West Point, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

03/25/22 - 2:07 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies cited and released Sasha Nadine Robinson, 31, of Minneapolis, Minn., in the 1400 block of Hwy. 27, West Point, on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

03/25/22 - 5:01 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested IC Frederick Christy, 34, of Argyle, in the 3400 block of Main Street, Keokuk, on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on his own recognizance.

03/25/22 - 5:38 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Adam Nathaniel Watson, 37, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for 2nd offense domestic abuse assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

03/25/22 - 5:45 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Karley Rachele Schmitz, 28, of Argyle, in the 3400 block of Main Street, Keokuk, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

03/25/22 - 10:50 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Colton Michael Atterberg, 19, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on time served.

03/25/22 - 9:36 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Derek Roscoe Bradham, 29, of Cedar Rapids, at the intersection of Hwy. 103 and Franklin Rd., West Point, on charges of violation of a domestic no-contact order and 2 charges of possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

03/25/22 - 10:13 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Kimberley Marie Pollock, 30, of Cedar Rapids, in the 1800 block of Franklin Rd., West Point, on charges of violation of a domestic no-contact order and unlawful possession of prescription drugs. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on her own recognizance.

03/26/22 - 12:29 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Molly Rose Haynes, 29, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 18th Street and Avenue H, Fort Madison, on a charge of driving while barred. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a promise to appear.

03/26/22 - 4:57 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Roderick Vaughn Taylor Rice, 43, of Ottumwa, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of assault w/bodily injury. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/26/22 - 7:04 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Kaydence Joseph Wilson, 18, of Quincy, at the intersection of Hwy. 218 and 255th St., Donnellson, on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a promise to appear.

03/27/22 - 9:48 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Anthony Douglas Fox, 38, of Waylon, Mo., in the 3500 block of Argyle Rd., on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/28/22 - 12:00 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jerrod Wayne Dodson, 37, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/28/22 - 2:17 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Halie Ann Gunderson, 23, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 23rd Street and Avenue H, on charges of violation of a domestic no-contact order and child endangerment - no injury. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/28/22 - 2:17 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Andres Adrian Garcia, 24, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 23rd Street and Avenue H, on charges of violation of a domestic no-contact order and driving under suspension. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

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

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

LORETTA M. BAILEY

The world lost a sweet, wonderful person when Loretta M. (Griffin) Walsinger Bailey, 89, of Fort Madison, passed peacefully and rose to her Lord with the sun on Tuesday, May 30, 2023.



BAILEY

LaLa, as she was lovingly called, was born July 13, 1933 in Melrose, Iowa to William Patrick and Kathleen Agnes (McGrath) Griffin. She was one of 11 children, Billy, Mamie, Donna Jean, Bobby, Eddie, Patty, Danny, Davey, Paul and Jerry. All of whom have preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by an infant son, John Thomas Francis Walsinger, husbands Kenneth M. Walsinger and James Bailey and sons in law, John R. Goodson and Robert E. Brown.

She grew up hunting and fishing. She was a "dead eye" shot, as her brothers described her, putting them all to shame! She enjoyed playing softball, writing and reciting poetry, singing in Sweet Adelines AND she never tired of telling stories!

After graduating from high school, she worked at the Iowa Ammunition Plant, Sylvania and later at General Electric, retiring from there after many years of service. She married Kenneth Walsinger in 1953 and together they raised 3 children in Fort Madison.

She was a devout Irish Catholic and a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Fort Madison. She spent her winters with her daughter, Debra and son in law, Robert, at Silver Lakes Ranch in Texas where she attended St. William's Catholic Church during those times.

