

STARS IN SPOTLIGHTS



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC



Top left, Central Lee sophomore Addison Conlee works a pom routine at the Impulse Night in Donnellsen Friday. At left Cory Jones and Sydney Gruntmeir perform a surprise dance number at Central Lee. Above top, Fort Madison's Javean Davis belts out a number at Stars in the Spotlight Saturday in Fort Madison.

COMMENTARY



Cheeseburger tour causing some anxiety

I have a weekend coming up. Kind of a spring break kind of thing with a little cholesterol involved.

I read the Des Moines Register in the morning. Not all of it, but I hit the highlights and look for things that interest me.

Cheeseburgers interest me. Not Cheeseboigas from Billy Goats and SNL fame, but those are damn good. But the interesting stacked concoctions that are a thing in Iowa. Maybe even more so than tenderloins.

I'm smart enough to know that cheeseburgers should be a thing to enjoy in moderation, but I've made a commitment next weekend to pile into the truck and head across the state looking for the best cheeseburger. I'm taking my brother and his son Hayden. We are not 'digestively brave', just cheeseburger curious.

We're making t-shirts that read "I'm into Fitness. Fit'nis Cheeseburger Into My Mouth – The 2024 Cheeseburger Tour." We want to have the waitstaff sign the t-shirts. Then we'll vote in the DMR's Best Cheeseburger contest.

I had suggested a cheeseburger tour about four months ago. I have a tendency to drag my family around to weird crap. We went to a shrimp and crawfish boil on the Iowa State Fairgrounds last year. We stayed for about 90 minutes, ate our share of crawfish and corn and jambalaya, and headed to our hotel. We dragged the kids around, too. They get memories, we get to pay.

We've created a list of about a dozen places to stop and get a cheeseburger and frankly I'm a little worried. I'm sure Dr.

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LOCAL NEWS

FM appaloosa horse gets inducted into Hall of Fame

Submitted article

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison Man Has Horse Inducted into Hall of Fame

A local man is being recognized for his horse being inducted into the 2023 ApHC (Appaloosa Horse Club) Hall Of Fame.

Lynn Faeth, a native of Fort Madison and lifelong horseman, was recently notified by the Appaloosa Horse Club that his 13 year old Appaloosa gelding, LM Red Hot Special or better known as "Hot Shot", is to be inducted into the 2023 ApHC Appaloosa Hall of Fame!

There are only 3 horses being in-

ducted into the 2023 Hall of Fame and Hot Shot has the distinction of being the only gelding AND the only performance horse ,as the two other inductees, are race horses.

Lynn and Hot Shot, who have been competing together only since 2018,

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BARBARA A. POLLPETER

Barbara A. Pollpeter, 83, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 6:48 a.m. on Friday, March 1, 2024 at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in West Burlington, IA. She was born on March 12, 1940 in Fort Madison, IA to Floyd & Mabel Stellern Bentzinger. She married James W. “Gus” Pollpeter on June 30, 1962 in Fort Madison, IA. He preceded her in death on July 1, 2003. She worked in the shipping department at the Sheaffer Pen Company for more than 25 years. She enjoyed dachshunds, word searches, reading, Swedish embroidery, the Chicago Cubs, going out to eat, watching ball games at the Denmark Park and especially spending time with her family.



POLLPETER Barb is survived by: 1-son: Michael (Missy) Pollpeter of Denmark, IA; 1-daughter: Gina (Ron) Hardin of Denmark, IA; 5-grandchildren; 2-step grandchildren; 6-great grandchildren; 7-step great grandchildren & 1-brother: Darrell (Sandy) Bentzinger of Crest Hill, IL. She was preceded in death by: her parents, her husband & 3-brother in laws: Mark, Steve & Carl.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at Calvary Cemetery in West Point, IA with Rev. Chad Savage officiating. Following the graveside service, a luncheon will be held at Denmark Congregational United Church of Christ in Denmark, IA. Memorials have been established for the Denmark Ball Association or Denmark Fire & Rescue and may be sent to: Gina Hardin, 501 Denmark 8th Street, Fort Madison, IA 52627 or left at the cemetery during the service. Online condolences to the Pollpeter family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

OBITUARIES

MARILYN D. FRY

Marilyn Dinkel Fry, 88, of Montrose, IA died Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at her home.

She was born July 20, 1935 in Rochester, NY, daughter of Howard Wilhelm and Margaret Veronica Callinan Dinkel. She was a college graduate of Trinity College in Washington D.C. obtaining her Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science.



