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GRHS nixes Aetna, WellPoint

MEDICARE: Two Medicare Advantage programs to be cut by year's end

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

BURLINGTON - Great River Health System has announced that they are no longer accepting two forms of Medicare Advantage plans.

Information on the change came Monday morning, a week after the health system put out a release about their change in hospital designation which created a new, two-tiered billing

The hospital system, including SEI Regional Medical Center

and Henry County Health Center, will no longer be accepting Medicare Advantage plans offered by Aetna and Wellpoint. Wellpoint is formerly AmeriGroup.

The Aetna plan's coverage will no longer be accepted for clinic or hospital services starting on Oct. 10 of this year. The Wellpoint plan will stop at the end of the year.

A hospital spokesperson said the participants in both plans have been notified by letter of the change.

"We are also contacting scheduled patients on an individual

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HTC's Olivia Bendlage (13) attacks from the left outside position Monday night at Holy Trinity High School as Burlington's Daphne Brown (2) and Sophia Young (27) defend at the Holy Trinity Classic in Fort Madison. The Crusaders won, going 4-0 on the night.

HOLY TRINITY CLASSIC

Lady Crusaders run clean through HTC Classic

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP **PCC SPORTS**

FORT MADISON - Holy Trinity's volleyball team got some momentum heading into this weekend's SEI Superconference Tournament by sweeping through the Holy Trinity Classic on Monday night at Shottenkirk Gym.

The Crusaders, ranked No. 4 in Class 1A, didn't drop a set in its four matches, defeating Danville (21-19, 21-19), Keokuk (21-7, 21-13) and Fort Madison (21-7, 21-9) in pool play before downing Burlington 21-17, 21-18 in the championship match.

That sets Holy Trinity (12-5) up for its conference tournament, which begins with pool play on Thursday.

"I thought we just built (momentum) with every set today," Holy Trinity coach Melissa Freesmeier said. "This was a big win for us. We needed this tonight, so we can build on some things heading into the conference tournament."

The Crusaders split six matches at the Lisbon Tournament on Saturday, but three

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COMMENTARY





Harvest galore! in fall of 2024

The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Mathew 9:37-38

We didn't ask the Lord to send us laborers, but we did put out a message on social media that we had radishes, cucumbers, tomatoes, green beans, aronia berries and Macintosh apples free for the picking (or some already picked) and, oh boy, did we have takers!

One morning I was out picking tomatoes and there was a farmer mowing the ditches with one of those flex-wing mowers. I had a five-gallon bucket full of tomatoes, so I waved and tipped the bucket to show him. He stopped mowing, came over and admired the tomatoes. Politely, he didn't say a word about our weedy garden, except, "It's a good year for everything." He went away with that bucket full of tomatoes, happy for the surprise he had for his wife. I was pleased to get rid of the tomatoes, because I knew I had another bucket-and-a-half of tomatoes to pick, from just a dozen plants. Even the cherry tomatoes are as big as small tomatoes this year. Mercy! (Great for impulse eating.)

A couple of times while I was picking one thing or another, the mailman arrived at the mailbox. Seeing me in the garden (my happy place), he drove out and went away with buckets full of tomatoes and cucumbers. Always take care of the mail-person!

Ginnie is not a "canner." She has a pressure cooker but is afraid to use it, having heard so many stories of pressure-cooker blow ups. She does something called "water bath canning" and has put away a good stock of apple pie filling for apple pie whenever the mood strikes, and apple butter—my stomach is smiling. I have never been an apple butter fan, having

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WEATHER

TUE 24 Sep..... Cooler with slight chance of showers, 71° F/ 51° F WED 25 Sep Sunny, 75° F/ 53° F ...Mostly sunny, 77° F/ 60° F THU 26 Sep ...

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Obituaries/From the Front

OBITUARIES

DANIEL **GUTTING**

Daniel "Dan" Gutting, 64 of Keokuk, IA passed away Saturday, September 21, 2024 at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, IA.