She will be sorely missed and forever remembered by her children, Debra K. Goodson, Silver Lakes Ranch, TX; Beth A. (Biff) Rippenkroeger, Wever, IA and Jeffery L. (Jackie) Walsinger, Fort Madison, IA; 3 grandchildren; Kenneth (Megan McCann) Walsinger, Allison (Derek) Sondag, Thomas (Emma Staecker) Rippenkroeger, 2 step grandchildren, Dasan (Toni Shafer) Brown, Dawn (Jerry) Chaparro; 3 great grandchildren; Jackson and Riley Sondag and Carson Brown; numerous nieces and nephews and her constant cat companion, Tippytail.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at Ss. Mary & Joseph Church. A rosary will be recited at 9:15 a.m. just prior to the visitation. The memorial mass will immediately follow at 10:30 a.m. at Ss. Mary & Joseph Church with Rev. Joseph Phung officiating. Burial will be held at Sacred Heart Cemetery. A memorial has been established and may be made in her name to: P.A.W. Animal Shelter, Attn: Tribute, 2031 48th Street, Fort Madison, IA 52627. Online condolences to the Bailey family

OBITUARIES

JESSE R. JUAREZ

Jesse R. Juarez, Sr., 68, of Ft. Madison, passed away on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 6:55 PM at Birkwood Village in Ft. Madison.

He was born on November 25, 1954 in Chicago, IL to Jesse and Calletana "Kay" Limas Juarez. Jesse worked for the Ft. Madison Fire Department from 1975-1986 and then was an EMT Paramedic Supervisor until 1998. He then worked at KBKB as a disc jockey until his retirement in 1999. Jesse was the Master of Ceremonies of the Mexican Fiesta for numerous years and also volunteered for Muscular Dystrophy Association and Riverfest. He was the co-founder of Purple Star Productions and enjoyed drawing cartoons, photography and working on electronics. Most of all, spending time with his family was most important to him.



JUAREZ

Survivors include two daughters, Jamie (Randy) Grisham of Donnellson and Candice Connolly of Des Moines; three sons, Michael (Sara) Juarez of Burlington, NC; Joel Davis of Donnellson and Jesse (Meagan) Juarez, Jr. of Ft. Madison; nine grandchildren and one great grandchild; one brother, Dan (Lauri) Juarez of Kewanee, IL and one sister, Rochelle (Eric) McGruder of Marion, IN. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, David Juarez.

The family will meet with friends from 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM on Saturday, June 3, 2023 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. Following visitation his body will be cremated and burial will be held in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in his memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

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. Repeating of obituaries due to changes can only be requested by the submitting funeral home and will be assessed a \$15 repeating fee.

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Sports/Iowa News

AREA SOFTBALL

Central Lee hands HTC 15-8 loss

Mary Hellige gets 200th career strikeout in win over Danville Tuesday; Alix Congdon scores 4 runs to lead Lady Hawks

WEST POINT – Central Lee girls started quick with eight runs in the first two innings to lift them to a win over cross-county rival Holy Trinity Catholic Friday 15-8.

The Hawks got three hits each from Alix Congdon, Jaci Hawk, Shanna Buford, Bailey Schwartz, and Carlee Pezley enroute to a 19-hit performance against the Crusaders.

Pezley and Kenna Sandoval combined for seven RBIs in the win.

Central Lee's Everlee Harvey went 5 2/3 innings giving up just two earned runs on two hits, while fanning three and walking two.

Mary Hellige went the distance for HTC giving up 19 hits and 15 runs, just nine earned in the loss.

Hellige and Brooke Mueller had the two hits in the game off Harvey. Schwartz came on in relief and threw 1 1/3 hitless innings, but walked five and allowed five to score.

Jenna DiPrima had two RBIs. Hellige and Mueller each had two runs scored.

Congdon scored four runs to lead the Lady Hawks. Sandoval and Schwartz each had three runs on three hits for Central Lee.

The Lady Hawks move to 2-0 in SEI Superconference and 3-4 overall. They travel to New London tonight for a 7 p.m. game.

The Crusaders fell to 1-2 in the conference and 2-2 overall with the loss.

Holy Trinity rebounded with a 14-2 win over Danville Tuesday night. Hellige went 4-4 with three runs scored and recorded her 200th high school strikeout on the mound for the Crusaders.

Cain, Hellige, and Mueller all had three hits for the Crusaders. Hellige and Mueller each had 3 RBIs for HTC.

Hellige went the distance again for HTC striking out five and walking just one on one earned run and three hits.