FRY Marilyn was united in married to William Earl Fry in Rochester, NY in February of 1968. He preceded her in death in January of 1990. She is survived by one daughter, Karen Awalt Mogenhan (Wes) of Montrose, IA and one son, Roger Awalt of Davenport, IA. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, Jackie Mogenhan Borget (Matthew) of Highland, UT, Ian Mogenhan (Leighann) of Lexington, KY, Patrick Mogenhan (Stephanie) of Pekin, IN, Mary Beth Mogenhan Nelson (Justin) of Eagle Mountain, UT, Rebecca Foss of Kissimmee, FL, Matthew Awalt of Roanoke, VA, Darien Sagan of Roanoke, VA and Caleb Awalt of Atlanta, GA, as well as 16 great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother Howard (Gene) Dinkel and a son Eric Awalt.

Marilyn was employed as an office worker at Strassenburg pharmaceutical firm.

She was an avid reader with mysteries being her favorite. She also was a member of a bowling league and enjoyed playing cards. While in Virginia she volunteered at the Roanoke Transportation Museum and worked in the gift shop. Marilyn also volunteered at the pet shelter, the Bernard Healthcare Center and the county office in Franklin county Virginia. She was a faithful in journaling and was a dedicated letter writer throughout her life. Marilyn moved to Montrose to be closer to her family two years ago.

Marilyn attended St. Joseph Catholic Church in Montrose, IA which was the highlight of her week.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on April 1, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Montrose, IA with Father Gary Beckman officiating. Burial will be in the Montrose Cemetery.

There will be no visitation. Memorial may be made to Lee County Hospice. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorial-home.com.

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OBITUARIES

RAYMOND W. LONG

Raymond Wallace Long, 66 of Keokuk, IA passed away Monday, February 26, 2024 at his home.

He was born on October 5, 1957 in Keokuk, IA the son of Wallace and Norma Tripp Long. Ray graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 1975 and from Southeastern Community College where he earned his Associates Degree.



On September 14, 1979 Ray was united in marriage to Nancy Schard and to this union two sons were born, Christopher and Steven. They later divorced.

On January 13, 2001 Ray was united in marriage to Janne Huiskamp in Keokuk. She survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Christopher Long of Montrose, IA and Steven Long of Keokuk, one step-son, Ryals Parker (Molly) of Cedar Rapids, IA and one step-daughter, Paige Parker of Cedar Rapids, IA and one granddaughter, Ruth Parker and one on the way. He is also survived by one brother, Rodney Egley (Robin) of Warsaw, IL and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, ex-wife, and his step-father, John Guy.

Ray had been employed by Ameren Hydro Plant in Keokuk for thirty-five years, until his retirement in 2014.

He served as a board member on the Keokuk Waterworks for eight years, the Keokuk Little League and the Keokuk Catholic School Board. He was a member of the Elks Lodge #106 and moved up the chairs to become Exalted Ruler.

Ray was an outdoorsman at heart and enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping. He was an avid Iowa Hawkeyes fan and loved tailgating at the games. Ray also enjoyed cooking, bowling and golfing. He liked tinkering with things around the house making repairs and remodeling. Ray never missed an opportunity to take off on an adventure and over the years, many memorable vacations were made.

Above all, Ray cherished his relationship with friends and family and never met a stranger.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, March 7, 2024 at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Pastor Mike McMillen officiating. Burial will be held in the Hickory Grove Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home with family meeting with friends at this time. An Elks service will be held at 7 p.m. following the visitation.

Memorials may be made to Bel Air Baptist Church Food Pantry or to the Elks Lodge #106 or to the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

Jim Baier, Your Heat & Air Guy donating portion of sales to 2x4s for Hope

Article submitted by Tom Schulz

FORT MADISON - I recently read that my good friend, local and civic business leader Jamie Baier of Jim Baier Ford has pledged to donate \$100 for each car sold, to Iowa 2X4s For Hope to assist them with their program to provide housing for veterans. His action motivated me as we have been supporters of this group since their inception and participated in their last build.

So here is what we are going to do. For every furnace or air conditioner sold in the month of March we will donate \$50 to Iowa 2X4s For Hope. I also hope that others might see this and come up with a similar program to help such a worthy hard working group.

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JOHN A. MUNOZ

John Albert Munoz, 78, of Fort Madison, IA was rendered his final salute at the VA Hospital in Iowa City, IA on February 29, 2024 following a long illness. He was surrounded by his children and grandchildren.



