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# Aquinas alum talks STEM

2023 ELECTION

## Absentee ballots now available

BY PCC STAFF

LEE COUNTY - Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise announces the Lee County Auditor's Office is now accepting absentee ballot requests for the November 7, 2023 City/School Election.

Request forms can be obtained on the County website- [www.leecounty.org](http://www.leecounty.org) - under the heading "I want to .... Get... Absentee Ballot" Click on "Absentee Ballot Request Form" to download a request form. You must include

the date the request is signed. Requests should be delivered or mailed to the Lee County Auditor, 933 Avenue H Fort Madison IA 52627.



FRAISE

Absentee ballots will be available on Wednesday, October 18, 2023. This is the first day that absentee ballots may be mailed to voters. It is also the first day to vote absentee in person at the County Auditor's Office, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or the Courthouse in Keokuk, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eligible voters may vote in person until November 6th at 4:30 p.m. The deadline to mail absentee ballots is Monday, October 23rd.

All absentee ballots must be received by the County Auditor by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 7th. Postmarks or bar codes printed on ballot envelopes will no longer make a ballot received after Election Day valid except ballots from participants in the Safe at Home program received by the Secretary of State in time to be transmitted to the County Auditor by noon on the Monday following the election and ballots from uniformed and overseas citizens received by noon on the Monday following the election.

The only people who may return a voted absentee ballot to the County Auditor's Office other than the voter, are someone living in the voter's household, an immediate family member, the special precinct election officials who deliver a ballot to

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

1974 Fort Madison Aquinas graduate Greg Schmidt talks with Holy Trinity Catholic students Monday morning about his career in medicine and how it started with the influence of a teacher.

## PASSION: Schmidt talks to HTC students about finding passion in their lives.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A former Fort Madison Aquinas student took time Monday morning to help students take a closer look at medical career choices.

Gregory Schmidt, a 1974 graduate of Aquinas, spoke with students in the science classroom at Holy Trinity Catholic High School about the power of STEM programs and the impact of teachers on students' lives.

Schmidt referenced Sister Harriett Ping as a teacher that helped him find his passion in life.

He said his parents got him a chemistry set when he was in third grade, but when he got to high school, he found himself in the small chemical room.

"The first thing that Sister Ping did was to give me access to those things," he said.

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## EMPTY NEST

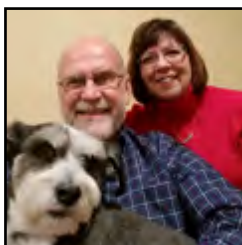
### Wagering that "The Wager" will keep you spellbound

From the first sentence, Each man in the squadron carried, along with a sea chest, his own burdensome story, to the last, Nothing else remains of the ferocious struggle that once took place there, or of the ravaging dreams of empires, "The Wager" by David Grann is perhaps the finest book I have ever read. I know, I've said that about other books, but I base my claim on the fact

## EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm

that I read the bulk of the book, all 328 pages, in one day, and I'm a painstakingly slow reader. It was Sunday of La-



bor Day weekend, there was no church, I had a two-and-a-half-hour workout on the elliptical machine, it was 90°+ outside, and I felt like being lazy. Ginnie let me get away with it, fixing me breakfast, then chocolate sheet cake with pecans, then stuffed peppers for supper, using our own garden peppers. Yes, I'm spoiled and pleasantly stuffed.

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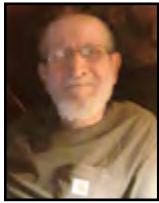
# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### MICHAEL L. STICE

Michael Lee Stice, 64, of Keokuk, passed away on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Illinois.

Michael was born on July 26, 1959, in Keokuk, the son of James William and Elizabeth Ann (Reynolds) Stice. He graduated from Keokuk High School in 1977, and worked in fabrication for seventeen years, retiring in 2017. He enjoyed spending his free time shooting at the Tri-State Gun Club, watching TV with his brother Mark, and playing cell phone games. Michael will be remembered for his love of animals and his kind and generous heart.



STICE

Michael is survived by his brother Mark of Keokuk.

Michael is preceded in death by his parents.

According to his wishes, no services will be held.

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

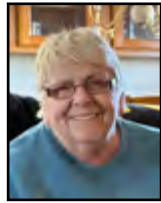
DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

## OBITUARIES

### PATRICIA J. VRADENBURG

Patricia Jo Vradenburg, 76, of Keokuk, passed away on Friday, September 8, 2023, at her home in Keokuk.