IEDA to pump \$5M into state food banks

DES MOINES – Today, Gov. Reynolds and the Iowa Economic Development Authority announced a \$5 million investment in food banks and food pantry networks to help more Iowans in need get access to fresh, nutritious food.

“Access to fresh foods is a challenge for those facing food insecurity and soaring inflation has made it even harder,” said Gov. Reynolds. “Iowa is making long-term investments to reduce food insecurity in our communities – supporting food banks and their networks to better serve those in need. This one-time infrastructure investment will help improve capacity and distribution at Iowa’s food banks, and ensure more Iowans have access to the food they need.”

The new Iowa Food Insecurity Infrastructure Fund will help eligible nonprofits that have experienced economic hardship build, expand, or remodel facilities to enable them to increase the amount of food, especially fresh food, distributed to local food pantries throughout Iowa. Eligible nonprofits include food banks that are bulk food aggregators or distributors that replenish food pantries across Iowa, as well as nonprofit food pantry networks that serve as primary distribution points.

IEDA will begin accepting applications on June 1 and will continue to review applications as they arrive through July 1 or until funding runs out. Funded projects must be completed by June 30, 2026. For more information, visit <https://www.iowaeda.com/infrastructure/food-infrastructure/>.

BACK PAIN?

Do You Have Hip Pain? Are You As Stiff As a Board When You Try to Get Up From a Chair? Have You Run Out of Hope?

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Dr. Jason James, D.C.

I'd be stupid to make such a claim if I couldn't back it up. But I am so confident we can help your back, I insist on giving you a 100% SATISFACTION PLEDGE at James Healthcare. I hate empty promises, and I also hate the lies most folks have been told about their backs. That's why it's important I expose these MYTHS about back pain.

MYTH #1: Sciatica (pain down your leg) is always caused by a herniated disc!

No way...even though most doctors will sell you a \$3,000 MRI at the first sign of leg pain. But they don't tell you about a 5-inch muscle in the hip that can squeeze the sciatic nerve. And it feels EXACTLY like you've got the worst slipped disc on earth. It's a major discovery and...

The good news is that it can be easy and inexpensive to correct! How? Just keep reading! But first, here's a picture to show you where the pain comes from:



MYTH #2: Stiffness from Arthritis means you're getting old...and it must be the reason for all your pain and stiffness!

Not true, because thousands of folks with arthritis in their backs have absolutely NO PAIN! Then why do YOU feel like your back will snap if you bend forward or twist too fast? Because the truth is:

Your stiffness may be caused by a hidden, even more dangerous problem than arthritis, and it can lead to a hip replacement!

You see, most folks believe that something mysterious (like maybe an "arthritis fairy") waved a wand over them, and they're cursed... doomed to suffer forever.

But did you know that many arthritis problems are CAUSED by a combination of unseen imbalances in the spine and surrounding muscles? It's the most common cause of hip replacements but not that hard to correct if we catch it in time. It's like the tires on your car...

If the alignment is off just a teeny-weeny bit, at first you don't notice, but over a few thousand miles you start to see signs of wear...that is, if you're lucky enough to catch it before a flat on the freeway ruins your day. In your spine, you're lucky if you catch untreated imbalances before they ruin your spine! How to fix them? Just look at Myth #3.

MYTH #3: Your Back is "Out"!

Sure, that's exactly how it feels. But guess what, we found that's usually not the case. It sounds good, but we now know better. You see, there are 7 different reasons for that painful, locked-up and stuck feeling that causes so much misery:

- low-grade spasm
- pelvis torque and tension
- imbalance of hips

- fallen or dropped arches
- stiff vertebra joint
- adhesions in leg muscle
- pinched nerve

It's NOT just your spine, and it's NOT just your muscles. As a matter of fact, if one of the major muscles that stabilize the spine is partly spasmed, a "2nd stringer" will have to carry the load. But this is a serious problem...

It's like having your plumber doing all the dangerous electrical work!

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MYTH #4: "It's Only a Muscle!"

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Lee County News/Sports

Schau gets Central Lee's Teacher of the Year honor

DONNELSON — Five teachers and staff from the Central Lee Community School District have received honors for the 2022-23 school year.