John was a lifelong resident of Ft. Madison, born to Jose and Mecaela Munoz on June 24, 1945. He married Julie Atilano on October 9, 1967 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Ft. Madison, where they were members until their deaths. John proudly and honorably served in the US Army during the Vietnam War. He was employed at Midwest Packaging (later known as Burrows Paper Company) in Ft. Madison for 44 years.



John was an avid sports fan, particularly of the Iowa Hawkeyes and Chicago Cubs. He coached Little League and Pony League teams in Ft. Madison for several years, spending uncountable hours at Victory Field and Ivanhoe Park. He loved his children fiercely, encouraging and supporting their efforts into adulthood, not content until he had all four of their college diplomas hanging on his "Wall of Fame." That love and support was extended to his grandchildren in his later years.

John is survived by his daughter Denise (Brendan) Tebbs of Bonaparte, IA; John Jr. of Ft. Madison, IA, Marty (Wendy) of Davenport, IA and Tammy (Tad) Hulst of Iowa City, IA, seven grandchildren - Kendyl, Rebecca, Alex, Justin, Ryan, Kellen and Kayla. – and by his brothers Felix (Stella) Munoz of Newton, IA and Jesse (Patricia) Munoz of Parkville, MO; nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant brother, two nephews, Mario and Michael Munoz and his wife of 54 years, Julie.

John's family would like to recognize the professionalism of the Iowa City VA Hospital Intensive Care and Palliative Care Units, whose care and compassion were of great comfort to John and his family during his final days. They would also like to recognize Fr. Damian Ilokaba, who prayed with John and his family every day at the hospital and performed John's Last Rites, as well as Chaplain Randy Langner, the VA Clinical Chaplain.

The Munoz family will host a visitation for John from 9:30-11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 4, 2024 at King-Lynk funeral home in Fort Madison, IA. A memorial service will follow immediately thereafter with Father Dan Dorau officiating. Afterwards, family and friends are invited to attend a brief interment ceremony at Oakland Cemetery in Fort Madison.


In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in John's memory to PAW Animal Shelter of Ft. Madison. PAW was instrumental in placing John's beloved canine companion, Alfie, with him, with whom he shared the last six months of his life. Online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.



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Lee County News/From the Front

Faeth ushers Hot Shot into HOF

HORSE - Continued from Page 1

have garnered 18 Bronze Medallions from the ApHC, only 14 Bronze Medallions are required to be inducted into the Hall Of Fame!

Bronze medallions are given for Appaloosa Horse Club National Show or World Show wins in each class or for each ApHC class that a horse “Leads The Nation” in for that year and becomes the National Year-End High Point Award winner. Hot Shot has 8 National or World Titles to his name and has been Year End Award winner 10 more times....in 4 different classes!

The pair excels in the “speed” classes, including the Camas Prairie Stump Race, (Barrel Racing), the Nez Perce Stake Race (Pole Bending), the Figure 8 Class and the Key-hole Race. The Figure 8 and the Keyhole Races are “timed only” events and fastest time through the course wins. The Camas Prairie Stump Race and the Nez Perce Stake Race are performed ‘horse vs horse” with 2 competitors in the arena at the same time and two courses set up and run at the same time, with brackets or heats, until a winner is declared. So, a horse runs multiple times against different competitors to establish the winner of the class.

The Appaloosa Horse Club has only inducted 134 performance horses into the Hall of Fame since it’s induction in 1986 and no horses have qualified for induction since 2020.

Lynn shows locally and nationwide with an average of 5 horses at every show, they are all Appaloosas and all compete in the speed classes.. Almost all of the horses he shows have become ApHC World or National Champions or Reserve Champions under his tutelage and recently at the 2023 ApHC World Show in Fort Worth, Texas, he, along with his son, Ethan, brought home 5 -World Championships (out of 8 classes!), 3- Reserve World Championships and the Overall High Point Games Horse Award, showing 5 different horses!

The Hall of Fame award ceremony will be held at the Appaloosa National Championship Show in Oklahoma City, OK. in July.



Courtesy image

Fort Madison’s Lynn Faeth has his horse Hot Shot inducted into the 2023 ApHC Appaloose Hall of Fame.

County Task Force arrests Keokuk woman on felony drug charges

KEOKUK - The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of a Keokuk woman on felony and misdemeanor drug charges.

