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LCHD temporary clinic times, locations set

FORT MADISON - The Lee County Health Department has announced temporary clinics and locations for residents needing TB tests and immunizations in Fort Madison.

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The LCHD Immunization Clinic on Thursday, May 25th in Fort Madison has been moved to First Christian Church, located at 1029 48th Street from noon to 5:30pm. Please bring your child’s immunization card with you.

Please continue to visit the LCHD Facebook page and website (www.leecountyvhd.org) for future clinic times and locations. For questions regarding TB tests and clinics please call LCHD at 319-372-5223.

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the city to do something and when they brought the speed bumps that person wouldn’t let the devices be put in front of their house due to the noise it created. "So they put them in front of mine," Yasenchock asked. "I saw them putting them in and I came out and said, 'What's going on?'" He said the city did move the bumps up from his house and then added another toward the bottom of the hill. "We’re getting fabulous results," Driscoll said. "Traffic has slowed tremendously. Those are speed bumps with a 2.5” rise and they are rated for 15-20 mph. They’ll definitely slow you down. One resident, who is in support of the measures but would only comment if not identified, said if people would travel the speed limit there wouldn’t be an issue. If the curve, (The drivers) are getting smart, they lay on the gas between the two bumps.”

Driscoll said the city will be bringing in smaller “speed humps” next week. “Next week were gonna put in a speed bump and those have a 1.5” rise. You watch, as soon as we put those in you’ll see an increase in speed. These are a temporary thing. It’s a good thing. We live in a society that feels that speed is a choice. Safety doesn’t apply until something bad happens. It’s impossible for police to be there 24/7,” he said.

"Where I put those, they are not in front of anyone's house. We originally had it too close to one person's house and we relocated them in front of him about 125 feet. They are not next to houses. I don't hear a lot of noise from them. I'd rather take them out and put a police car up there, but I've got more compliments from people thanking us. It's more positive than negative.”

The bumps cost the city a couple hundred dollars each and Driscoll said the city uses them in alleys and they get beat up pretty quickly. He said the devices won’t be in place longer than three months. The Rodeo Hill project is set to be 75% complete by mid-July.
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**WILBERT “BERT” HOLTOKAMP**


Survivors include his two daughters: Margaret “Peggy” Kaltefleiter of Coralville and Anne (Dan) Menke of Donnellson; three grandchildren: Alice (fiancé Adam Jennett) Comer of Lisbon, Megan (Alex) Sheer of Mt. Pleasant and Justin Menke of West Des Moines; five great-grandchildren: Wilbert “Will” and Sydnee Cornet, Klay Scheer and Jake and Sophia Jennett; two brothers: James (Carol) Holtkamp of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa and Larry (Cathy) Holtkamp of Salem, Iowa; one sister: St. Marilyn Holtkamp, OSF of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife: Priscilla; parents; two sons: Anthony and Jesse and one brother: Melvin.

Bert was a 1945 graduate of St. Mary’s Catholic School in West Point. He was a member of St. James the Less Catholic Church where he served as eucharistic minister and lector. He served on the first God’s Acre Sale Committee, he went on to attend every God’s Acre Sale except for one. He was a past Grand Knight and life member of the Houghton Knights of Columbus Council #3905. Bert was a member of the Lee County Farm Bureau and led the Busy Workers 4-H Club for ten years. He was a lifelong farmer and land conservation was very important to him. He enjoyed gardening, watching sports, golfing and card clubs. Spending time with his family was very important to him. He always took the time to talk to anyone he met, young or old and always had a smile on his face.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 12, 2017 at St. James the Less Catholic Church in St. Paul, Iowa where the family will receive visitors from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. A Parish Rosary will be recited at 3:00 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service will be held at 7:00 p.m.

The mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 13, 2017 at St. James the Less Catholic Church in St. Paul, Iowa with Father Bruce DeRommelaere as celebrant.

Burial will be at St. James Catholic Cemetery in St. Paul, Iowa.

Memorials have been established in his memory for St. James Catholic Church, HTC Catholic Schools or Regina Catholic Schools.

Obligations may be sent to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

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