Patricia was born on June 11, 1947, in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of Max and Lucy (Wardwell) Nixon. In 1968, she was united in marriage to Art Vradenburg in Keokuk. They were later divorced but remained on good terms.



VRADENBURG

Patricia was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and was employed at Walmart in Keokuk for twenty years. She was an avid bowler and loved watching and rooting for the St. Louis Cardinals.

Patricia is survived by her son Brian (April) Vradenburg of Edina, Minnesota; her grandson Max Vradenburg of Edina, Minnesota; her brother Mike Woods of Keokuk; and six nieces and nephews.

Patricia is preceded in death by her parents and her sons Aaron and Seth Vradenburg.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk, with burial to follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Keokuk, Iowa. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Thursday from 10 am to 12 pm, directly before the service.

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

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

### MILDRED L. SCHULZ

Mildred L. "Millie" Schulz, 107, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 2:48 p.m. on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in West Burlington, IA. She was born on January 18, 1916 in Normal, IL to Thomas & Louise Schroeder Landes. She married



SCHULZ

Lawrence "Babe" F. Schulz on December 19, 1936. He preceded her in death. She graduated from Normal Community High School in 1934 and attended St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Bloomington, IL. They moved to Keosauqua, IA in 1947 to farm. While farming, they took care of numerous foster children. After retiring from the farm, she worked at the Van Buren County Home and also filled in in Quincy as house parents at a home for troubled youth. They retired to Florida and volunteered at area nursing homes and hospitals.

Millie is survived by: 1-son: Jerry (Pat) Schulz of Fort Madison, IA; 1-daughter: Patti (Kenny) Patterson of St. Charles, IA; 6-grandchildren; 7-great grandchildren & 13-great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by: her parents and 8-siblings.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and no services are planned. Online condolences to the Schulz family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

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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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# Lee County News/From the Front

## Deadline to register for vote is Oct. 23

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the resident of a health care facility, or a delivery agent if a voter is unable to return a ballot due to blindness or other disability.

The deadline to pre-register to vote in the City/School Election is Monday, October 23rd at 5:00 p.m. If an eligible elector is not already registered to vote, he or she may do so in one of the following ways:

Register to vote by mail: Voter registration forms are available on the Lee County website - [www.leecounty.org](http://www.leecounty.org) - under the heading "I want to .... Register... To Vote" Click on "Register to Vote" to download a voter registration form. The completed form should be mailed to the Lee County Auditor, 933 Avenue H Fort Madison IA

Register to vote in person at the County Auditor's Office by October 23rd by 5:00 p.m. After October 23rd, you may register and vote in person until 4:30 p.m. November 6th. You must show proof of identity and proof of residency.

Register to vote online: Voters may go to <https://sos.iowa.gov/> and follow the online voter registration link. An Iowa driver's license or non-operator ID is required for online registration.

Eligible electors may also register to vote at their polling site on Election Day with both proof of identity and proof of residency. This "SAME DAY VOTER REGISTRATION" procedure may slow up the voting experience for voters choosing to wait until Election Day to register and vote at the polling site.

Polls will be open for the City/School Election on November 7, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Employers must allow employees two consecutive hours to vote on Election Day if the employee does not already have two consecutive hours off during the time the polls are open.

### VETERAN NEWS

## Lee County veterans group hosts outreach event at Wilson Lake

PCC Staff

LEE COUNTY - The Lee County Commission of Veterans Affairs will be hosting an Outreach Event for area veterans and their families on Saturday, September 16, 2023, from 11am - 2:00 pm. The event will take place at the large shelter house at the county park, Wilson Lake, located just off Highway 2 between Donnellson and Wet Point.

There will be hot dogs, chips and drinks served. Fishing and hiking will be available in this beautiful park for the adults and kiddos alike, so you may want to bring your fishing tackle. We will have several representatives on hand from the following programs that help veterans: Iowa Works, Home Base Iowa, VBA Administration, Southeastern Community College (GI Bill), Community Engagement & Partnership Coordinator, Suicide Prevention, Caregivers Support Programs, Keokuk National Cemetery, Iowa 2 x 4s For Hope, Conservation Park Rangers and, due to popular request, we are bringing back the Lee County Veteran ID cards.