Mieki Denise Cooper, age 49, of Keokuk is charged with: Conspiracy to deliver less than 5 grams of methamphetamine; a class C felony, Possession with intent to deliver less than 5 grams of methamphetamine; a class C felony, Possession with the intent to deliver marijuana; a class D felony, Maintaining a drug house; an aggravated misdemeanor, and Possession of drug paraphernalia; a simple misdemeanor. The charges came after a search warrant that was executed at a residence in Keokuk, where the defendant, Mieki Cooper, was found to be in possession of illegal narcotics.

The Lee County Narcotics Task Force were assisted by the Keokuk Police Department, the Fort Madison Police Department, and the Lee County Attorney’s Office.

The defendant in this case is presumed innocent until proven guilty. The Lee County Narcotics Task Force is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Justice and the funds administered by the Iowa Governor’s Office of Drug Control Policy.

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Note: The United States Postal Service (USPS) does not deliver mail or packages directly to the address provided above but rather to the Capitol Complex Mail Room. Extra time should be allotted for proposals sent by the USPS. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources shall not consider bids if they are not received by the Department of Natural Resources mail room or reception staff, by the time and date described in this Notice to Bidders, regardless of whether the bid was mailed or received at the Capitol Complex Mail Room or

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Completion Date: 08/31/2024
Project Description: Rathbun Wildlife Unit is located in Appanoose County, Iowa. There is an existing cold storage building on site that has received new close-cell spray foam insulation. This storage building will be built-out into an office and garage area in the future. This Phase I will focus on framing the storage area and office side, installing new steel liner panel in the storage section and electrical throughout this area. The office side will remain blank in preparation of Phase II but will have

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- Why should I apply?**
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- Application Process**
- Applications open January 1, 2024
 - Applications close March 29, 2024
 - Written exam April 4-5, 2024 (online)
 - Interviews April 11-12, 2024
 - Qualifications
 - High School Diploma or GED
 - Driver's License

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ALLAMAKEE COUNTY PROJECT NO. 22-03-03-01

Yellow River State Forest
Road Maintenance
Proposal Guarantee: \$12,500.00
Completion Date: 09/06/2024
Project Description: The project consists of granular roadway maintenance (blading/shaping/spreading rock), the replacement of two CMP culverts, CMP culvert extension with elbow, the installation of a CMP apron with grate and associated miscellaneous work.

MUSCATINE COUNTY PROJECT NO. 23-06-70-01

Wiese Slough WMA Road Maintenance

LEE COUNTY SECONDARY ROADS ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKER II

Lee County is taking applications for a South Road Maintenance Worker II. Duties will include the operation of light and heavy equipment and trucks used to perform road maintenance and construction projects, occasionally plowing snow, and the performance of manual labor as required. Requires a high school graduate or G.E.D. equivalent and must possess a valid Class A commercial driver's license with air brake and tanker endorsements. The starting wage range is \$23.47 to \$28.65.

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For a job description and to apply, download an application from our county website, www.leecounty.org/employment.aspx, or you can pick an application up at the Engineer's office and return your completed application along with a resume to Lee County Engineer, P.O. Box 158, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627, or email it to engineer@leecounty.org Applications will be accepted until 4 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact Lee County Engineer Office at (319) 372-2541 or email them at engineer@leecounty.org.



Proposal Guarantee: \$12,500.00
Completion Date: 08/09/2024
Project Description: This project consists of granular roadway maintenance - blading/shaping, ditch cleaning, spreading new rock, and the replacement of 2 CMP culverts with RCP culverts. Possible alternate bid items include a granular boat ramp (in water) installation.

PUBLIC NOTICE CENTRAL LEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT DONNELSON, IOWA 52625 DISTRICT OFFICE TENTATIVE AGENDA MARCH 4, 2024 5:00 P.M. WORK SESSION

1. Building & Grounds Tour/Discussion
2. Review FY25 Property Levy
3. Adjourn

PUBLIC NOTICE Lee County, Iowa Board of Supervisors Agenda DATE: Monday, March 4, 2024 MEETING CONVENING TIME: 10:00 A.M. (CDT) LOCATION: 933 Avenue H Fort Madison, IA

---AGENDA---

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Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Agenda
Public Input
Validation of Farm Bureau Petitions by County Auditor
Consider Approval of Resolution Taking Additional Action on Proposal to Enter into General Obligation Urban Renewal Loan Agreement for Keokuk EMS Building Following Petition