Each year, the district recognizes staff members who surpass expectations for serving students and families, presenting the awards at an end-of-the-year celebration and banquet.

This year's Teacher of the Year recipient is Justin Schau, Industrial Technology Teacher at Central Lee High School. Schau is well-known for his no-nonsense approach to teaching and for his work building a top-tier technology program at the high school.



SCHAU

"Justin provides real-life, hands-on experiences for our students, and ventures well above and beyond the expectations set for a high school teacher to ensure his students find successful outcomes," said Dr. Andy Crozier, Central Lee Superintendent. "He is respected and adored by his students, is irreplaceable within our high school industrial technology program, and has created a gold standard for teaching for others to emulate."

Middle School Associate Andrea Westfall has received the Employee of the Year award. She was recognized for her contributions to the learning environment within the classrooms she serves.



WESTFALL

"During monthly action team meetings, Andrea is an active participant and brings great ideas for middle school students' leadership roles," said Kim Ensminger, Middle School Principal and Director of Transportation for the district. "She is consistently focused on serving students and their needs."

The 2022-23 Bus Driver of the Year is Rodney Tweedy. Rodney, who will step away from bus driving after this school year, is well-known for being meticulous and having one of the cleanest buses in the fleet.



FRAISE

"Rodney is loved by his students," said Ensminger. "He's one of the quietest drivers we have, but he models the skills and behaviors we desire for everyone."

Amy Fraise, Computer Science Teacher at both the middle school and high school, has been named Newcomer of the Year for her work building the new computer science program.



FRAISE

"Amy is already looking into the future to find ways to expand the program, add to the course list, and create more opportunities for students," said Nicole Herdrich, CLHS Principal. "She puts in long hours, travels with the robotics team, and has been an outstanding addition to our Central Lee family."

Finally, the Chris Gray Award, created during the 2021-22 school year to honor Central Lee's former facilities director, was presented to Nadine Weirather, Talented & Gifted and Extending Learning Program Coordinator, for her 39 years of service.

"This award reflects Nadine's dedication and loyalty to Central Lee's students, staff, families, and community members," said Crozier. "We are grateful for the work she puts in to create opportunities for and support the success of our students."

Over the coming days, Central Lee will be celebrating these award recipients via social media.

SOCCER WRAP-UP

Wellman named Co-POY in Southeast Conference

FORT MADISON - Four Fort Madison players were named to the Southeast Conference girls soccer all-conference team.

Goalkeeper Taylor Johnson, forwards Teagan Snaadt and Hadley Wolfe, and defender Camille Kruse were named to the list from the Bloodhounds, who finished second in the conference and reached the Class 2A regional finals.

Johnson, a junior, had 109 saves in 17 games, finishing with an 85.2% save average.

Wolfe, a freshman, led the Bloodhounds with 21 goals, adding seven assists.

Snaadt, a sophomore, had 20 goals and had nine assists.

Kruse, a senior, was one of the anchors of the defense for the Bloodhounds, who recorded eight shutouts this season.

Freshman Halle Menke and sophomore Bailey Vaughn were named to the honorable mention list. Menke had three goals and a team-high 11 assists, while Vaughn was a key part of the outside of the Bloodhounds' defense.

Fort Madison players named to the academic all-conference list were Johnson, Kruse, Mary Kate Bendlage, Taegan Denning, Elena Galan Ardila, Jenna Hellman, Olivia Kraus, Daniela Matas, Laura Mehmert, Breeann Walston and Paetyn Wiegand.

Charice Auwerda, a sophomore from Mount Pleasant, was named the conference player of the year.

On the boys side, FMHS landed five players on the All-Conference squad including seniors Xander Wellman and Jacob Pothitakis. Juniors Nathan Bowen and Leif Boeding and sophomore Jacob Shottenkirk were also named to the team.

Wellman was named Co-Player of the Year with Burlington's Braden Schoenen.

The Bloodhound returned from a knee injury last year that made him miss most of the season and then returned to lead Fort Madison and the SEC with 30 goals and assists with 16. Wellman's 30 goals was second best in the state in Class 3A well short of the 70 put in by Marion senior Jackson Kirsch.

