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District makes offer





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The Fort Madison Community School District offered a proposal to one of the two candidates above. At left, former FMHS instructor Mike Wolters and, at right, current West Burlington Administrator David Keane both met with community members Wednesday at the Fort Madison Jr./Sr. High School.

OFFER: School board instructs consultant to make offer on Superintendent post

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison school board has selected a candidate to be its next supervisor, but hasn't released the name pending background checks and contract negotiations, according to Board President Josh Wykert.

The district introduced the two finalists for the position on Wednesday morning at a meet-and-greet at Fort Madisons' Jr./Sr. High School.

Shannon Bisgard, a consultant with Grundmeyer Leader

Services, introduced both David Keane and Mike Wolter to about 50 people in the multi-purpose room. The two had some brief remarks and then mingled for about an hour before heading out to tours of the district facilities and panel interviews.

The board of directors then met with each candidate followed by a deliberation session, all of which were held in closed session. The board did come out of closed session Wednesday evening, with a selected finalist.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Klingner & Associates earn national award for Marina work

WASHINGTON - Klingner & Associates, P.C., of Quincy, Ill., has earned a National Recognition Award for exemplary engineering achievement in the American Council of Engineering Companies' (ACEC) 58th annual Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA).

The award comes for the Fort Madison Marina Rehabilitation project.

To help expand and restore the marina, which had gained significant sedimentation from years of flooding, Klingner's team utilized advanced modeling to optimize the facility design

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without affecting flood profiles. The team implemented a system of rock weirs to dewater dredge materials, allowing for faster drying. That material was then reused to elevate the park,

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MAY EXHIBIT

Skunk River art on display at FMAAA

Deb Scott's Soul of the Skunk River sculptures take over Fort Madison Art Gallery in May

> BY LORI ILLNER GREEN Fort Madison Area Arts Association

FORT MADISON - Deb Scott has a passion for the imperfect. Scott's finely crafted Souls of the Skunk River revel in this idea with engaging busts and high relief sculptures outfitted with ephemera.

Each sculpture is enhanced with a story dreamed up to further the viewer's understanding and context of the caricatures they are encountering. With names like Effie May Cross, Rube Mathis or Purdy the Hornet Reader, any one of these individual characters could have a volume written to tell their tale, or a Disney movie made about them. They are not flawless or beautiful, but that is not the type of art Scott is interested in. Rather, she strives for authentic and engaging. This exhibition features these figurative sculptures along with a collection of watercolors. The Opening Reception for Souls of the Skunk River by Deb Scott is Thursday, May 8, 2025, from 5pm to 7pm. Everyone is welcome to come meet the artist and enjoy complimentary refreshments at the FMAAA Art Center located at 825 Avenue G in Fort Madison, IA. This exhibition is graciously sponsored by Great River Health.

Retirement has afforded Deb Scott the time to indulge in her artistic passion. Scott states that she, "likes challenge and change, going so far as to make my own watercolor brushes from various roadkill," along with notable sculpting tools that work best for her particular style. Scott further reminisces about her sculptural figures, "I have always had the urge to create. I am self taught. In sculpting I know

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Fort Madison Police Report

04/28/25 - 5:54 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 600 block of Avenue E.

04/28/25 8:52 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 700 block of Avenue E.

04/28/25- 9:01 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1300 block of Avenue D.

04/28/25 - 9:58 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1500 block of Avenue C.

04/28/25 – 11:42 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 200 block of 15th Street.

04/28/25 – 12:01 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1200 block of Avenue C.

04/28/25 – 1:09 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1500 block of Avenue C.

04/28/25 - 5:14 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1200 block of Avenue C.

04/28/25 - 7:08 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a vandalism in the 1300 block of Avenue C.

04/29/25 – 9:35 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 4800 block of Avenue O.

04/29/25 - 9:36 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 4800 block of Avenue O.

04/29/25 – 10:28 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1400 block of Avenue C.

04/29/25 – 4:29 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1900 block of Avenue D.

04/29/25 - 9:50 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1800 block of Avenue L.