Dan was born May 4, 1960, in Keokuk, IA, to Gene and Rachel Gutting. He grew up in Kahoka, MO. He was a rambunctious kid and loved playing baseball. Those knowing him growing up referred to him as Danny, Archie, or Arch. He said he always knew he was back home when he heard those names.

Dan lived a life full of hard work and fun. He graduated Clark County R-1 High School in 1978 and after working on the family farm for a bit, decided it was time to pursue his next love, radio. Dan attended college in Maryville obtaining a degree in broadcasting. After that Dan began his career working on air radio, utilizing his gifted deep voice. With his savvy intellect he eventually shifted over to the business side of broadcasting. Over his career he worked at many stations throughout the United States, often restructuring stations which he said was his favorite times. His favorite places where he lived and worked were Brownsville, TX, and Jacksonville, FL, where he ended up falling in love with the area and planted roots next to the beach for 30 years. While there he continued his successful career in radio even doing play by play for the Jacksonville Jaguars, which would forever remain his favorite football team. Eventually with his vast broadcasting talents and experience, Dan ended up switching directions once again and worked in TV in Jacksonville as well. His loves in Jacksonville, besides the Jaguars, were golfing with friends, hosting parties, and being out on the beach as much as possible.

Despite his career travels and dedication, Dan was devoted to his family. He always said regardless of the many miles between him and his sister Susan and brother John, they all knew he was there for them if they ever needed him. And he would be there in a second. His love for his nieces and nephews (Sarandon, Sierra, Colin, Killian, and Carissa) was vast. He would show pictures and brag on their accomplishments, share in their heartaches, and truly wear the uncle, and eventually great-uncle, title proudly. They gave him more joy than they could possibly know. After the loss of his father, Dan began returning to Kahoka each summer to assist his mother who would return from Arizona. There he got to revisit his love for the family farm. In 2020, he decided it was finally time to

hang up his beach towel and return back home. He said being back home was the next adventure of his life.

While back home Dan enjoyed the family farm and once again got to see his favorite season, fall. Not having that in Florida he said he forgot just how beautiful it is. Once back home Dan also embarked on an adventure he didn't have planned. He and his future wife Sarah were introduced through a blind date email by a mutual friend and neither one of them saw what was coming. The wonderful unexpected rest was history meant to happen. They officially became husband and wife on January 4, 2024. Dan was the most amazing husband. He gave everything he had to whatever he was doing and being a husband was no exception despite it happening later in life. It's no surprise that Dan also excelled at becoming a father to Abbygail as their bond grew over the years. Dan and Sarah lived in Keokuk. Dan was very proud of their home and loved talking about the next home project to tackle. Dan and Sarah loved sitting out on their back patio and enjoyed just being there with each other. He was at his happiest when his house was filled with friends and family surrounded by an abundance of food that he would've spent hours smoking and cooking, happily. He was a phenomenal cook, loving to try any new recipe. Anyone having the pleasure of knowing Dan experienced his great sense of humor. He could make you laugh with just one sentence. Often he would tell stories of years of adventures with his lifelong college best friends Mark and Larry, reliving the fun each time. Every year the 3 fanatical St. Louis Cardinals fans would head to spring training to take in their love of team, and inevitably create new stories, some of which will forever remain between only

To say he will be missed is the biggest understatement that has ever been made. The world lost the best husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend that anyone could've ever been blessed to have. He was truly a good man. He was taken far too soon to which we will never understand why. Hearts will forever be broken.

A funeral service will be held 1 p.m. Friday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with Pastor Derek Olsen

Visitation will be held prior to the service from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. with the family meeting with friends at that time.

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

Harvest brings warm thoughts and apple cake

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eaten only store-bought apple butter, but this home made version, from our own Mac apples, is out-of-this world. I can eat it by the spoon full (and do).