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## Lee County News/From the Front

### Book gives insight to British military

**BOOK** - Continued from Page 1

David Grann, a voracious researcher of narrative non-fiction, actually investigates the locations where his stories take place, like the Amazon for his first book, "The Lost City of Z." It gives him a better feel for the story ("there are voices in archives") and enhances his prose.

The Wager is a man-of-war ship of the British Royal Navy in the eighteenth century. It's named, if you're wondering, after Sir Charles Wager, a First Lord of the Admiralty. "The ship's name seemed fitting: weren't they all gambling with their lives?"

There are three main characters in the book, maybe four, which is unusual in historical non-fiction, where the story typically revolves around one central figure. The characters are, Captain of the Wager, David Cheap (no kidding); gunner of the Wager, and main antagonist (if you don't count the sea), John Bulkeley; and young John Byron, a midshipman and my favorite character. John Byron will later become grandfather to famed poet Lord Byron, who wrote "Dante," "Don Juan" and other epic poems. The fourth character, Admiral George Anson, was known as "Father of the British Navy" for that time period. Midshipman John Bryon would go on to name his second son after Admiral Anson, Geoge Anson Byron.

An intriguing side feature of "The Wager" is how many of the nautical terms of the day slipped into everyday language and are still being used. For example: to "toe the line" came from when sailors were forced to stand at attention with their toes on a deck seam. My mother was fond of the the term "pipe down" which was the boatswain's whistle for everyone to be quiet at night. "Piping hot" was the boatswain's call for meals. "Scuttlebutt" was a water barrel that the sailors huddled around and gossiped. If the ropes to the sails broke in high winds, and the ship pitched about drunkenly, it was said she was "three sheets to the wind." It was reported that Vice Admiral Nelson placed his telescope against his blind eye so that he couldn't see the signal to retreat. This became known as "turn a blind eye."

As the flu killed more soldiers during WW I than fighting, scurvy killed more sailors than fighting or shipwreck. In a man-of-war, with a typical crew of 700 men, it was not uncommon for 350 or more to die of the dreaded scurvy before the ship's destination was reached. And in those days, it was legal to kidnap innocent civilians off the street of London, and force them into service for years at a time, regardless of family. His loved ones may never see him again or know what happened to him. Scurvy was so debilitating and emaciating that skin would peel from the bone. It was not known that a better diet of fruit and vegetables, something that was hard to preserve aboard ship, was the cure for scurvy. Bodies were dumped into the sea while a cannon fired.

But the story of what happened to the Wager, and the roles that Cheap, Bulkeley, Byron and Anson played is a seafaring tale I wager will captivate you. Ginnie agrees.

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### PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**West Burlington**  
**Regular City Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday,**  
**August 2, 2023**

The West Burlington City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at West Burlington City Hall, 122 Broadway Street, West Burling-

ton, Iowa, with Mayor Ron Teater presiding.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**  
 Ron Teater, Kathy Newberry, Andy Crowner, Therese Lees, and Melanie Young

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**  
 John Johnson

**ALSO PRESENT:**  
 Police Chief Jesse Logan, City Clerk Kelly Fry, Finance Manager Angela Moore, and City Adminis-

trator Gregg Mandsager  
**CALL TO ORDER**  
**PLEDGE OF ALLE-**  
**GIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**  
**PERFECTING & AP-**  
**PROVAL OF AGENDA**  
 Moved by Lees, seconded by Newberry, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Lees, and

Young  
**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Minutes from the Regular City Council meeting on July 19, 2023
- Liquor License Renewal for Target
- Quote from Reid's Landscaping for seeding related to the Mt. Pleasant Water Tower & Booster Station Project - \$8,600
- Payment to Snyder &

Associates for engineering services related to the Gear Ave. Trail - Phase II Project - \$13,560

• Payment to Snyder & Associates for engineering services related to the Mt. Pleasant St. Water Tower & Booster Station Project - \$1,117.07

• Payment to Fye Excavating for water main repairs in the 500 block of Spring Street - \$36,750

• Payment of Claims as listed on the Ex-

pense Approval Report - \$134,387.39

Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Lees, and Young

**COUNCIL & STAFF**  
**REPORTS**

**CITIZEN INQUIRIES**  
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If you have any questions, please contact Lee County Engineer Office at (319) 372-2541 or email them at [engineer@leecounty.org](mailto:engineer@leecounty.org).



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Lee County provides equal opportunity in employment to all persons regardless of age, race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion, or disability.