Keokuk Police Report

04/22/25 – 3:20 p.m. – Keokuk police responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident in the 2000 block of Main Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Norma J. Gilpin, 86, of Nauvoo, was westbound on Main when it struck a vehicle driven by Cassandra D. Beaman, 29, of Keokuk who was stopped at an improperly functioning traffic device. Gilpin was cited for failure to stop in an assured distance. No injuries were reported.

04/22/25 – 6:14 p.m. – Keokuk police responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident in the 800 block of Bank Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Ashley Jo Voorhees, 41, of Keokuk struck an unoccupied parked vehicle when leaving a parking spot. Voorhees was cited for failure to provide proof of insurance.

04/25/25 – 4:30 p.m. – Keokuk police cited Jamey Washburn, 47, of Keokuk, in the 100 block of Bel Air Street on charges of

allowing a dog to attack and no proof of rabies vaccination.

04/25/25 – 6:06 p.m. – Keokuk police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 100 block of Mississippi Drive.

04/25/25 -8:17 p.m. – Keokuk police arrested Daniel Wesley Warth, 37, of. Keokuk, in the 100 block of S. 17th Street, on a warrant for failure to appear. She was held in Lee County Jail.

04/26/25 – 11:25 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Hilton Rd.

04/26/25. 1:36 p.m. – Keokuk police arrested Christopher Craig Rash, 39, of Keokuk, in the 500 block of High Street, on a charge of 1st-degree harassment. She was held in Lee County Jail.

04/26/25 – 6:03 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2100 block of Main Street.

04/26/25 – 8:21 p.m. – Keokuk police arrested Keith Lynn Kellum, 36, of Keokuk, in the 500 block of N. 13th Street, on warrants for eluding and driving under suspension. He was held in Lee County Jail.

04/26/25 - 8:27 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Keith Lynn Kellum, 36, of Keokuk, on warrants for violation of parole and driving under suspension, and charges of interference with official acts. He was held in Lee County Jail.

04/26/25 - 11;59 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Joseph Dean Martens, Jr., 32, of Keokuk, in the 1700 block of Johnson Street on warrants for ongoing criminal conduct and having contraband and weapons at a correctional facility. He was held in Lee County Jail.

04/27/25 – 6:12 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of vandalism in the 900 block of Bank Street.

04/27/25 – 10:46 p.m. – Keokuk police arrested Caleb Julian Hayden, 29, of Keokuk, in the 2600 block of Belknap Blvd., on charges of possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, and driving under suspension. He was held in Lee County Jail.

04/27/25 – 11:17 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a gas odor in the 500 block of Blondeau Street.

04/28/25 – 9:05 a.m. – Keokuk police cited Christine Kaye Martin, 67, of Keokuk, in the 500 block of N. 13th Street, on a charge of trespassing.

04/28/25 - 9:05 a.m. - Keokuk police cited Joseph Leon Walker, 45, of Keokuk, in the 500 block of N. 13th Street on a charge of trespassing.

04/28/25 – 10:52 a.m. – Keokuk police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 800 block of Boulevard Road.

04/28/25 – 5:17 p.m. – Keokuk police arrested Jeremy John Steenhoek, 51, of Keokuk in the 100 block of S. 19th Street, on a charge of violation of a no-contact order, and an active warrant. He was held in Lee County Jail.

04/28/25 - 8:44 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Thurman Purdiman, III, 34, of Keokuk, in the 1300 block of Johnson Street, on a charge of public intoxication. He was held in Lee County Jail.

04/28/25 - 8:52 p.m. - Keokuk police cited Gabrielle Corrine Schnedlery, 25, of Keokuk, in the 1200 block of High Street, on a charge of driving under suspension.

04/28/25 - 9:14 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 400 block of Bank Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Brian D. Froman, 56, of Warsaw, was headed westbound approaching the stop sign at S. 5th and Bank. After stopping Froman turned southbound and struck a bicyclist, Terry Edward Crabtree, 63, of Keokuk. Crabtree was knocked from his bicycle and transported to area hospital with serious injuries. No charges were filed and police noted that the intersection was dark and Crabtree did not have proper light equipment on the bicycle.

