

Central Lee inducts 18 into HOF

COMMENTARY



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC



Hall of Fame ceremony highlights legacies

I spent a few days in the Ozarks this past week trying to shake off the winter blahs. It was cold enough for the first three days that the chill in my bones stayed in place. It took morning coffee, some other hot drinks, and a warm bed to work it out.

I actually played golf in pants for the first time ever. I looked the part, but certainly didn't play the part.

Upon my return home Friday at about 7 I just wanted to grab a bite and hit the sack. I took ibuprofen two times this week because the bracing cold added to the stiffness in my joints.

After a quick stop in West Burlington to visit family, I shot home and climbed into bed, not to awaken until the daylight crept in between the wooden slats of my 50-year-old wooden blinds. I woke tired and sore again and a hot shower met with shorts and sweatshirt.

I checked my schedule for the day and saw that the Central Lee Hall of Fame inductions for 2022 and 2023 were on the docket at 10 a.m.

Superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier is always a good interview and I was looking forward to sitting in on a community event somewhere and writing about it. After a few days of not feeding the beast, you miss it.

But I got a little more than I bargained for heading out to Donnellson. As I wandered around the room trying not to be disruptive while finding the

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Central Lee's Linda Heitz is welcomed by Hall of Fame committee chair Heather Fuger on Saturday as part of the Hawks' Hall of Fame induction ceremony at Central Lee High School. Heitz was one of 18 former students and teachers inducted to the Halls.

CEREMONY: Academic, Fine Arts, and Athletic Halls get new inductees Saturday

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON – Eighteen former Central Lee students were inducted into the school's Halls of Fame Saturday in a ceremony at Central Lee High School.

Superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier welcomed a full house in the high school gymnasium to introduce nine inductees from 2022 and nine from 2023.

Included in the inductees are three medical doctors and a former CEO of Texas Instruments, among many others.

The 2022 Academic Hall of Fame honorees include Howard Lee Carter, Dr. John Charles Jabour, and Mary Sue Megchelsen Chat-

field.

Carter spent 31 years as a Central Lee educator, teaching social studies and math. He was named the 1980 teacher of the year, in part due to his innovative Multi-Occupations Cooperative (MOC) program through which students were placed with manufacturers in business for hands-on training. He also began a World of Work class that enabled students to learn about resumes and interviewing, advertising, filing taxes, and other key concepts.

Chatfield is a former first-grade teacher leader who presented various curriculum ideas at the Iowa Reading Council and Iowa Social Studies Conferences. Chatfield also served on the steering

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IOWA NEWS

Iowa AG warns against growing scams aimed at grandparents

DES MOINES—Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird today issued a warning to Iowans about the growing threat of grandparent scams.

Iowa has experienced an influx in reported grandparent scams, particularly in the Eastern part of the state. Grandparent

scams are when scammers target seniors and manipulate them to believe their loved ones are in distress. The scammer will often impersonate a grandchild, claiming to be arrested, in an accident, or in an urgent financial crisis. Grandparents are then pressured to immediately send money using

cash, gift cards, wire transfer, Bitcoin, or other methods where the grandparent has no financial safeguards.

Scammers will also introduce a fake law enforcement officer or lawyer to incite more

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

SALLY J. BARNUM

Sally Jean Barnum, 84, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 10:46 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at the Kahl Home in Davenport, IA. She was born on February 25, 1940, in Salt Lake City, UT, to Gordon C. & Dorothy L. Gunderson Sly. On May 26, 1961, she was united in marriage to Warren D. Barnum in Ogden, UT. He preceded her in death on April 5, 2020. Sally was a homemaker and also worked as a Land Title Abstractor until her retirement. Sally was a past Worthy Matron of the Order of Eastern Star, Electa Chapter #32 in Muscatine, IA and was active in PEO in Fort Madison, IA. She loved gardening and feeding and caring for the birds. Sally is survived by: 1-son: Tom (Christy) Barnum of Cibolo, TX; 1-daughter: Ann (Donald) Curnow of Andover, MN; 3-grandchildren: Rebecca Barnum of Bettendorf, IA, Daniel (Jeny) Barnum of Boone, IA, & Kerra Curnow of Andover, MN; and 1-great grandchild: Thomas Fenner Barnum. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. No services are planned at this time. Online condolences to Sally's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.



BARNUM

Pen City Current obituary policy

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

OBITUARIES

LINDA S. MULLEN

Linda Sue Mullen, 72, of Keokuk passed away on Saturday, March 30, 2024, at River Hills Village in Keokuk.



MULLEN

She was born on August 11, 1951 in Peoria, Illinois the daughter of James and Jean Budzinski Carlton.

Linda graduated from Limestone Community High School in Bartonville, Illinois with the class of 1967 and later earned her associates degree from Southeastern Community College. Linda continued her education at Iowa Wesleyan College, where she earned her business degree in 1985. In 2009 she graduated from Simpson College as a certified lay servant for the Methodist Church.

Linda was united in marriage to Charles Gobart on June 28, 1967. They were blessed with one son, Richard Gobart. Charles preceded her in death in 1977. She married her longtime companion David Mullen on October 13, 1977 and March 13, 1989.

She was employed at Wal-Mart until her retirement in 2019.

She was a faithful and active member of the Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Keokuk.

Linda was actively involved in her community, volunteering her time with local organizations serving on many boards at one time or another, including the United Way, Keokuk Area Hospital Auxiliary, Keokuk Public Library, Keokuk Housing Authority, Keokuk Business Professional Women, Keokuk American Legion Auxiliary Unit #41 and the Department of Iowa American Legion Auxiliary. She served as the Department President in the year 2000-2001 and was a lifetime member. Whether she was assisting at the church, participating in community efforts, or organizing events, Linda's commitment to making a difference never hesitated. Her passion was supporting veterans and their families.