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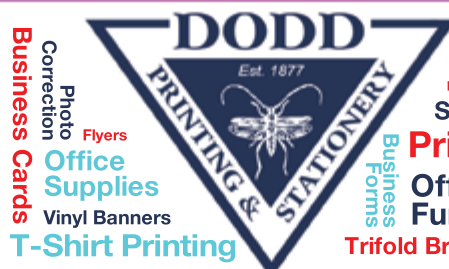


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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Westland Mall Plat Two Subdivision

Council considered a Resolution authorizing an internal advance of \$22,429.78 from the Local Option Sales Tax Fund to cover the costs associated with purchasing Lot B and Lot F in the Westland Mall Plat Two Subdivision.

Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to approve a Resolution establishing an Internal Loan from Local Option Sales Tax Fund for the purchase of Lot B & F in Westland

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#### ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY

The Lee County Attorney is accepting applications for a full-time Assistant County Attorney. Primary duties involve all aspects of trial work including daily court appearances, assistance with investigations; charging of criminal cases; interaction and training with law enforcement, victim and witness contact, representing the State at hearings, trials, and in other legal proceedings; and other duties as assigned. The duties of this position may change as determined by the County Attorney.

#### REQUIREMENTS:

Graduation from an accredited law school and admission to practice law in the State of Iowa with a law license in good standing and no history of discipline. Must be able to simultaneously handle multiple areas of responsibility with minimal supervision, properly prioritizing tasks and duties as dictated by changing demands. Must be able to simultaneously advance all assigned cases in a large trial caseload. Prior trial experience and prosecution experience is preferred but not required.

#### SALARY:

Salary range to start between \$68,000.00 and \$83,000.00 per year commensurate with experience, as well as a very competitive benefits package.

Applicants should submit, by email or mail, a cover letter, resume, writing sample, and three references to:

Ross J. Braden  
Lee County Attorney  
25 N. 7th Street  
PO Box 824  
Keokuk, Iowa 52632  
[rbraden@leecounty.org](mailto:rbraden@leecounty.org)

Applications must be received by September 30, 2023 at 4:30 PM.

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### Mall Plat Two Subdivision Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Lees, and Young

Consider a Resolution setting wages for Non-Union positions for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Council reviewed non-union wages and agreed to make adjustments to the Public Works Director and City Clerk's wage for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 based on market comparisons. In the future, Council plans to have a market rate analysis done every four years or as needed to compare employee wages to those of similar communities and positions. Council will also consider merit recommendations during

### HELP WANTED

#### PUBLIC WORKS GENERAL OPERATOR

**GENERAL PURPOSE**  
Performs a variety of unskilled or semi-skilled maintenance work, operates a variety of equipment in the construction, operation, repair, maintenance and replacement of City street, sanitary and storm drainage facilities and systems.

#### DESIRED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education and Experience:  
• Graduation from high school education or GED equivalent and  
• Two (2) years of experience relating to construction, maintenance, or repair, or  
• Any equivalent combination of education and experience.

#### Special Requirements:

• Valid State Driver's license  
• Class B CDL or the ability to obtain one within six months of hire.

Necessary knowledge, skills, and experience:

• Some knowledge of equipment, facilities, materials, methods and procedures used in maintenance, construction and repair activities;  
• Skill in operation of some of the listed tools and equipment;  
• Ability to perform heavy manual tasks for extended periods of time; ability to work safely; ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with employees, other departments and the public; ability to understand and carry out written and oral instructions.

Submit applications to Justina Cullen at City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, IA 52627 or via email at [jcullen@fortmadison-ia.com](mailto:jcullen@fortmadison-ia.com) by 4:30pm on Friday, September 29, 2023.



the budget process based on recommendations from the City Administrator and following annual performance evaluations.

Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to approve a Resolution setting wages for Non-Union positions for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Lees, and Young

Consider a Resolution setting wages for a Non-Union position for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Council reviewed non-union wages and agreed to modify the IT Administrator's job title to IT Manager to better reflect the responsibilities of the position and also agreed to make an adjustment to the wage for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 based on market comparisons. Council Member Newberry abstained due to a conflict of interest.