Nathaniel Swigart and Henry Graham received honorable mention status.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
FORT MADISON
COMMUNITY SCHOOL
DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING
05/15/2023 - 06:00 PM
CENTRAL OFFICE,
BOARD ROOM
1930 AVENUE M
FORT MADISON, IOWA
52627
MEETING MINUTES**

Attendees
Voting Members Dianne Hope, Director Josh Wykert, Board President Lois DiPrima, Director Brad Menke, Director Carol Ross, Director Mio Santiago, Vice President Paul Wilkerson, Director
Non-Voting Members Dr. Erin Slater, Superintendent, Kim Harmon, Dir.

of Curriculum, Sp. Ed & Student Services Sandy Elmore, Director of Business Services
I. Call Public Hearing to Order and Determination of a quorum The Public Hearing was called to order by President Wykert at 6:00
II. Approve the agenda Motion made by: Lois DiPrima Motion seconded by: Dianne Hope Voting: Unanimously Approved
III. Amendment of Current Budget FY2022-2023
IV. Receive oral comments There were none.
V. Receive written comments There were none.
VI. Adjourn The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Motion made by: Dianne Hope
Motion seconded by: Carol Ross
Voting: Unanimously Approved
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
05/15/2023 - 06:00 PM
CENTRAL OFFICE,
BOARD ROOM
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FORT MADISON, IOWA
52627
MEETING MINUTES**

Public Comments are welcome. They are limited to 3 minutes. Any member of the public who wishes to participate in public comments must be physically present at the meeting and follow

the appropriate sign in procedures.
Finance: Hope/Santiago
Attendees
Voting Members Dianne Hope, Director Josh Wykert, Board President Lois DiPrima, Director Brad Menke, Director Carol Ross, Director Mio Santiago, Vice President Paul Wilkerson, Director
Non-Voting Members Dr. Erin Slater, Superintendent, Kim Harmon, Dir. of Curriculum, Sp. Ed & Student Services Sandy Elmore, Director of Business Services
I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum The meeting was called to order by President Wykert at 6:01 p.m.

II. Recognition of guests President Wykert welcomed members of the audience present and explained the procedures for the meeting.
III. Reading of Foundation documents The Board read and reviewed the Foundation documents consisting of the Vision, Mission and Belief statements and the Goals for the Fort Madison Community School District.
IV. Monthly communications
A. Student Representative Report - Jedidiah Bruster & Ethan Huffman The Board received a report of the ongoing activities at the High School.
B. PK-6; 7-12 Reno-

vation and Construction Update
Representatives from Carl A. Nelson Co. gave an update on the progress of the Middle School PK-6 and High School 7-12 Renovation and Construction project.
C. District Successes! The Board received a report on the recent Taste of Kindergarten that was held.
D. Superintendent Goal Report
1. School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) annual report The Board received the Annual Report from the School Improvement Advisory Committee.
E. District Presentations
1. WWII Trip Presenta-

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PUBLIC NOTICES

tion The Board received the WWII Trip Presentation.