In her free time, she enjoyed reading, working on the computer, doing bus tours around the country, and telling David what to do.

Linda is survived by her husband, David Mullen of Keokuk, a son, Richard Gobart (Meg) of Keokuk, two granddaughters, Lily Gobart and Emma Gobart and a grandson, Levi Krome. She is also survived by her sister, Jan Carlton and her partner Carl Sestern, and her brother, James Carlton (Sue) of Hesperia, CA along with numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister Judy Wright-Mays.

A funeral service will be held 10:00 a.m. Wednesday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with Pastor Dave Barrett officiating. Burial will be in the Keokuk National Cemetery.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with the family meeting with friends from 4 - 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Department of Iowa ALA Junior Camp or the Emmanuel United Methodist Church.

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

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Protect your lungs this Spring with these tips:

- Try doing yard or garden work in the early morning or evening when the pollen count is at its lowest.
- Wear a mask when doing yard work to keep from breathing in dust or air particles.
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OBITUARIES

MARTIN JOHNSON

Martin "LeRoy" Johnson, 94, of Montrose, IA, died Monday, April 1, 2024, at Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice in Burlington, IA.

LeRoy was born August 29, 1929 near Summitville, IA, the son of Martin Peter and Julia Evelyn Hoffman Johnson. He married G. Patricia Symmonds on December 13, 1953 in Keokuk, IA. She preceded him in death in 2015.

He is survived by five daughters and three sons, Lois Thompson of Louisburg, KS; Linda Bleything of Louisburg, KS; Lori (Lyle) Matteson of Donnellson, IA.; John (Peggy) Johnson of Keokuk, IA; Jim (April) Johnson of Montrose, IA; Joe (Holli) Johnson of Montrose, IA; Pam (John) Patterson of Keokuk, IA; and Patricia Guymon of Olathe, KS. Other survivors include his sister, Bernice Johnson of Keokuk, IA, twenty-two grandchildren, forty great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, one sister, Dorothy, one brother, Emmett, and three grandsons.

He was a lifelong resident of Lee County, IA. In 1948 he purchased a farm in Montrose, IA, where he remained until his death. When he retired from farming he and his wife were active in local Farmers Markets and provided pumpkin patch visits for local school children and youth groups. For 16 years, until age 91, he assisted his son, Jim, transplanting flowers and vegetables each season at Jim's Greenhouses. He enjoyed visits from his many grandchildren and would ensure they enjoyed a tour of the farm on his golf cart and help with apple cider making.

LeRoy was a member of Cornerstone Church in Keokuk.

A graveside services will be held at 9 a.m., Saturday at the Montrose Cemetery.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Friday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Montrose, IA with the family meeting with friends from 5-7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorial-home.com.

HTC, Central Lee land 61 on All-Academic teams

FORT MADISON - The Southeast Iowa Superconference released the winter sports all Academic honorees this week.

Holy Trinity Catholic landed 23 student athletes on the list including Kara Lake, Adalyn Kruse, Ellie Hellman, Brooklyn Todd, Elizabeth Griffin, Emma Scheetz, Isabell Wheatley-Behne, Presley Myers, Teagan Snaadt, Anna Bendlage, Reagan Holvoet, Mary Kate Bendlage, Natalie Randolph, Max Kruse, Tanner Williams, Brock Scheetz, Corbin VanNiewaal. Layne Rung, Nathan Box, Koby Jones, Luke Hellige, Conner Gehling and Maddox Rung.

Central Lee landed 38 student athletes on the list including Taylor Jones, Jayden Mueller, Kamryn Cox, Macie Doty, Lizza Mason, Ellie Lake, Nora Lampe, Syndie Larson, Riley Gregory, Kenna Sandoval, Owen Swan, Will Hayes, Cory Jones, Carson Morrison, Chase Johnson, Dante Merschman, Reece Hayes, Carver Hayes, Kaden Swan, Gage VanAusdall, Caden Crozier, Austin Fogerty, Brett Cook, Blake Davis, Frankie Jennings, Mercedes Kirchner, Alivia Cook, Sidney Gruntmeir, Aurora Edens, Summer Hunold, Maren Doty, Kayla Wenke, Audrey Sturdivant, Addison Conlee, Ivy Smith, Lauren Sanders, Josie Mueller and Lily Smith.

OBITUARIES

DAVID R. POWELL

David Riley Powell, 83, of Hamilton, Illinois, passed away on March 29, 2024, at his residence in Hamilton.

He was born on May 27, 1940, in Los Angeles, California, the son of Rex Winston and Erma Eloise Riley Powell.

David graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 1958. Continuing his education, he attended Keokuk Community College before furthering his studies at the University of Iowa and Carthage College.

David served his country by joining the Iowa National Guard in 1963 and was discharged with the rank of spec 5 in 1969.

On August 19, 1967, he was united in marriage to Jae Ellyn Wray in Keokuk, Iowa. She survives.

He is also survived by daughter, Denise Powell of Keokuk, IA, his son, John "Jack" Powell of Ft. Madison, three granddaughters, Amelia Powell, Taylor Tolan (Austin) and Alexis Mauck (Roger), one great grandson, River Mauck. He is also survived by two brothers, William Powell of Oro Valley, AZ and John Powell (Dian) of Davenport, IA along with several nieces, nephews.



He was preceded in death by his parents, maternal and paternal grandparents and aunts and uncles. For 28 years, David dedicated himself to his profession as a lab analyst for Hubinger/ Heintz/ Roquette until his well-deserved retirement in 1997.