04/28.25 – 9:46 p.m. – Keokuk police arrested Denette Arlene Lally, 45, of Keokuk, in the 100 block of N. 11th Street, on charges of possession of a controlled substance, Possesion of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, disorderly conduct, interference with officials actions and an active arrest warrant. She was held in Lee County Jail.

04/28/25 – 11:34 p.m. – Keokuk police arrested Katelyn Michelle Howell, 20, of Keokuk, in the 1200 block of Johnson Street, on a charge of domestic assault with bodily injury. 04/28/25 – 11:32 p.m. – Keokuk police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1200 block of Johnson Street.

04/29/25 – 8:31 a.m. – Keokuk police cited Zachary Taylor Debrackeliere, 31, of Keokuk, in the 1600 block of Orleans Avenue on charges of allowing dogs to run at large.

04/29/25 – 12:48 p.m. – Keokuk police cited Michael Maurice Carmichael, 67, of Hamilton was cited in the 600 block of Main Street on a charge of aggravated forgery.

04/29/25 – 2:11 p.m. – Keokuk police arrested Antoine Crockett, 44, of Keokuk was arrested in the 1200.

04/29/25 – 4:57 p.m. – Keokuk police arrested Jayden Lee Bartenhagen, 21, of Keokuk,in the 1600 block of Bank Street.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

04/28/25 – 5:55 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kevin Lee McCarty, 52, of Keokuk, in the 700 block of Hazelhurst in Keokuk, on a charge of 1st-degree harassment. He was held in Lee County Jail.

04/29/25 – 12:57 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tony Lee Hoadley, 38, of Keokuk, on Twin Rivers Drive in Keokuk, in a charge of possession of controlled substance.

04/29/25 – 12:04 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kimberly Jo Huss, 48, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released on bond

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Obituaries/From the Front

OBITUARIES

GARY MANNING

Gary Manning, 59, of Ft. Madison, IA, passed away on Monday, April 28, 2025 at 12:50 AM at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Ft. Madison.

He was born on April 11, 1966 in Ft. Madison to Frank Muenzenmaier and



Jereldene Neff. On April 11, 1997 he married Teresa Imthurn in Carthage. Gary was a laborer. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed being outdoors. Gary was a huge Kansas City Chiefs fan and loved spending time with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Teresa Manning of Ft. Madison; his children, Samantha (Laurence) Morris of Franklin, James (Kristen) Imthurn, Garrett (Ann) Grelk, Lauren (Dustin) Aycock, Brandon (Kaliegh) Manning all of Ft. Madison, Tyler Martin of Spokane,

WA and Joseph (JoAnne) Manning of Ft. Madison; fourteen grandchildren; a brother, Jeff (Cindy) Manning of West Point and a sister, Becky Scott of Decatur, IL. He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Morgan and a grand-

Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A celebration of life will be held at 11 AM at the big shelter house at Wilson Lake on Friday, May 2, 2025. Online condolences may be left at www. kinglynk.com.

DONNA L. PEITZ

Donna Lee Peitz, 65, of Adrian, Illinois, passed away Sunday, April 20, 2025 at her home.

Donna was born July 27, 1959 in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, the daughter of Delmer and Frances (Pilkington) Peitz.

Donna graduated from the former Aquinas High School in Fort Madison, Iowa. She worked at Sheaffer Pen, Fort Madison, until their closing in 2008. She enjoyed animals, especially her dogs.

Survivors include two sisters: Linda Wilson of Nauvoo, Illinois and Kim Janusch of Argyle, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Cremation has been entrusted to Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home of Nauvoo. No services are planned. To leave an online tribute for the family, please visit Donna's obituary at sbbfuneralhome.com.

Engineering for marina earns local firm national award

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saving the city more than \$5 million and reducing waste.