Which reminds me. Ginnie made apple cake out of our Macintosh apples. For heaven's sake! I don't believe I have ever tasted any kind of cake as good as this. The nuts, brown-sugar topping and moistness make for a taste extravaganza akin to a roller-coaster ride of the taste buds! You hit a peak, the bottom drops out, leaving you salivating for more. I've never heard of anyone foundering on apple cake, but I believe I could. And then I would have to be put down—happy.

All of this gardening served us well for Ragbrai (I define "Ragbrai" as a word like the word "laser" came from the acronym for "Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation"). We had two Ragbrai teams staying overnight, and Ginnie cooked both supper and breakfast for them. For supper (in Iowa it's "supper" not "dinner"), along with Sloppy Joes, Ginnie fixed cucumbers and onions, sliced tomatoes and home-cooked green beans with chunks of bacon and onion. One Ragbrai rider nearly cried at the deliciousness of the green beans. Ginnie beamed, and I bragged that I had picked the blue lake bush beans just the day before. For breakfast, Ginnie had two different casseroles with a side of sliced tomatoes. One rider quipped, "Is this heaven?" In unison, they all chimed, "No, it's

As I write this on September 17th, there's a full moon—a Red Harvest Super Moon. The harvest is bountiful, but the absence of workers is not a problem, when we have friendly visitors who enjoy our produce. From my recliner, as I look out the picture window, I see the field of seed corn next to us being picked. Because of the angle of sunlight, there's a sadness to fall, but also hope. Hope for the future of all man-andwoman-kind. Be at peace with yourself and others.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526 or email him at curtswarm@ <u>yahoo.com</u>. Curt is available for public speaking.





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BARBARA S. ALTGILBERS

Barbara S. Altgilbers, 59, of Keokuk, IA, died Friday, September 20, 2024 at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Ft. Madison, IA.

She was born on July 23, 1965 in Clarinda, IA, the daughter of John and Elizabeth "Beth" (Ching) Kerr. She graduated from Oelwein High School with the Class of 1983.

On August 2, 1986, Barbara was united in marriage to Gary Altgilbers



ALTGILBERS

in Oelwein, IA. He survives.

She is also survived by three sons, Jared Altgilbers of Keokuk and Jacob Altgilbers of New Albany, IN and Devon Altgilbers and his wife Haylee of Keokuk and two grandchildren, Cali and Kyle. Other survivors include her parents, John and Beth Kerr of Oelwein, IA, one sister, Margaret Myers and her husband Bill of Charleston, WV and one brother, Daniel David Kerr and his wife Janelle of Des Moines, IA, her

mother-in-law, Carol Altgilbers of Quincy, IL and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her maternal and paternal grandparents.

Barbara had been employed at an early childcare center in Quincy as a para-educator, at Lee County Abstract and most recently at the Lee County Recorder's Office.

She was a member of the United Presbyterian Church in Keokuk where she served as a ruling elder.

Some of Barbara's favorite hobbies included reading, arts and crafts, doing cross stitch, gardening, music and playing the trumpet. She was a very outgoing person and loved visiting with people. She touched many lives with her smile, her easy conversation and her kind heart.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at the United Presbyterian Church in Keokuk with Pastor Diane Ludington officiating. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk.

Visitation will be held from 5 – 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the Vigen Memorial home in Keokuk with the family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the United Presbyterian Church of Keokuk.

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

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BARBARA J. COOVERT

Barbara Jean Coovert, 95, of Keokuk, IA, died Saturday, September 21, 2024 at River Hills Village in Keokuk, IA.

She was born on August 12, 1929 in Keokuk, IA, the daughter of Earl Gilpin and Lola Morrisey Gilpin. On May 15, 1948, Barbara was united in marriage to Clarence "June" Junior Coovert in Keokuk, IA. He preceded her in death on November 23, 2014.