David was deeply involved in his community. He had delivered Meals on Wheels for over 20 years to homes in Keokuk, Argyle and Montrose. He was a charter member of the Hamilton Lions Club. Additionally, he served as a member of the Hamilton Park District board, contributing to the enhancement of recreational opportunities for all. David was also a member of the Keokuk Elks Club. In recognition of his outstanding service, David was honored with the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellow award by the Lions Club of Illinois Foundation, a testament to his commitment to humanitarian causes.

A graveside service will be held 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at the Sandusky Cemetery with Joel Schlatter officiating.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, 2024, prior to the graveside at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with the family meeting with friends at that time.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Meals on Wheels.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorial-home.com.

Lee County GOP to host primary sheriff debate

DONNELSON - The Lee County Republican Party of Iowa will be hosting a Sheriff Candidate Forum with Republican Sheriff's Candidate(s) Daniel Johnson and Elliot Vandenberg on May 6th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Lee High School Old Gym (2642 US-218, Donnellson, IA 52625).

The event will be moderated by Representative Martin Graber. Questions from the audience for the candidates will be allowed in advance.

You may either submit your questions for consideration via email at webmaster@leecountyrepublicans.org, via the Facebook Event Post at <https://fb.me/e/fUbSstD7B>, or by telephone at (319) 526-1110.

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Sports

TRACK AND FIELD

Hounds 5th, Lady Hounds 7th at Demon Relays

PCC Staff

WASHINGTON – Speed events were key to the Fort Madison boys' 5th place finish at the Demon Relays Thursday in Washington.

The shuttle hurdle relay team of Adam Sobczak, Kiawante Smith, Gavin Callahan, and Henry Wiseman captured the title with a time of 1:03.09, almost a full two seconds ahead of the field. Cedar Rap-

ids Prairie took second with a time of 1:04.84.

The Hounds finished with 48 points. Prairie ran away with the team title with 196 points, followed by Iowa City Liberty, Fairfield, and Washington.

The Lady Hounds finished seventh with 33 points behind Tipton, Washington, Mt. Pleasant, Liberty, Prairie, and Burlington.

Avery Rump led the Hounds with a 5:06.46 second-place finish in

the 1500 meter run and a second-place in the 3000-meter run behind Washington's Iris Dahl at 10:45.66. Addison Rump took 6th with a time of 11:49.77. The distance medley relay team of Emma Kern, Olivia Buckner, Mara Smith, and Avery Rump captured third in a time of 4:33.83, 2.9 seconds off the pace.

Brylie Lorence took 4th and 5th in the shot-put and discus events with throws of 36'1"

and 98'2".

On the boys' side, Julian Dear wrapped a couple second-place finishes, one in the 100-meter dash at 11:58 and ran the second leg of the 4x200 with a 1:34.83 behind Prairie's 1:31.55. Fort Madison's 4x400 and 4x800 each earned a 3rd-place finish.

Caden Barnes was third in the shot with a heave of 45'8.25". Complete results are below: 100-meter dash: Lillian

Gelsthorpe 14.06 (12th), Hailey Kemper 14.28 (15th) 200-meter dash: McKayla Schinstock 29.52 (15th), Emma Snaadt 33.24 (22nd) 400-meter dash: Schinstock 1:06.95 (5th), Esther Gnann 1:14.53 (16th) 800-meter run: Addison Rump 2:46.32 (7th). 1500-meter run: Avery Rump 5:06.46 (2nd), Myra Koser 6:37.32 (23rd) 3000-meter run: Avery Rump 10:45.66, Addison Rump 11:49.77 (6th), Torey Potter, 15:27.15 (20th) 100-meter hurdles: Chloe Sokolik 19.62 (12th) 400-meter hurdles: Alexa

Walz 1:22.16 (11th) 4x100 relay: Andrea Yrigoyen, Maleeka Bentley, Kenna Gittins and Laci Gathers 57.45 (12th), Gelsthorpe, Kemper, Rylee Steffensmeier, Olivia Buckner 1:05.87 (19th) 4x200 meter relay: Kern, Buckner, Gelsthorpe, Alaina Schwerin 2:01.02 (9th), Yrigoyen, Bentley, Gittins and Gathers 2:19.07 (18th) 4x400 meter relay: Schinstock, Smith, Paetyn Wiegand and Addison Rump 4:46.13 (7th) 4x800 meter relay: Snaadt, Wiegand, Ellie Huebner, and Schwerin 11:48.60 (7th) 800 Sprint medley: Gelsthorpe, Steffensmeier, Huebner and Smith 2:04.59 (7th), Gathers, Bentley, Gnann and Koser 2:25.49 (16th) Distance Medley: Kern, Buckner, Smith, Avery Rump 4:33.83 (3rd) Shuttle hurdle relay: Sokolik, Gittins, Bentley, Walz 1:19.01 (5th). High Jump: no entry Long Jump: no entry Shot put: Brylie Lorence 36'1" (4th) Discus: Lorence 98'2" (5th)