The revitalized marina is crucial to the economic development of the Fort Madison area and the quality of life of its 10,000 residents. The project expanded the marina from 5.48 acres to 7.24 acres, nearly doubling the number of boat slips from 100 to more than 170. Klingner also provided architectural and structural design for the new 12,000-square-foot hospitality center, which houses a restaurant, event space, and convenience store.

Klingner & Associates is an engineering, surveying, and architecture firm serving the Midwest.

Judging for the awards program took place in February and was conducted by a national 32-member panel of built environment leaders, along with experts from government, the media, and academia. Award criteria focused on uniqueness, technical innovation, social and economic value, and generating excitement for the engineering profession.

Recognition of all award winners—including 16 Honor Awards, eight Grand Awards, and the prestigious "Grand Conceptor Award" for the year's most outstanding overall engineering achievement—will take place at the EEA Gala, to be held at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

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From the Front

Local candidates get chance to make case to district

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The board voted 7-0 to authorize GLS to make an offer on behalf of the district. Wykert said if all progresses well, the name could be released before the end of the work week.

Wolters is a former teacher at the district and is a secondary principal for the Columbus School District. Keane is the current director of teaching and learning, special education, and human resources for the West Burlington Independent School District. Both currently live in Burlington.

Keane said his experience at different levels of administration makes him a strong candidate for the position.

"Being a 4A principle is much like being the Superintendent. You have assistant principals and we have a sizable budget that you have to manage. So I think I bring some of those things to the table," he said.

"I've also got central office experience and now elementary experience so I think I've got the whole experience from 8 through 12."

He said the Fort Madison position was attractive to him for several reasons, including extended family in the district. But he said the size was attractive because it provides some of both the small district and large district feel.

"The pluses are that you're large enough that you can offer a broad curriculum. You've got a lot of CTE programs that you can offer. You can offer a lot of electives in the core areas. Fort Madison also offers a solid Fine Arts program here. So you know you have a lot of things that you can offer students," Keane said Wednesday.

"One thing that's great about it is that

you're also small enough that you can still know who all your students are in just two buildings. You get a little bit bigger than this and pretty soon all of a sudden you have some students start falling through the cracks. Or you get a little bit smaller than this and all of a sudden you're limited in terms of the opportunities you can provide your kids."

Wolter says his familiarity with the district is a plus for his resume, while his experience away from the district has provided the needed administrative exposure to make him a strong candidate for the position.

Wolter said he has always been monitoring what's happening in the district and was waiting for the right time to return. He said this position is the right time.

"I'm still very connected to the

community, so I'm in touch with what's going on here. I still get my haircut here, our insurance is here, so I've kept a watch from afar throughout my career and then this opportunity came up," he said.

"It's always been in the back of my head that if the right opportunity like this arose, I was gonna jump right in. There's been other opportunities, but I knew if this position opened up I was going to apply."

He said the district has a lot of good things going on, including the multitiered approach to address the individual needs of students. He said the new facilities are also a draw for him. But it's the staff that has really drawn him back.

"It's just exciting to be a part of that with a lot of good people that I know here already doing a lot of really good things," Wolter said.





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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 4/15/2025

At 5:30 P.M., Council met in adjourned session on Tuesday, April 15, 2025. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Thele, Roller, Sparrow, Gray, Yager, Andrews and Emmett present.

Mohrfeld proclaimed that the month of April 2025 to be Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of Fort Madison.

Maycee Piles, Sexual Assault Advocate for Lee County, shared that DVIP and RVAP provide 24/7 confidential support to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. Throughout April, DVIP and RVAP are raising awareness with a series of events and opportunities to support survivors in the community.

On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 4/1/2025 - Special Meeting, 4/1/2025, and 4/8/2025 -Special Meeting; Liquor License Renewal: Quality Inn & Suites; Liquor License Amendment: Vinnie's Longbranch; Claims dated 4/9/2025, Manual Claims, March Financial Report; and Payroll of 4/4/2025.

On motion, Council approved the Special Event Permit for the Easter Celebration in Old Settlers Park on April 19, 2025.