COOVERT

She is survived by two sons, David (Kathy) Coovert of Keokuk and Daniel (Joan) Coovert of Manhattan KS, five grandchildren, Eric Coovert, Megan (Daniel) Hogan, Stephanie Coovert, Aaron (Sara) Coovert and Alex (Denise) Coovert, nine great grandchildren, Hannah, Luke, Owen, Kylee, Zayleigh, Ruairi, Nathan, Rachel and Scarlett. Other survivors include her sister, Mary Symmonds of Keokuk. Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Jack Gilpin, Donald Gilpin and Warren "Ike" Johnston. She

was a member of the Living Waters Assembly of God. Some of Barbara's favorite hobbies included making beautiful quilts, crocheting special projects, playing cards and taking car rides around town to take in the sites.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, September 25 at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with Pastor Terry Massey officiating. Visitation will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home with the family meeting with friends at that time. Memorials may be made to the Living Waters Assembly of God of Keokuk.

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



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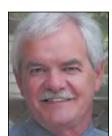
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Nannette Griffin



Jeff Reichman



Martin Graber





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Sports

Central Lee goes 2-1, **Hounds 1-2 at HTC Classic**

VOLLEYBALL - Continued from Page 1

of their wins in this tournament came against Class 4A schools.

What Freesmeier liked was how the Crusaders approached their offense. She would just like more consistency.

"When we're good, we're really good," Freesmeier said. "We just can't step back and stop hitting the ball. We've got to hit the ball in system, out of system, because when we hit the ball, we're really good."

The Crusaders got 26 kills each from Presley Myers and Adalyn Kruse, their two top hitters. Anna Bendlage added 10 kills.

"Everybody's digging the ball, bringing it back at us," Freesmeier said. "We kept coming back off scramble plays and getting points.

We never quit on balls and I was proud of our team effort.":

Central Lee defeated Danville 21-13, 22-20 to take third place. The Hawks went 2-1 in pool play, losing to Burlington 21-9, 21-7 before beating Mediapolis 18-21, 22-20, 15-13, and Wapello 21-15, 17-21, 15-8.

All of the Hawks' wins came against Superconference opponents, which gave coach Amy Cook confidence heading into the conference tournament. Central Lee had lost three of its previous four matches coming into the tourna-

"We definitely did a lot better than how we've been playing," Cook said. "We've been doing some reflecting on our play, and I do think

you could see that in how we played tonight.

"When you see good competition, like we did tonight, it helps you see your strengths and weaknesses. There's a lot we can learn from this, and we've got a couple of days of practice before we play on Thursday."

Fort Madison went 1-2, defeating Keokuk (14-21, 21-19, 15-10) and losing to Danville (21-15, 21-18) and Holy Trinity.

The Bloodhounds beat Keokuk for the second time in two weeks.

"I think there were some people wondering was that a fluke last week, and did we really deserve to win that game," Fort Madison coach Kelly Knustrom said. "I think tonight proved that we did. They earned that win, and they earned this one."

Knustrom said her team needs to have better starts — the Bloodhounds lost the first set in all three of their matches.

"I didn't think we came out very focused and there were some errors there,"



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Wapello's Mila Jordan tries to get a kill over the block of Kenna Sandoval (20) and Taylor Jones (18) of Central Lee Monday night at the Holy Trinity Classic in Fort Madison.

she said. "But I thought the fight was there, and it's

HOLY TRINITY STA-**TISTICS**

getting better."

Kills — Presley Myers 26, Adalyn Kruse 26, Anna Bendlage 10, Olivia Bendlage 8, Elizabeth Griffin 5, Emma Mohrfeld 4, Teagan Snaadt 1.

Assists — Griffin 30, A.Bendlage 27, Snaadt 5, Mohrfeld 3, Kruse 1, O.Bendlage 1

Serving — Kruse 37-39

(8 aces), A.Bendlage 31-31 (3), Snaadt 26-28 (2), Myers 20-21 (1), Griffin 18-22 (4), O.Bendlage 15-18 (3), Eva Denning 6-7.