Moved by Crowner, seconded by Young, to approve a Resolution setting wages for Non-Union position- IT Manager for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Crowner, Lees, and Young

### HELP WANTED

#### WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FULL-TIME OPERATOR/LAB TECHNICIAN

**GENERAL PURPOSE**  
Assist in the operation and monitoring of the water reclamation facility. Additional duties performed include collecting routine water samples and performing laboratory test; cleaning clarifiers, wet wells and elevated tanks; maintenance of pumps, valves and meters; property maintenance to the building and grounds; and completing daily documentation.

#### DESIRED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education and Experience:  
1. Graduation from high school diploma or GED equivalent  
2. Valid Iowa driver's license  
3. Obtain a Grade II Wastewater Certification in the State of Iowa.  
4. Knowledge of electrical and mechanical equipment  
5. Ability to operate computer programs

Apply at City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, IA or email applications to [jcullen@fortmadison-ia.com](mailto:jcullen@fortmadison-ia.com) by Friday, September 29th.

Applications can be found on the city website at [www.fortmadison-ia.com](http://www.fortmadison-ia.com)



Abstained: Newberry  
Consider removing Cole Williams and Jacob Fritz from the probationary status

In a memo to Council, Public Works Director Brissey asked Council to consider removing Cole Williams and Jacob Fritz from the probationary wage scale outlined in the Union Contract and move them to their full wage based on their past employment as part-time seasonal employees and their performance to date. There were no objections from Council.

Moved by Newberry, seconded by Young, authoring Cole Williams and Jacob Fritz to move from a probationary status in the Public Works Department. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Lees, and

Young

Consider a Resolution approving a transfer from America Rescue Plan Act Fund to the Water Fund for \$2,121.30

In a memo to Council, Finance Manager Moore explained that the City was initially awarded \$430,678.38 from the American Rescue Plan Act. However, when payments were distributed, the City received \$432,121.30. The City budgeted \$19,800 for the new software modules and the remaining \$410,200 was budgeted for the Water Tower Project. When the original ARPA Resolution to Transfer funds was done earlier this year it was only for \$410,200. Finance Manager Moore is now asking Council to approve a Resolution authorizing the transfer of

the remaining \$2,121.30 to the Water Fund.

Moved by Crowner, seconded by Young, Consider a Resolution approving a transfer from America Rescue Plan Act Fund to the Water Fund for \$2,121.30 Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Lees, and Young

Consider a Resolution accepting the Luers Park Water Resource Restoration Project

Council considered a Resolution to formally accept the Luers Park Water Restoration Sponsored Project.

Project Description: The project generally includes approximately 443 feet of stream restoration, 708 SY of permeable paver installation, 65 SY of concrete pavement, 205

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SY of sidewalk, 701 LF of water main, and other miscellaneous items. The final payment was made in August of 2022, but the final acceptance was not done at the time. The project is complete and ready to be formally

accepted. Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to approve a Resolution formally accepting the Luers Park Water Resource Restoration Project. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Lees, and Young  
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 ADJOURN  
 Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to adjourn at 6:27 p.m. Motion

carried by the following votes:  
 Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Lees, and Young  
 Approved  
 Ron Teater, Mayor  
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## Iowa News/From the Front

# Schmidt: STEM learning leads to good opportunities, passionate career

**SCHMIDT** - Continued from Page 1

“She let me use them and expand my experiments and let me take things home. I’m not suggesting your teachers should do this and perhaps in the modern era the kind of things she did would no longer be considered safe and acceptable. But it was wonderful for me because it opened doors that I might not have realized existed.”

Schmidt said that opened up his mind and his eyes to the power of science and math that propelled him to a lifelong career in critical care medicine.

He said one of the other things Ping gave him access to computer programming back in 1972.

“This was before any kind of usual coding was available to anyone in the public, but it taught me the foundations of programming,” he said.

“Who knew back then that would be of interest to anyone when there’s no computers in any home. How did we know that would come to play in my later work, profession, and my own life?”

He said she also introduced him to the National Science Foundation that identified gifted students. In the summer of 1973, he went to Luther College before his senior year in high school to study inorganic chemistry and biochemistry for eight weeks.

He said he met students there from other states of the Midwest. He said Sister Ping identified that as an opportunity for him and offered it to him.

“That turned out to be a really important experience for me because it put me alongside other kids that are also really curious. The people that we associate with will affect us and our future.

STEM programming, he said, is a field that is ever-expanding, with lots of jobs that pay well. He also said he finds it important because in order to be a competitive international market the United States needs workers that will be able to compete globally.