2. Creative Learning Center (CLC) Report The Creative Learning Center (CLC) presented the Annual Report for the CLC.

V. Approve the agenda Motion made by: Brad Menke

Motion seconded by: Lois DiPrima

Voting: Unanimously Approved

VI. Consent Agenda

Motion made by: Di-
anne Hope

Motion seconded by:
Lois DiPrima

Voting: Unanimously
Approved

A. Minutes

1. Regular Board Meet-
ing - April 17, 2023

2. Public Hearing - April
17, 2023

3. Special Meeting -
April 25, 2023

4. Public Hearing - May
01, 2023

5. Work Session/Spe-
cial Meeting - May 01,
2023

B. Financial Reports

1. April Balance Sheet

2. Revenue Summary
Report

3. Expenditure Report

4. Student Activity
Report

C. Accounts payable

1. April General Account
Board Bills for Approval

2. May General Account
Board Bills for Approval

3. Student Activity
Account Board Bills for
Approval

4. Nutrition Account
Board Bills for Approval

5. American Express
Board Bills for Approval

D. Consider personnel
resignations

1. Michelle Newberry -
Teacher, MS

2. Connie Stigall - Food
Service, LE

3. Lori Hay - Food Ser-
vice, LE

4. Quincy Smith - 9th
Grade Boys Basketball
Coach

5. Olivia Johnson -
Teacher, LE

6. Karen Woodley -
Food Service, LE

7. Kristina Allen -
Teacher, MS

8. Chelsea Page -
Teacher, RE

9. Patrick Carney - As-
sociate, RE

10. Marianne Rogers -
Custodian, LE

E. Consider employ-
ment of personnel

1. Kelly Knox-Kreiss -
Associate, MS

2. Logan Doty - Assis-
tant Soccer Coach, MS

3. Jason Thurman - As-
sistant Baseball Coach,
HS

4. Tristen Dickerson -
Teacher, MS

5. Mitchell Simms -
Teacher, MS

6. Colin DePriest -
Teacher, MS

7. Allison Hoyle - Teach-
er, MS

F. Consider contract
modifications

G. Consider leave of
absence

H. Consider open en-
rollment requests

I. Other reports

1. 22-23 Donations

2. 22-23 Fundraisers

3. MS/HS Renovations
and Additions Project
Summary

VII. Action Items

A. Director of Curricu-
lum and Student Services

1. Consider approval
of the 2023-2024 Y Kids
Preschool Contract with
YMCA

Motion made by: Lois
DiPrima

Motion seconded by:
Carol Ross

Voting: Unanimously
Approved

B. Superintendent

1. Chronological Poli-
cies for Review

Motion made by: Di-
anne Hope

Motion seconded by:
Lois DiPrima

Voting: Unanimously
Approved

1. Policy 507.03: Com-
municable Diseases -
Students

2. Policy
507.04: Student Illness or
Injury at School

3. Policy 507.06: Stu-
dent Insurance

4. Policy 507.05: Emer-
gency Plans and Drills

2. Quarterly Policies for
Review

Motion made by: Di-
anne Hope

Motion seconded by:
Mio Santiago

Voting: Unanimously
Approved

1. Policy 501.02: Non-
resident Students

2. Re-numbered Policy
705.02: Credit and Pro-
curement Cards

3. Policy 604.06:
Instruction at a Post-Sec-
ondary Educational
Institution

4. Policy 708: Care,
Maintenance and Dis-
posal of School District
Records

3. Consider approval of
the 2023 National Safety
Conference & Exposition

Motion made by: Brad
Menke

Motion seconded by:
Lois DiPrima

Voting: Unanimously
Approved

C. Board Secretary/Di-
rector of Finance

1. Consider Approval of
Tentative Agreement with
AFSCME

Motion made by: Brad
Menke

Motion seconded by:
Lois DiPrima

Voting: Unanimously
Approved

2. Consider Approval of
Tentative Agreement with
Teamsters Unit #1

Motion made by: Lois
DiPrima

Motion seconded by:
Brad Menke

Voting: Unanimously
Approved

3. Consider Approval of
Tentative Agreement with
Teamsters Unit #2

Motion made by: Mio
Santiago

Motion seconded by:
Brad Menke

Voting: Unanimously
Approved

4. Consider Approval
of Amendment of Current
Budget for Fiscal Year
July 1, 2022 - June 30,
2023

Motion made by: Di-
anne Hope

Motion seconded by:
Brad Menke

Voting: Unanimously
Approved

IX. Comments from
the audience There were
none.

X. Legislative update
The legislative session
has ended.

XI. Announcements

A. Class of 2023
Commencement: June
03, 2023, 11:00 am - Fort
Madison High School

B. Board Work Session:
June 12, 2023, 6:00 pm
- Central Office Board
Room

C. Regular Board Meet-
ing: June 19, 2023, 6:00
pm - Central Office Board
Room

XII. Closed Session to
conduct Superintendent
evaluation as per Section
21.5(1)(i) of the Code of
Iowa

Motion made by: Di-
anne Hope

Motion seconded by:
Lois DiPrima

Voting: Dianne Hope
- Yes Josh Wykert - Yes
Lois DiPrima - Yes Brad
Menke - Yes Carol Ross
- Yes Mio Santiago - Yes
Paul Wilkerson - Yes

The Board entered into
the closed session at
7:40 p.m. and exited the
closed session at 8:29
p.m.