Digs — Snaadt 34, Griffin 33, O.Bendlage 22, A.Bendlage 18, Kruse 15, Myers 11, Mohrfeld 4.

Blocks — Myers 12, Kruse 4, Mohrfeld 4, Griffin 1, O.Bendlage 1 FORT MADISON STA-

TISTICS Dayonna Davis —15 kills

and 5 aces Brylie Lorence — 8 kills Sydney McEntee — 6

Mara Smith — 19 assists and 3 aces

Kylie Lumino — 4 aces and 19 digs

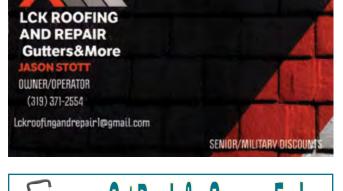
Mackenzie Huebner — 20 digs

CENTRA LEE STATIS-**TICS**

Kills: Taylor Jones, - 40, Kylie Fortune 15, Hailey Lampe 20

Digs: Jayden Mueller - 54, Kenna Sandoval 40.

Assists: Sandoval - 76











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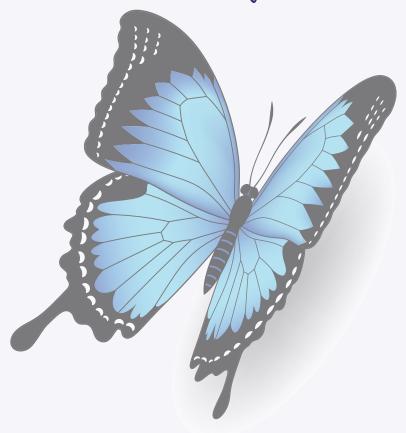
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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 9/17/2024

At 5:30 PM, Council met in adjourned session on Tuesday, September 17, 2024. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Thele, Roller, Gray, Rink and Yager, present. Councilman Andrews arrived at 5:31 PM and Councilman Sparrow was absent.

Mayor Mohrfeld proclaimed Healthiest State Annual Walk Day, October 2, 2024.

On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 9/3/2024; Liquor License Renewal: Aldi, Inc; Claims dated 9/11/2024, Manual Claims for August 2024. August Financial Report and Payroll of 9/6/2024.

Presentation by BerganKDV of the City's FY 23/24 Audit. On motion, Council approved to

EXPENDITURES

\$87,901.35 General Special Rev. Road Use \$157,693.43 \$32,253.52 Capital \$97,243.08 \$33,034.98 Wastewater \$27,909.55 \$4,536.89 Solid Waste Storm Water \$58.00

\$440,630.80

receive and file the City's Audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

At 5:44 PM, Mayor Mohrfeld opened the public hearing concerning the amendment of the City-Wide Urban Revitalization Plan for the City-Wide Urban Revitalization Area. With no oral or written comments, Mohrfeld closed the public hearing at 5:47 PM. On motion, Council approved Resolution 2024-61 adopting the proposed City-Wide Urban Revitalization Plan for the City-Wide Urban Revitalization Area. On motion, Council approved the following Special Event Permits: Porchstock, River & Rails Weekend, Commons Rusted Rukus Jam, FMHS Homecoming Parade, Escape Rodeo Park Zombie Run, and **Cross Country Invitational** and waived the associated fees.

Sarah Clendening, Library Director, gave her annual Library report to

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\$332,513.57

PAYROLL 9/6/2024

\$217,066.27 General Road Use \$28,191.78 \$36639.63 Water Wastewater \$33,402,76 Solid Waste Airport Employee Benefits

Total

Council.