Boys' results 100-meter dash: Julian Dear 11.58 (2nd), Dayton Lamar 12.24 (9th) 200-meter dash: no entry 400 meter dash: Peyton Lambert 54.21 (4th), Rainer Johnson 1:05.35 (19th) 800-meter run: Riley Tripp 2:15.80 (12th), Nolan Guzman 2:19.99 (13th) 1600-meter run: Calvin Johnson 4:50.07 (10th), Mason McLey 5:14.59 (12th) 3200-meter run: Johnson 11:12.82 (11th) 110-hurdles: no entry 400-hurdles: Sobczak (DNF) 4x100 relay: no entry. 4x200 relay: Hayden Segoviano, Dear, Lamar, Kiawante Smith 1:34.83 (2nd) 4x400 relay: Noah Krogmeier, Justice Lightfoot, Liam Prier, and Johnson 4:20.59 (3rd) 4x800 relay: Tripp, Lambert, McLey and Guzman 8:53.07 (3rd) Sprint Medley: Brody Cashman, Eric Cornelis, Evan Richmond, and Lightfoot 1:54.44 (12th) Distance Medley: Richmond, Cornelis, Prier and Krogmeier, 4:27.52 (8th) Shuttle Hurdle: Sobczak, Smith, Gavin Callahan and Henry Wiseman 1:03.09 (1st) High Jump: Guzman 5'10" (6th), Kenden Bowie 5'6" (10th) Long Jump: McKasson-McGinity 14'10" (18th) Shot put: Caden Barnes 45'8.25" (3rd), Urijah Brookse 38'6" (14th), Markus Holbert 30'2.75" (26th) Discus: Brayton Schneider 127'0" (6th), Cory Arnett 125'10" (9th)

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Obituaries/From the Front

OBITUARIES

RONNIE C. WORLEY

Ronnie C. Worley, 70, of Lomax, Illinois, passed away at 11:10 p.m. Friday, March 29, 2024 at his home.

Ronnie was born January 1, 1954 in Mayfield, Kentucky, the son of Lawrence and Vona B. (Sipes) Worley. On December 17, 1978 he married Deb Pence in Lomax.



WORLEY

Mr. Worley was a graduate of Dallas City High School. He began his working career with the Ironworkers Local #557 and retired from Case in Burlington, where he was a member of the UAW #807. He was a member of the former Lomax Saddle Club. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, riding horses and Harley-Davidson Motorcycles, playing guitar and especially spending time with his family. He was a lover of classic muscle cars and trucks.

Survivors include his wife, Deb; three children: Rane (Bryan) Beach of Colusa, Shane (Adrienne) Worley of Dallas City and Molly (Jessi Harris) Worley of Chicago; five grandchildren: Kelsey (Ben) Glancy, Chloe (Tanner Purdum) Walker, Allison Worley and Evan Worley; two great-grandchildren: Charli and Palmer and one sister: Carolyn (Bob) Todd of Cuba, Missouri.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister: Beverly Siegfried.

A visitation with the family will be from 1:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City.

The funeral service will be held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at Banks & Beals in Dallas City with Pastor Maxine Dennison officiating. Burial will follow at Crane Cemetery, near Lomax.

A memorial fund has been established for Gift of Life Transplant House, Rochester, Minnesota. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Ronnie's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

OBITUARIES

JOHN W. KEMPER

John William Kemper, 66, of Donnellson, Iowa, passed away at 4:14 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison, Iowa.

He was born on October 10, 1957, in Keokuk, Iowa, the son of Delbert Lee, Jr. and Dorothy Maxine (Stowe) Kemper. On April 20, 1991, he married Mindy Jane Wilcox in Donnellson, Iowa.



KEMPER

He is survived by his wife: Mindy; daughter: Holly (Rob) Conlee of Ankeny, Iowa, their children: Nicholas and Caitlyn Conlee; son: Shawn (Erica) Kemper of West Point, Iowa, their children: Kyle, Kaiden and Arabel Kemper; son: Shane Kemper of West Point, Iowa, his children: Hailey, Ronin and Abrahm Kemper; daughter: Katelynn (David) Snook of Donnellson, Iowa, their children: Abby Snook, Alayna Figert, Reagan Figert and Ethan Snook; siblings: Kevin (Val) Kemper of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Leea (Joe) Brown of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Angie (John) Haley of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa and Cheryl (Kevin) Elmore of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two children: Jessica Lee and Lucas Richard.

John was a 1977 graduate of Central Lee High School, where he played basketball. He served in the United States Navy. He worked as a correctional officer for the Iowa State Penitentiary for thirty years retiring in 2012. In 1987, John was awarded "Outstanding Correctional Officer of the year." He was the longest sitting President of AFSCME Local #2989, where he negotiated several state contracts for the Union. He was named Honorary Colonel of the Iowa State Militia by Governor Vilsak in 2003. John enjoyed attending the Midwest Old Threshers Reunion, attending gun shows (as he was a gun enthusiast), hunting, fishing, watching basketball, riding his bike, wood working, eating sweets and drawing stick figures on notes to his family. He was an avid selfie taker, of which he would then send to family and friends. Most of all, John loved spending time with all of his family, especially his children and grandchildren whom he was very proud of.



A visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, April 6, 2024, at Donnellson United Methodist Church in Donnellson. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, April 6, 2024, at the church with Pastor Padma Templeton officiating.

A celebration of life will be held at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, April 14, 2024, at the Lee County Fairgrounds Learning Center in Donnellson.

A memorial has been established in his memory for the Tri State Gun Club for gun safety training.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

Be wary of new scams against elderly

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fear and create a sense of legitimacy. According to the Federal Trade Commission, older Americans lost \$1.6 billion to fraud in 2022.

"Scammers are lying and manipulative," said Attorney General Bird. "For a scammer to exploit the bond between a grandparent and their grandchild shows the depths scammers will go to. Older Iowans are often the wealthiest and most trusting among us, and scammers know that. If we are not careful, they will jump at the chance to steal someone's life savings. But Iowans are smart. By spreading the

word and reporting dangerous scams, I know we can catch these scammers red-handed."

To protect against grandparent scams, Iowans should:

Be wary of unknown calls: Do not answer calls you do not recognize. If suspicious of a call, hang up and call law enforcement or the Iowa Attorney General's office.

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From the Front

Eighteen honored with Hall of Fame inductions at CL

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committee of the National Geographic Alliance of Iowa, along with the local Comprehensive School Improvement Plan committee. She was named Central Lee's teacher of the year in 2004. She was also named a Southeastern Community College Distinguished alumni in 2011.