At 5:47 P.M., Mohrfeld opened the public hearing concerning the Final Budget for FY 2025/2026. With no oral or written comments, Mohrfeld closed the public hearing at 5:48 P.M. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2025-35, approving the final Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget.

At 5:49 P.M., Mohrfeld opened the public hearing concerning the 2025 Denmark Hill Booster Station Improvement Project. With no oral or written comments, Mohrfeld closed the public hearing at 5:50 P.M. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2025-36, approving plans, specifications and form of contract for the 2025 Denmark Hill Booster Station Improvement Project. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2025-37, awarding a construction contract in the amount of \$670,302 to Blue Top Excavating LLC, of Wever, lowa, and approving contract and bonds of Blue Top Excavating, pending receipt of the documents.

On motion, Council approved the third and final reading of Ordinance D-119, rezoning property known as Ridgewood Addition from R-1, Single-Family Dwelling District to R-4, Single-Family Dwelling District. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2025-38, setting public hearing for Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 5:30 P.M., concerning the voluntary annexation of property 260 feet east of 6224 Avenue O, to be known as 6130 Avenue O. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2025-39, setting public hearing for Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 5:30 P.M., concerning the rezone of property 260 feet east of 6224 Avenue O, to be known as 6130 Avenue O, from R-1, Single-Family Dwelling District to B-2, Business District, General Retail. On motion, Council adopted Resolution

No. 2025-40, approving the Debit & Credit Card Surcharge Policy and authorizing the collection of a 2.5% surcharge on all debit and credit card transactions for City services, effective May 1, 2025. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2025-41, approving a Sewer Reduction Meter Policy, effective May 1, 2025; however, the Mayor vetoed the resolution. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2025-42, approving the mayor's signature on Change Order #1 for PIP 2023-01, Avenue L 20th - 30th Street PCC Overlay Project. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2025-43, approving the mayor's signature on Change Order #2 for PIP 2023-01, Avenue L 20th -30th Street PCC Overlay Project. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2025-44, approving the mayor's signature on Change Order #3 for PIP 2023-01, Avenue L 20th -30th Street PCC Overlay Project. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2025-45, approving the mayor's appointment of Nannette Griffin to the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission Loan Review Committee, term expiring December 31, 2027.

On motion, Council approved the mayor's appointment of Lisa Gould to the Planning & Zoning Commission, term expiring March 31, 2028.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor

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

EXPENDITURES	
General	\$61,937.41
Special Rev.	123,058.46
Road Use	49,167.37
Debt	0.00
Capital	83,716.77
Water	83,130.65
Sewer	62,969.04
Sld Waste, IWC	21,495.87
SW Utility	0.00
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ROAD USE	\$ 28,315.98
WATER	\$ 27,950.45
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AIRPORT	\$ 699.03
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HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE, WELDING CHEMICALS...... 409.37 **HUMBURD AUTO SER-**VICE, TIRE REPAIR 821.44

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JONES CONTRACTING CORP, PAY EST #1 - AVE L OVERLAY 3,951.85 JOSEPH DODSON, **BOOT ALLOWANCE**211.99

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From the Front

Plein Art paintings in Pop-Up gallery thru May 16

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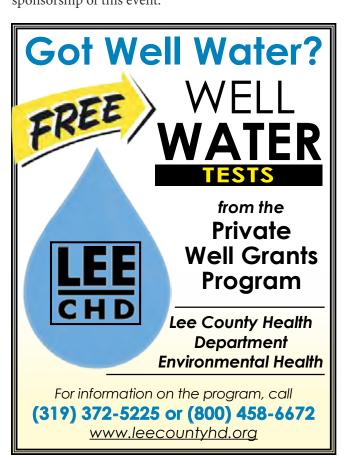
there are rules, for example placement of features, but I never memorized them. If something doesn't look right to me, I simply cut it off and move it." Her process, which includes pottery tools made from deer bones and snapping turtle shells (part of the aforementioned roadkill), produces sculptures that are true to her mind's eye of who and what these characters are meant to reflect to the rest of us. These Souls seemingly ride around with Scott full-time as she acquires the accoutrements to bring them to life and rounds out the stories she has to tell about them.