XIII. Adjourn The meet-
ing was adjourned at 9:30
p.m. Motion made by:
Brad Menke

Motion seconded by:
Lois DiPrima

Voting: Unanimously
Approved

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Scene Around Town/From the Front

Clute, Randolph balance cast

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with Olive the free-wheeling type B personality to Florence's buttoned-down Type A looking for a friendship connection after a bitter separation.

Olive is played pretty darned well by first-timer Tierra Griffith who brings together the character of a sports geek of sorts and the good-ole-girl. Griffith is the librarian in Montrose and is relatively new to southeast Iowa being here just 18 months.

Florence Unger is played by Jennifer Pranger whose passive-aggressive approach to just about everything is only received well by Olive – on occasion.

Pranger is taking on her second role with OFP after rolling with Drinking Habits 2. She's also volunteered in different

roles with the theater. Apparently, she makes some mean baked goods as well.

OFP vet Richar Abel plays Sylvie, a friend of the duo who'd rather "keep it real" than play around with the Unger's emotional leanings. Abel is steeped in OFP operations with a role on the board and she ran the children's theater.

Ty Clute and Michael Reed Randolph return to the playhouse in roles as a couple of suave Spanish suitors, Manolo and Jesus Costazuela. The two bring the comic relief to an otherwise constant settling of the relationship between Olive and Florence.

Cathleen James plays another of the circle of friends, Mickey. James is not such a novice to the community theater

but cut her chops in high school. She has had roles OFPs "Four Old Broads" and "Miracle on 34th Street".

Other cast members include Alicia Rodriguez and RaCayla Adams who round out the group of friends as Vera and Renee.

The play starts in the semi-ransacked bachelorette pad of Olive in New York City. After offering the dispondent Florence a room in the apartment, things go just as you'd imagine as the tidy Unger takes over causing a tectonic shift in Olive's lifestyle that may – or may not – get worked out.

You'll have to grab a seat and find out for yourself. Be ready, this one will make you laugh.

Angela Sanford again directs.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

A couple of visitors to this past weekend's Muster on the Mississippi listen to a presentation on weaponry inside the Old Fort in Fort Madison Sunday afternoon.

2023 has been strange - so far

BUDDY - Continued from Page 1

up to the house, filled it ¾ full of plastic pop bottles for filler, then added a six-inch layer of potting soil. To this we planted strawberries. The strawberries actually survived the winter, thanks to no care by us. And they are doing remarkably well this spring, growing tall and blooming. Ginnie was inspecting her strawberries when, out popped a baby bunny. Exploring with her hand, there was a fur-lined hole under a strawberry plant that ran clear down into the pop bottles. Go figure. Buddy watched the whole episode, whining. After-all, Petit Basset Griffon Vendéens are rabbit dogs.

However, the strangest happening of 2023, so far, has got to be the violent storm we had on Sunday evening, May 7. There were tornado warnings, hail, a power outage, and a straight-line blow of over 70 mph. Our 2 ½ acre Empty Nest Farm is surrounded by corn fields. Because of no-till farming, the fields are littered with last year's corn stalks and shucks. Those stalks and shucks wound up where? Yep, you guessed it. Our yard. It was like snow piling up in drifts. In places, the stalk-and-shuck drifts were knee deep. Just how in the heck were we supposed to clean up a mess like that? Talking to some old timers (older than me), they said they had never

in their lives seen such a stalk-and-shuck storm. Which did us absolutely no good in dealing with the mess.

Then it came to me. If there were drifts of stalks and shucks, treat it like drifts. I got the tractor and loader going and went to work. The stalks and shucks actually scooped up rather nicely, like snow drifts. I made a big pile of stalks and shucks in the middle of the farmyard. Rabbits seem attracted to it for possible new home-building material.

All I know is '23 has been a strange year. Morning sunrises are clouded with smoke from Canada, and Northern Lights dance at night. I'll wait and see about '23.

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SATURDAY

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Town Wide Yard Sales 8 a.m.
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.
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