Discuss Financing of Keokuk EMS Building
Consider Approval of Resolution Taking Additional Action on Proposal to Enter into General Obligation Urban Renewal Loan Agreement for Health/EMS Building Following Petition

Discussion of Options for Financing Health/EMS Building

Consider Approval of Resolution to Place Embargo on Bridge Cedar 13, on 150th St in Cedar Township

Discuss and Consider

er Approval of Planned Service Agreement with Johnson Controls for Central Station Monitoring of Lincoln Ridge Properties

Consider Approval of Leave Time Donation Policy and Forms

Discuss and Consider Approval of Employee Replacement Policy

Discuss and Consider Approval to Combine Safety Director and Maintenance Director Positions Into New Facilities' Director Position

Consider Approval to Set Date for Proposed Property Tax Public Hearing

Consent Agenda

• Monday, February 26, 2024 Board Minutes

• Claims for Payment

• Class C Retail Alcohol License for Sheaffer Memorial Golf Park

Personnel Actions:

A. Replacement - VA Commission

B. Transfer from Treasurer's Office to General Relief

Commission or Committee Reports
Adjourn

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From the Front

Kale chips, omega 3s, and sharing on tap for burger tour

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Thurman is reading this and thinking of upping the statin for a month, but I think some lemon tea in the morning and coffee will help with the added cholesterol. Maybe throw some avocado on there for the “super food” aspect. Kale chips before sleepie time.

But seriously, there’s some anxiety about this. I mean, think of eating 12 cheese-burgers in two and a half days. And I’m sure these aren’t the tightly wrapped drive thru types, these are gonna be big. Some with possibly a fried egg, or blueberry sauce, peppers, I don’t know....mac and cheese, bacon. I mean this doesn’t sound healthy to me. And if a yolk runs on the burger, I’m out.

I’ll try to slip in a workout in the hotels in the morning before we head out and I’ll up the fish oil and add an aspirin or something. Extra water. Maybe some red wine at the end of the day. Maybe I’ll just share my burgers with two guys who, frankly, are a lot bigger than me. Definitely getting one side of fries to share or maybe just a side salad.

But a road trip sounds good. Especially if the weather is nice. We may stop in Cedar Rapids on Saturday and catch a baseball game. There’s at least one or two places in the city of five seasons that are on the itinerary. I love a good road trip around Iowa. I used to drive my mom and wife crazy when we would travel. They wanted to get there. I wanted to drive through all the little towns and look for holes in the wall to try pizza, a sandwich, or a soup. Some have been very, very good. Those places usually have history and recipes that have transcended the times. I wanna try those dishes.

But next weekend is a spring break Cheeseburger Tour. It’s very likely these will have pickle and mustard because that’s how I roll in the Shire. Onion only if it’s sweet purple onion, none of the white, radishy root that’s supposed to be cooked in

olive oil as an aromatic with some minced garlic. Just a dial of purple sweet onion works. Absolutely no mayo. Mayonnaise does not belong on meat. Miracle Whip, which is NOT mayonnaise, is fine, but I usually save that for salad dressings and peanut butter sandwiches. You heard me right, peanut butter and Miracle Whip is a sandwich. If you haven’t tried it, you should. Don’t blame me if you don’t like it - but you will, unless you don’t like peanut butter, and you don’t like Miracle Whip.

Burgers should have grilled buns, cheddar – not American, cheese, should be seasoned appropriately in the beef mixture prior to grilling or frying. Either method is just fine. The bigger the better. I made burgers one time at mom’s that were grilled, but they were the size of small meat loaves or very large meatballs and took quite a bit of low and slow cooking. It helps retain the moisture. That’s just a backyard or patio burger. This quest is a burger adventure and something my mother would have loved in her prime.

I’ve told just a few people about it and I plan on writing about it. The people I’ve talked to love the idea, but I think they love it vicariously because nobody really wants to eat 12 gourmet cheeseburgers in three days. But it shall be done and it shall be done in a smart way, whatever that means.


The itinerary includes Spirit Lake, Oskaloosa, Ames, Huxley, Fairfield, Dubuque, Davenport, and a few other pineknots. Somebody told me another place to go in western Iowa this morning when I was rock hunting in Riverview park with about 50 other good-intentioned people.

Speaking about the river, there’s a few burger joints along the Mississippi that we’re gonna hit on our way back southeast. And then maybe, just maybe, hit Jake and Walt’s to wrap it up, since the Marina won’t be open yet. I’m imagining a pretty good cheeseburger there, too – But that’s Beside the Point.


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