A graduate of the class of 1973, Dr. John Jabour has also been inducted into the Academic Hall of Fame this year. While in high school, Dr. Jabour was on the campus bowl team, earned an ACT score over 30 was named a State of Iowa Scholar, and received a National Merit Letter of Commendation through the PSAT program.

Dr. Jabour went on to attend the University of Iowa, where he was a member of the honors program. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in chemistry with highest distinction, was the Merck Index award winner for being the top-ranked graduating senior in chemistry, and was a member of the prestigious Phi Beta Kappa Society.

Jabour also had the infamous claim to fame of treating heavy metal rocker Ozzy Osbourne after the singer ingested the head of a live bat.

In 2022 the three honored with inductions into the Fine Arts Hall of Fame included David Roth, Kelsey Hammer-Parks, and Morgan Krehbiel.

Roth is part of the local music group Ozone Ramblers that were just notified of an induction into the Iowa Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

A graduate of the class of 2008, Krehbiel participated in yearbook, art club, community problem solving through the TAG program,

marching band, and show band. She is a 2012 graduate of Northwestern University, where she earned a bachelor of arts in art theory and practice with honors.

Hammer-Parks has received many honors for video journalism including a state award for chronicling the impact recent derechos have had on Iowans throughout the state.

As part of the 2023 Fine Arts HOF class, inductee Judith Burgin dedicated 38 years as a Central Lee educator, teaching both Spanish and English. In addition to her teaching duties, Burgin served as an advisor to the Spanish Club, directed the senior class play for several years, and acted as a volunteer liaison for foreign exchange students. She emphasized real-world experience by frequently studying abroad, encouraging students to broaden their horizons beyond southeast Iowa.

Jerry Junkins, posthumously inducted this year, was a 1955 graduate of Montrose High School who went on to become the president, chairman, and CEO of Texas Instruments (TI) from 1988 until his passing in 1996. Junkins, who was the salutatorian of his high school class and married the class valedictorian, Sally Schevers, graduated from Iowa State University in 1959 with a degree in electrical engineering. After relocating to Dallas, he joined Texas Instruments while pursuing a master's degree in engineering administration.

A graduate of the Central Lee class of 1992, Phil Tweedy distinguished himself as a high-achieving student during his high school years. His accolades included winning the



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Former Central Lee Coach Lon Spurgin was inducted into the 2022 Hawks' Athletic Hall of Fame at a reception Saturday at Central Lee High School. Spurgin was one of 18 inducted for the classes of 2022 and 2023.

Physics Bowl, receiving the Outstanding Senior Science Student award, and earning the Presidential Academic Fitness Award. Additionally, Tweedy was a part of the 1989 Iowa State Baseball All-Tournament Team, and his FFA team achieved gold at the state convention.

The ceremony also recognized six former student athletes. The Class of 2022 includes Rich Schiller, Megan (Weirather) Warneke, and long-time Hawk coach Lon Spurgin. The 2023 class honored Don Ford, Jeff Brisby, and Christy (Holtkamp) Schrader.

Ford dedicated more than three decades to coaching at Central Lee. Throughout his career, he coached an impressive six sports. Among his notable achievements, he founded the volleyball program at Central Lee and served as the head coach for 31 years. Ford's guidance led the volleyball team to capture nine conference titles

in a decade, earning him multiple conference coach of the year awards.

Ford's influence extended to numerous sports, with 11 years as head basketball coach, another 10 years as an assistant, as well as 10 years as head coach of girls' track and softball. Additionally, he served as an assistant football coach for one year and volunteered as the head girls' golf coach for three years.

Also inducted this year is Jeff Brisby, one of the most distinguished student-athletes in Central Lee's history. His exceptional talents transcended multiple sports, earning him first-team all-conference honors in football, basketball, and baseball. Brisby was a standout on the All-Hawkeye Land team in both baseball and basketball and received honorable mention all-state recognition in all three sports.

Christy Schrader (Holtkamp) is a Central Lee

graduate and accomplished three-sport athlete. Her basketball achievements include scoring 1,311 points and grabbing 733 rebounds. Her defensive talent is evidenced by an astounding 273 blocked shots, placing her among the top 50 high school girl basketball players in state history.

2022 inductees include Lon Spurgin who served as a coach at Central Lee for over three decades. Over his career, he coached girls' basketball, volleyball, and baseball. Spurgin's career highlights as the girls' basketball coach include leading the team to a second-place finish at the state tournament in 2000 and coaching the team in the 1999 All-Star Game. He was recognized for coaching girls' basketball throughout his career, being named the 3A Coach of the Year in 2000 and Burlington Hawkeyeland Coach of the Year in 1985, 1993, 1998, and 2000.

Also inducted in 2022 is Rick Schiller, who had an unmatched athletic career during his time as a student-athlete. He was the first person to receive first

team honors in three sports (basketball, baseball, and football) in the history of the Blackhawk Conference. He earned first team all-conference in basketball for three years.

Schiller held the scoring record for basketball at Central Lee for 35 years, with 40 percent of his shots made outside of what is now considered the three-point line.

Megan Weirather is a Central Lee Class of 2006 graduate who held 19 school athletic records, including 11 in softball and eight in volleyball. Weirather started on varsity softball as an eighth-grade student and earned all-state honors in softball three times. She received both the Bernie Saggau Award and Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award in 2006.

Weirather's career highlights included finishing as a 1,000 point-scorer in basketball, being recognized as academic all-conference between all sports from 2005-2006, and being named to the academic all-state basketball team as a senior.



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Central Lee legacies bring efforts into focus

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best angle for some photography, I found myself listening to the presenters for the Hall of Fame inductees.