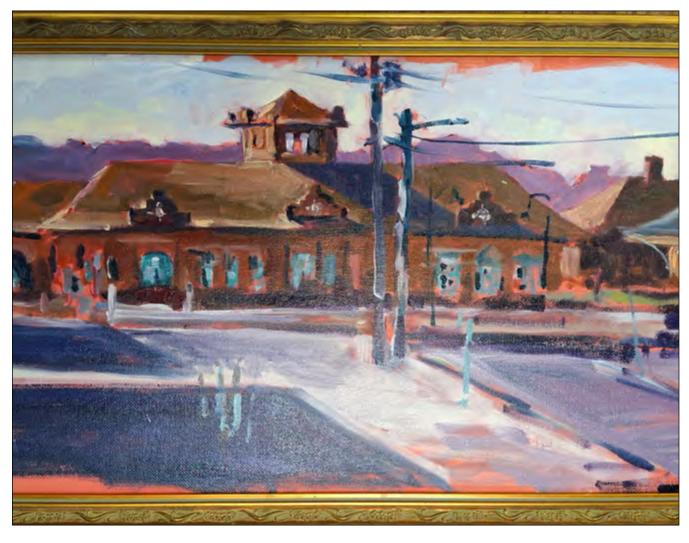
In addition to being an accomplished sculptor and storyteller, Deb Scott is also an exceptional watercolorist. Her subjects are engaging and free spirited, walking the line of Americana and Scott's own particularly piercing brand of authentic. Once can easily relate to childhood scenes, or the wise faces she renders - equally belly-laugh material and thought provoking. Her landscapes project a different feeling altogether though. There is a beauty that is both haunting and moody reflecting from the woody crags gracefully rooted.

Deb Scott will be on hand for a gallery talk about her work during Lunch ala Art at noon on Friday, May 30th. The cost of the lunch is \$10 and reservations are required. Contact the FMAAA Art Center at 319-372-3996 before Wednesday, May 28 to make your reservation. The gallery talk is free to attend, however, and you are not required to eat lunch. This exhibition will be on display from May 3 through May 31. The FMAAA Art Center is open Tuesday - Saturday: Tuesday and Thursday from 10am to 7pm, and Wed/Fri/Saturday from 10am to 5pm. For more information visit fortmadisonart.com.

On display in the POP-Up Gallery in May: Plein Air painting on view through May 16

The FMAAA Art Center hosted its spring open-ended plein air event from March 19 through April 19. Artists converged on the area to paint in situ painting outside in "plein air" capturing imagery from within a 30-mile radius of Fort Madison. From first blossoms to the Depot, farmscapes to streetscapes, plein air artist paint quickly to capture their imagery before the light changes. These works are dynamic and fresh. Stop in to cast your vote for the People's Choice award, or find on Facebook the original post of the entries that came in and cast your vote in the comments on that post. The FMAAA Art Center thanks Clear View Vision Center and MidWestOne Bank for their generous sponsorship of this event.





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

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

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getting old...and it must be the reason for all your pain and stiffness!

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

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

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

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

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

MYTH #3: Your Back is "Out"!

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

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

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

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

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

Sure, he may get it done, and it may work at first, but how long until there's a fire? Or your back locks up? Which leads me to our next myth:

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

Boy, it's scary how many people think muscle problems are no big deal. Unfortunately, tight, bound-up, and spasmed or tight muscles can wear out joints faster than you can say, "Charley Horse"!

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MYTH #5: "Muscle Relaxants" will help your muscles heal! Good grief, NO!

Your muscles tighten up for a reason, and muscle relaxants are like turning back the clock on a time bomb...you know it's still going to blow up! Sure, you may feel better now, but you'll pay later...and pay "in spades"! So don't fall for these lies about your low back. They'll keep you hurting, frustrated and or bouted forward. exhausted forever!

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☐ Trigger Point...zinging pain to butt-cheek

☐ Vice-like...constantly locked down tight!

☐ One-sided...right at that "bone" on one side

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