On motion. Council approved the purchase of the property at 1334 Avenue H when a satisfactory title search has been completed. On motion, Council approved the reappointment of Michael Ball to the Airport Commission; Tim Wondra and Randall Tuttle to the Board of Adjustment & Appeals; Glenda "Pebbles" Schneider to the Construction Board and the appointment of Phylip Strunk to the Construction Board. On motion, Council approved Beggar's Night from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on October 31, 2024. On motion, Council approved the City Manager's hire of Cody Potthast as Chief of Police, Councilmember Gray abstained.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Justina M. Cullen, City Clerk

REVENUES General

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LEE COUNTY SECONDARY ROADS

MECHANIC CLASS II

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Lee County is currently accepting applications for a Mechanic Class II to work out of our Central Shop near Donnellson, IA. The successful applicant will perform skilled mechanical work in the maintenance and repair of vehicles, and construction and maintenance equipment and all related mechanical equipment including but not limited to performing diagnostics; electrical repairs; gas welding and cutting; arc and mig welding; and work on hydraulic components. Maintains records of all parts and tools used in repair and assist in inventory of parts and equipment. 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 or the ability to obtain Class A within 60 days of hire.

Lee County provides equal opportunity in employment to all person regardless of age, race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion, or disability. The position pay range is \$24.17 to \$29.51 per hour.

For a job description, a list of qualifications, and to apply, download an application from our county's website, www.leecounty.org/employment.aspx and turn it into the County Engineer Office or email it to engineer@leecountyiowa.gov along with a resume. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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

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ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN

Lee County is accepting applications for an Engineering Technician to work out of our Fort Madison Office. Duties will include surveying, inspection and testing of materials, computer aided drafting, the ability to become IDOT certified in inspection and other related work duties. The successful candidate will be classified as an Engineering Technician IE, IIE or IIIE depending on their qualifications. The starting wage range is \$26.40 to \$28.51. Pay rates after 3 years of employment range from \$32.01to \$34.90.

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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 streets, 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 with the ability to obtain a Class A CDL within one year of hire

NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Some knowledge of equipment, facilities, materials, methods and procedures used in maintenance, construction and repair activities;
- Skill in operation of 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 Mark Bousselot at City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, IA 52627 or via email at mbousselot@fortmadison-ia.com by 4:30pm on Friday. October 4th. 2024.



For the Record/From the Front

Hospital says 1,600 will be affected

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basis to help them understand their options, including finding an in-network provider," the spokesperson said.

"This decision was made after contract terms Great River Health presented to these two carriers were not accepted. The contract terms were reasonable and accepted by other insurance carriers. We will continue to provide emergency care for all patients in our Emergency Departments regardless of their insurance."

Hospital officials said they attempted to push the Aetna date back to the end of the year, but the carrier would not agree to the extension. That cancellation affects approximately 1,300 patients.

Patients currently using Wellpoint have also been sent letters with information about the discontinuation of coverage. That affects approximately 300 patients, according to hospital data.

If patients wish to continue receiving healthcare services at SEIRMC or HCHC that are covered by their insurance, they must enroll in an accepted plan during Medicare Open Enrollment which runs from October 15-December 7, 2024, with a plan effective date of January 1, 2025.

The health system will continue to accept current Medicare Advantage plans offered by Humana, United Healthcare, and Wellmark Blue Cross & Blue Shield.

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For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

09/20/24 – 12:44 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 5400 block of Avenue O.

009/20/24 - 7:08 a.m. - - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 5300 block of Avenue O.

09/20/24 - 8:30 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Jessica Ann Miller, 34, of Fort Madison, in the 2100 block of Avenue E, on a charge of OWI. She was held in Lee County Jail.

09/20/24 – 4:46 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2000 block of 303rd Avenue.

09/21/24 – 5:11 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Alexander Michael Schweitzer, 28, of Fort Madison, in the 2000 block of Avenue M, on charges of public intoxication, interference with official acts, disorderly conduct, assault and domestic assault. He was held in Lee County Jail.

09/21/24 – 11:09 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Michael Eugene Cochran, Jr., 42, of Fort Madison, in the 2000 block of Avenue J, on a charge of domestic assault. He was held in Lee County Jail.