I started thinking about the accomplishments of these people. Jerry Junkins graduated from Central Lee and went on to become CEO of Texas Instruments. I didn't catch all the graduation years, but got swept away in the closeness of greatness.

There were three medical doctors in the 18 inductees, some remarkable media professionals that drew my attention, and some heroic teachers and former student athletes and coaches.

I found myself reflecting on my life, the recent deaths I've suffered, and am still suffering through I would imagine. I thought of how I've taken many, many steps to try to be the better adult that listens to his better angels, rather than the self-involved kid who reacted to every impulse of happiness and adventure. These men and women, many of whom are younger than me, are making an impact on a global level, and they started right here in Lee County.

It makes you feel somewhat smaller and unaccomplished. There's always more to do, but at what point do you fuel the jet and take off? It can't be everyone's role to do something so off-the-charts

dynamic that your community recognizes you with a Hall of Fame induction. Some people just aren't built to do that.

I think I'm one of those people. Sure, we chronicle these other events and make people aware of these wonderful people, but as social media carries more and more of our days' unsubstantiated news blurbs, good journalism is maybe seeing its final days.

These stories from presenters about the accomplishments of the dozen and a half former Hawks had me thinking I haven't done enough. Do we ever feel like we've done enough? Is that what life is about. I'm not sure. These accomplishments are certainly worth recognition, don't get me wrong. It's not about that. It's about the value of one's efforts and whether we do it for recognition, to be the best, or "for the love of the game".

There's probably a nice co-mingling of all three. I guess maybe a really good case in point is the McDonalds we ate at in the Ozarks Friday morning before our last round of golf. I was so impressed by the staff at this place. Hourly paid "burger chain" employees coming around and checking on our meals and taking trays and then a bright smile and "have a nice day" on the way out.

It was, in a word heard many times Saturday morning, quite remarkable. It restored faith just a

bit in people's ability to do their jobs. Which is why these recognitions of former students' impacts on the world is so critical.

At the end of the day, and on my way back out to my truck after forgetting to get my Crozier fix, I realized that what I do is irrelevant in the grand scheme of things and I'm just fine with that.

As long as I can get a week of golf with about 12 friends of mine from all walks of life in Lee County, I'll survive. Just like I survived playing Mr. Belvidere to Dan Fullenkamp after he beat me bowling Wednesday afternoon. We got our 18 holes in and the clubhouse was closed so we walked down to the local bowling alley where Dan was begging for a bowling battle. No one took him up despite repeated goading from one of our compatriots.

I decided, as a former Palm Bowl alumnus, to take up the challenge. But I added a caveat that whomever lost had to wait on the other for the rest of the night with the proper surname. Mr. Fullenkamp v. Mr. Vandenberg. Mr. Fullenkamp, I bow to your kegging prowess and was happy to get drinks and snacks for you the rest of the night despite everyone begging me to stop. A bet's a bet... But that's Beside the Point.

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MEETING MINUTES

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Finance: Thacher/
 Wykert Attendees
 Voting Members Amy Thacher, Director Josh Wykert, Board President Brad Menke, Director

Mio Santiago, Vice President Paul Wilkerson, Director Keith Hehr, Director Kelly Nelton, 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 6:00 p.m. II. Recognition of guests President Wykert welcomed members of the audience in attendance 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 - FMHS Mock Trial Representatives from the FMCS Mock Trial team gave a demonstration of their competition performance. B. PK-6; 7-12 Renovation and Construction Update The Board received an update. C. District Successes! The Board reviewed the feature in the Fort Madison Partners magazine. D. Superintendent Goal Report The Board reviewed the Indicators of Progress towards the established goals. E. District Presentation - Four Oaks Four Oaks gave a presentation to the Board regarding their services to the Fort Madison Community School District. V.

Approve the agenda Motion made by: Mio Santiago Motion seconded by: Amy Thacher Voting: Unanimously Approved VI. Consent Agenda Motion made by: Mio Santiago Motion seconded by: Kelly Nelton Voting: Unanimously Approved A. Minutes 1. Public Hearing - February 21, 2024 2. Regular Board Meeting - February 21,

2024 3. Special Meeting/Work Session - March 06, 2024 B. Financial Reports 1. February Balance Sheet 2. February Revenue Summary Report 3. February Expenditure Report 4. February Student Activity Report C. Accounts payable 1. February General Account Board Bills for Approval 2. March General Account Board Bills for Approval 3. February Student Activity Account Board Bills for Approval 4. February Nutrition Account Board Bills for Approval 5. February American Express Board Bills for Approval

D. Consider personnel resignations 1. Joshua Dahlstrand - Maintenance, LE 2. Kyra Arnold - Food Service, MS 3. Lisa Kibby - Food Service, MS 4. Kelsea Tolk - Teacher, MS 5. Kerridwen Roberts - Associate, RE 6. Abigail Stockwell - Food Service, MS 7. Chelsea Flot - Associate, LE 8. Connie Herrera - Associate, CO 9. Brandy Plate - Associate, MS 10. Myrissa Meyer - Associate, CO 11. Jessica Sutcliffe - Associate, MS 12. Codee James - Associate, RE E. Consider employment of

personnel 1. Felicity Krogmeier - Associate, HS 2. Colton McDonald - Associate, RE 3. Tracy Vance - Teacher, HS 4. Dominique Bowen - Food Service, MS 5. Jairo Scruggs - Coach, HS 6. Braxton Akers - Associate, RE 7. Leanna Fink - Associate, RE 8. Gideon Anderson - Maintenance, MS 9. Jason Rice - Special Ed. Bus Associate, CO 10. Kristen Heidbreder - Special Ed. Bus Associate, CO F. Consider contract modifications 1. Rae Fedler - Teacher, HS 2. Tristen Dickerson - Teacher, MS G. Consider