“The reason I care about it is, it’s been fun. I find joy in solving problems, asking questions, seeing how things work, and asking questions about how things work,” Schmidt said.

He segued that into a conversation about Aquinas having back-to-back students who won the state cross-country title.

He said people tend to react similarly to people that they are around often.

“When the first person won the state cross country title, the next person probably said, “Hey, if he can do it, so can I.”

Schmidt has been part of more than 100 published articles and books and has held administrative positions with the University of Chicago and University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in critical control. He’s served as Director of Critical Care Medicine at both the University of Chicago School of Medicine and at University of Iowa dating back to 1984.

In those roles, Schmidt expanded his knowledge of medicine and treating people with critical care needs. He explained functionality of the heart and how blood flow in the body can be diagnosed to determine critical treatment.

One of the best tools for that is an ultrasound, he said.

He then demonstrated an ultrasound technique on a student to show how blood flows one direction in arteries and another in veins. He used doppler technology to colorize the flow of blood and said diagnostics and treatments today are so advanced over when he went to college.

Students asked questions about how the doppler technology can determine other issues other than flow of blood. Schmidt said leaky valves can be identified with doppler imaging to show “chaos” in circulation in people who could be facing serious cardiac issues.

Schmidt encouraged students before leaving to take a hard look at the medical career and computer programming as not just sound career steps, but also as one of life’s many rewards.

# Rose from Raw Travel to visit Burlington’s The Capital

BURLINGTON, IOWA - The new season of The Harry and Virginia Murray Foundation World Travelogue season kicks off Thursday September 21st with Robert G. Rose. Robert hosts an internationally syndicated TV travel series called “Raw Travel”. He will be visiting Burlington for the first time with his globe-trotting adventures through Ethiopia, Indonesia, and South Korea!

Robert’s Raw Travel TV show airs internationally and can be seen in our area on WQAD Quad Cities, KCRG Cedar Rapids, WHO Des Moines, KHOA Quincy and KTVO Ottumwa.

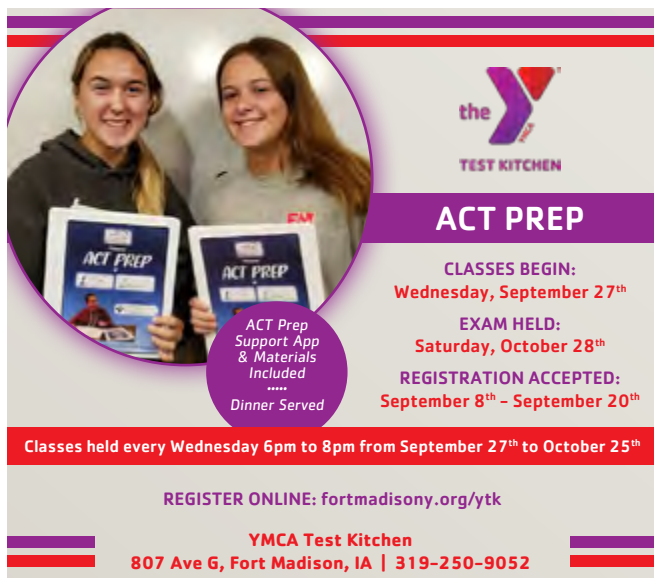
Robert G. Rose is a social and media entrepreneur and travel and video journalist. Over his media career, he has created a tapestry of content targeted at under-served audiences while producing socially conscious “media that matters.” His mantra of “empathy equals strength” is displayed throughout his work.

Rose created Artist and Idea Management (AKA AIM Tell-A-Vision Group) in 2000. In 2009, after nine successful seasons, he sold off his first television project, American Latino Syndication, and took a sabbatical to live and travel abroad. This life-changing experience inspired him to develop “Raw Travel TV,” an authentic travel show in a socially aware context.

Raw Travel premiered in 2013, and today, in its eleventh season, it is exhibited each weekend in 184 cities in 97% of the U.S. via local broadcast TV affiliates (CBS, NBC, ABC, Fox, etc.) as well as international territories, airlines, and streaming outlets.

Rose has traveled to scores of challenging destinations to film. In 2023, Rose spent weeks filming in active war zones in Eastern Ukraine. He’s unapologetically supportive of Ukraine’s right to be free.

The Travelogue season is held at the Capitol Theater at 211 N 3rd St. in Burlington. There will be 2 showings on Thursday September 21st at 1:30pm and 7:30pm. Free admission.



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