09/22/24 – 12:38 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of Avenue F.

09/22/24 – 5:13 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2400 block of Avenue A.

09/22/24 - 8:42 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1400 block of 29th Street.

09/22/24 - 9:59 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Maddalee Powers, 18, of Fort Madison in the 1500 block of Avenue M, on a charge of possession of mariiuana.

09/22/24 - 9:59 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Jayven Thurmond, 18, of Fort Madison in the 1500 block of Avenue M, on a charge of possession of marijuana

Keokuk Police Report

09/20/24 - 9:41 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 300 block of N. Park Drive

09/20/24 — 9:45 a.m. - Keokuk police arrested a 14-year-old male juvenile in the 2200 block of Middle Road on a charge of a minor using tobac-co/vapor products. He was released to a parent.

09/20/24 – 10:16 a.m. – Keokuk police cited Jennifer Lynn Tipton, 47, of Hamilton, in the 300 block of N. Park Drive, on a charge of 5th degree theft.

09/20/24 – 1:45 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 600 block of High Street.

09/20/24 - 5:20 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3400 block of Main Street.

09/21/24 - 2:35 a.m. - Keokuk police cited Danaya Marqier Seay-Gilpin, 18, of Keokuk, in the 1800 block of Main Street, on a charge of a minor using tobacco/vapor products.

09/21/24 - 1:06 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 400 block of Main Street.

09/21/24 - 1:55 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 200 block of Main Street.

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report of a persona injury accident at the intersection of N. 4th Street and High Street.

09/21/24 – 10:41 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a hit and run N. 5th Street and Blondeau Street.

09/21/24 - 8:42 p.m. - Keokuk police cited Cassandra Ann Cizek, 34, of Keokuk in the 300 block of U.S. 61 bypass on a charge of driving under suspension.

09/22/24 – 9:25 p.m. – Keokuk police arrested Cole Michael Geltz, 27, of Keokuk, in the 200 block of N. 8th Street, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was held in Lee County Jail.

09/22/24 – 11:31 p.m. – Keokuk police arrested Deuante DeShawn Dorsey, 22, of Keokuk, in the 300 block of N. 9th Street, on charges of driving while barred and interference with official acts. He was held in Lee County Jail.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

09/20/24 - 9:38 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Francis Antonio Mansheim, 64, of Fort Madison, in the 2700 block of Chalk Ridge Road on charges of drug tax stamp violations, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled substance. He was held in Lee County Jail.

09/20/24 – 12:52 p.m. – Lee County sheriff's deputies arrested a 16-year-old male juvenile from Ottumwa at the Southeast lowa Juvenile Detention Center on a charge of criminal mischief.

09/20/24 - 12:52 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 1200 block of 150th Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Melissa Deanna Hopp, 54, of Donnellson was following a grain trailer

eastbound and lost control due to low visibility on gravel roads and struck a parked grain elevator. No injuries or citations were reported.

09/20/24 – 3:13 p.m. – Lee County sheriff's deputies arrested a 16-year-old male juvenile at the SEI Juvenile Detention Center on a charge of assault.

09/21/24 – 8:43 a.m. – Lee County sheriff's deputies arrested a 13-year-old female juvenile at the SEI Juvenile Detention Center on charge of assault with injury.

09/21/24 – 11:33 – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on U.S. 61 South. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Ava Grace Cochran, 20, of Burlington, was southbound and lost control on the highway sliding into a ditch. No injuries or citations were reported.

09/22/24 - 6:42 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a one-vehicle accident on Hwy. 61 near 260th Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Harry Augustin, 64 of St. Petersburg, Fla., was southbound on 61 while waiting to turn towards 260th Street and struck a stopsign in the middle of the roadway. The vehicle ended up in a ditch but was able to get out. No injuries or citations were reported.

Those listed above should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

09/20/24 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls.

09/21/24 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to six medical calls.

09/22/24 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to five med-



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