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leave of absence H. Consider open enrollment requests I. Other reports 1. 23-24 Donations 2. 23-24 Fundraisers 3. MS/HS Renovations and Additions Project Summary VII. Action Items A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services B. Superintendent 1. Chronological Policies for Review Motion made by: Brad Menke Motion seconded by: Mio Santiago Voting: Unanimously Approved 1. Policy 802.02: Requests for Improvements 2. Policy 802.03: Emergency Repairs 3. Policy 802.04: Capital Assets 4. Regulation 802.04-R(1): Capital Assets - Capital Assets Regulation 5. Regulation 802.04-R(2): Capital Assets - Capital Assets Management Systems Definitions 6. Policy 802.05: Buildings & Sites Adaptation for Persons with Disabilities 4 7. Policy 802.06: Vandalism 8. Policy 802.06b: Damaged Lost Property/Materials 9. Policy 802.07: Energy Conservation 10. Policy 802.08: Receiving, Storing and Distributing - DELETE 2. Annual Policies for Review Motion made by: Brad Menke Motion seconded by: Amy Thacher Voting: Unanimously Approved 1. Policy 102: Equal Education Opportunity 2. Regulation 102-R(1):

Equal Educational Opportunity - General Grievance Procedure 3. Regulation 102-R(2): Equal Educational Opportunity - IX Grievance Procedure - DELETE 4. Exhibit 102-EH(1): Equal Educational Opportunity - Annual Notice of Nondiscrimination 5. Exhibit 102-EH(2): Equal Educational Opportunity - Continuous Notice of Nondiscrimination 6. Exhibit 102-EH(3): Equal Educational Opportunity - Notice of Section 504 Student and Parental Rights 7. Exhibit 102-E(4): Equal Educational Opportunity - Discrimination Complaint Form 8. Exhibit 102-E(5): Equal Educational Opportunity - Witness Disclosure Form 9. Exhibit 102-E(6)-E(1): Equal Educational Opportunity - Disposition of Complaint Form - Disposition of Complaint Form 10. Policy 103: Long-Range Needs Assessment 11. Regulation 103-R(1): Long-Range Needs Assessment 12. Policy 106: Title IX - Discrimination and Harassment Based on Sex Prohibited 13. Policy 401.06: Limitations to Employee References 14. Policy 401.14: Employee Expression C. Consider approval of the Four Oaks contract

in the amount of \$70,000 for the 2024-2025 school year Motion made by: Mio Santiago Motion seconded by: Paul Wilkerson Voting: Unanimously Approved D. Board Secretary/Director of Finance VIII. Discussion Items A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services B. Superintendent 1. Annual Policies for Discussion The Board reviewed the policies. Discussion followed. 1. Policy 505.05: Graduation Requirements 2. Regulation 505.05-R(1): Graduation Requirements - DELETE C. Board Secretary/Business Manager 1. Discussion of the Certified Budget for FY2024-2025 The Board participated in a discussion session regarding the Certified Budget for the FY2024-2025. D. Board Member Attendance The report was accepted as presented. E. Staff Attendance The report was accepted as presented. IX. Comments from the audience There were none. X. Legislative update The Board discussed Legislative actions. XI. Announcements A. Public Hearing - Proposed Property Tax Levy Fiscal Year July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025: April 03, 2024, 6:00 p.m. - Central Office Board Room B. Board Work

Session: April 03, 2024, 6:05 p.m. - Central Office Board Room C. Public Hearing - Proposed Fort Madison School Budget Summary Fiscal Year 2024-2025: April 17, 2024, 6:00 p.m. - Central Office Board Room D. Regular Board Meeting: April 17, 2024, 6:05 p.m. - Central Office Board Room 6 XII. Motion to enter into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j) for the purposes of the purchase or sale of particular real estate. Director Santiago made motion that a closed session be held as authorized by the Open Meetings Law codified in Section 21.5(1)(j) of the Code of Iowa to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the school district would have to pay for the property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property as provided in Chapter 21.5(1)(j) of the Code of Iowa. Motion seconded by Director Wilkerson. The Board entered into the closed session at 7:48 p.m. and exited the closed session at 8:16 p.m. Motion made by: Mio Santiago Motion seconded by: Paul Wilkerson Voting:

Amy Thacher - Yes Josh Wykert - Yes Brad Menke - Yes Mio Santiago - Yes Paul Wilkerson - Yes Keith Hehr - Yes Kelly Nelton - Yes XIII. Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m. Motion made by: Keith Hehr Motion seconded by: Amy Thacher Voting: Unanimously Approved

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Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Agenda
Public Input
Consider Approval of Federal-aid Agreement for RAISE Discretionary Project# HDP-C056(119)-6B-56, Replacement of Bridge #84.1, Located on X32 over Lost Creek
Consider Approval of Secondary Roads FY25 -FY 29 Five Year Program
Consider Approval to Replace Maintenance Worker III in Secondary Roads
Consider Approval of FY 24 IDOT Budget Amendment 1
Consider Approval of FY 25 IDOT Budget
Consider Approval of Master Services Agreement with Eagleview for Pictometry
Receive and File Settlement Agreement with Janssen Pharmaceutical for Opioid Funds Receive and File Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Annual Report
Consider Approval of Resolution Establishing Interest Bearing Account for Automated Traffic Enforcement Cameras Fund



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and County Reserve/
Emergency Fund
Consent Agenda
• Monday, April 1, 2024
Board Minutes
• Claims for Payment
• Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for Argyle Community Boosters
• Tax Abatement Resolutions (2)
Personnel Actions:
A. Step Increase - Conservation
B. Step Increase - Attorney's Office
Reports:
A. Sheriffs Monthly Report
Commission or Committee Reports
Adjourn

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APRIL 9, 2024
REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 A.M.

1. Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda
3. Receive Visitors:
 - a) Visitors to speak about items not on the agenda
 - b) Social Studies Presentation
 - c) Third Grade Presentation
4. Superintendent's Report:
 - a) Finance Update
 - b) Legislative Update
 - c) Human Resources & Insurance Committee Updates
 - d) May Board Meeting - 5/14/2024
 - e) District Financial Audit FY22-23
 - f) Hall of Fame Event

- g) Vacancies
5. CONSENT AGENDA: (Exhibit I) (Motion)
 - a) Approve minutes
 - b) Financial Reports: General and Schoolhouse funds, Clearing account, Hot Lunch account
 - c) Approve prepaid bills
 - d) Approve monthly bills
 - e) Approve/Deny Open Enrollment Requests
 - f) Overnight Trip: International Science & Engineering Fair, Los Angeles, California - May 11th, 2024 - May 18, 2024
- NEW BUSINESS:
 1. Supplemental Resolution authorizing and providing for the issuance and authorizing and directing the final terms and conditions of the sale and delivery of Warrants evidenced by Warrant Certificates for the fiscal year end-

- ing June 30th, 2025 and amending the Master Resolution: (Roll Call Vote)
 2. Second Reading Board Policy 300 Series (Motion)
 3. Second Reading of Board Policies: (Motion) (Exhibit II)
 - a) 905.1 - Community Use of District Facilities & Equipment
 - b) 905.1R2 - Fees for Use of District Facilities
 4. Second Reading of Board Policy No. 505.8 Parent and Family Engagement: (Motion) (Exhibit III)
 5. Public Hearing - 2024-2025 District Calendar
 - a) Review Calendar (Exhibit IV)
 - b) Open Hearing for Public Comment
 - c) Approve Calendar for 2024-2025 (Motion) (Roll Call Vote)

6. Introduce 400 Series
7. Approve Summer Facility Maintenance/Improvement Requests (Motion) (Exhibit V)
8. Set Budget Adoption Hearing Date for FY25 Budget (Motion) (Roll Call)
9. Review and Approve Auditor Bids for District Audit FY2023-2024 (Motion) (Exhibit VI)
10. Approve High School Music Trip to New York, NY - March 16-20, 2025 (Motion) (Exhibit VII)
11. Resignations: (Effective End of 2023-2024) (Motion)
 - a) Kathleen Burr-Robinson - Teacher Associate
 - b) Brooke Finney - Instructor
 - c) Laura Johnson - Instructor
 - d) Kaylee Balentine - Instructor

- e) Kelsey McGee - High School Special Needs Associate (Effective 4/8/2024)
12. Volunteer Coach Approval: (Motion)
 - a) Christina Ball - Middle School Girls Track
13. Contract Approvals: (Motion)
 - a) Cassidy Simmons - Football and Basketball Cheerleading Sponsor (Effective FY2024-2025)
 - b) Jason Liegois - High School Instructor (Effective FY2024-2025)
 - c) Mark "Ethan" Rulon - Associate (Effective 2/20/2024)
 - d) Vickie Lamborn - K8 Foodservice (Effective 3/13/2024)
 - e) Shane Weirather - Middle School Football Coach (Effective FY2024-2025)
14. Board Reports
15. Adjourn (Motion)

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OBITUARIES

JOHN W. GRAFF

John Wayne Graff, 73, of Montrose, IA passed away Monday, April 1, 2024 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in West Burlington, IA after battling a long illness.



GRAFF

He was born January 14, 1951 in White Township Indiana County, PA the son of John F. and Doris Jean Wingard Graff. John graduated from Lenape Technical High School in Ford City, PA with the class of 1968. He attended DeVry Institute of Technology in Chicago, IL.

On January 20, 1984, John was united in marriage to Claire Wiltrakis in Wheaton, IL, for forty years. She survives.

Other survivors include one daughter, Jennifer Zoller of Charlottesville, TN and two grandchildren, Haylee Schlim and Parker Schlim both of DeKalb, IL. He is also survived by two sisters, Kathy Graff of Plum Creek Township Armstrong County, PA and Connie Graff of Town of Saugerties, Ulster County, NY, one nephew, Geoffrey Graff and four lifelong friends, Ron Dinwiddie, Steve Maerz, Woody Smith aka Junior and Bob Mlsek and four aunts, one uncle and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

John had been employed by Quantum Data as a senior electrical design engineer for thirty plus years, until his retirement.

He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Gastown, PA and was a lifetime member of the American Motorcycle Association.

John was an outdoorsman at heart and loved spending time outdoors, hiking and gardening. He was an enthusiastic motorcycle lover, who loved to ride and repair them. At one time he owned five motorcycles and took many cross country trips through the years. John also enjoyed working jigsaw puzzles, the more pieces the better along with crossword and Sudoku puzzles. He had a great but "dry" sense of humor.

A graveside service will be held 3 p.m. Monday April 8 at the Montrose Cemetery in Montrose, IA with Pastor Joyce Dix-Weiers officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Holden Cancer Center in Iowa City, IA or to Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in West Burlington, IA.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Montrose, IA is assisting the family with arrangements.

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



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The Fort Madison YMCA Test Kitchen held the first-ever Cottontail Run on Saturday, March 30 along the Fort Madison Riverfront. About 200 runners came out to run the 2-mile trek around the newly constructed Fort Madison Marina.

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Lunch Specials
April 8-12
11am - 1pm

Monday, April 8

Tenderloin, Cheese Potatoes, Baked Beans

Tuesday, April 9

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Corn

Wednesday, April 10

Beef Stroganoff, Green Beans

Thursday, April 11

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