HTC at full speed on renovations

New solar, electrical service will yield savings with no up-front expense

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

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Great River Regional Waste Authority reminds you to use the 3 R’s!

Here are some helpful tips:

**REduce**
- Reduce the amount of waste produced in society
  - The best way to manage waste is to not produce it. This can be done by shopping carefully and being aware of a few guidelines.
  - Buy durable goods & products in bulk
  - Avoid over-packaged & disposable goods
  - Use cloth napkins/towels instead of paper napkins/towels
  - Make 2-sided copies whenever possible
  - Maintain central files for multiple individuals
  - Use electronic mail/communications or a central bulletin board

**R**euse
- Reuse products for the same purpose or for a different purpose
  - It makes economic & environmental sense to reuse products. Sometimes it takes a creative mind to do so.
  - Sell or Donate old clothes, appliances, toys & furniture
  - Use resealable containers rather than plastic wrap
  - Reuse grocery bags or bring your own cloth bags to the store

**Recycle**
- Recycle/convert common waste into reusable material
  - Recycling is a series of steps that takes a used material and processes, re-manufactures and sells it as a new product. Begin recycling at home and work.
  - Recycle all acceptable products at our recycling bins, stations & trailers
  - (see www.grrwa.com for a complete list of locations)
  - Check for curbside recycling acceptable items & schedules on your local city websites
  - Purchase and use recycled materials for the home & office
  - Implement a composting process for your lawn & garden

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We accept household hazardous waste and electronic waste at the Fort Madison location. Appointments are encouraged to ensure a proper procedures are in place for disposal. Please call 319-372-6140 to schedule your appointment. For a full list of acceptable items please call or visit us online.

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Please place all electronic waste in their appropriate bins, some electronic items are free to dispose. Please call for fees on TV’s, Monitors, Laptops & Tablets.

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would like to thank all the family and friends for their overwhelming and never-ending love and support. We greatly appreciate you!
KAREN LEE WILSON

Karen Lee Wilson, 78 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died at 8:44 pm Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at the Great River Medical Center, West Burlington, Iowa. She was born March 1, 1939 at Iowa City, Iowa, a daughter of Floyd and Hazel (Smith) Ballard. On May 19, 1957, she married Gerald A. Wilson Sr at the First Baptist Church in Fort Madison. They just celebrated 60 years of marriage.

She was a homemaker. She liked to knit, crochet, sew, and do canning. And she and Gerald enjoyed selling at Flea Markets. She was a Chicago Cubs fan! Most of all she loved her family and especially spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald A. Wilson Sr, of Fort Madison; three sons: Gerald A. Wilson Jr and Michael R Wilson, both of Fort Madison; and Raymond Wilson Jr, of Keokuk, Iowa; three daughters: Dollie J. (Gregory) Horn, of Fremont, Iowa; Shirley J. (Ronald) McMurray, of Franklin, Iowa; and Rebecca S. Wilson, of Fort Madison; two brothers, Ronald (Louise) Ballard and Larry (Jan) Ballard, both of Fort Madison; 10 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son, Iowa, Rayma Rea of Dallas City, Illinois, Faye Rea (adopted granddaughter) of Burlington, Iowa, grandchildren: Jodie Hay, Holly Howard, Amber Rea, Brandon Rouse, Jill McClellan, Brian Rea, Dillon Rea, Nathan Newbanks and Jessi Newbanks, great grandchildren: Lauren King, Danika Dotson, Isabella Tweddy, Caleb Rea, Hudson Tweedy, Kyle McClellan, Addison McClellan and Carter Rea. Two brothers: Arden (Mary) Bollin of Hamilton, Illinois and Lyle (Connie) Bollin of Rensselaer, Indiana. Sisters-in-law Betty (Bill) Boyer of Carthage, Illinois, Leanne (Jim) Derks of Anchorage, Alaska, Carolyn (Carl Helfige) McMillen of Ft Madison, Iowa, Vonnie Rea of Ft Madison, Iowa, Rayma Rea of Dallas City, Illinois, Faye Rea of Colchester, Illinois. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, James and David.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 - 11:00 am Saturday, July 1, 2017 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Funeral services follow and will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, July 1, 2017 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison with Pastor Cheryl Simpson officiating. Burial will be at Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison. A memorial has been established, contributions may be left at the Barr Memorial Chapel. Online condolences may be made to the Wilson family may be found at the Barr Memorial Chapel website, www.barrmemorial-chapel.com.

DELORES CAROL REA

Delores Carol Rea, 78, of Niota, Illinois passed away at 10:45 A.M. Thursday June 29, 2017 at the Fort Madison Community Hospital.


She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Glen, son-in-law Marty Howard and niece Chase Bollin.

Delores attended the Powelson Grade School and was a 1956 graduate of Nauroo High School. She then attended Western Illinois University. She started her career at Winograd Company in August of 1965. She worked there for 24 years as line leader, supervisor and eventually plant manager. In 1991 she and Glen purchased the Homeport in Niota which they operated until the Flood of 1993.

The family will meet with friends from 12:30 until 2:00 Sunday at the Appanoose Faith Presbyterian Church near Niota.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Sunday July 2, 2017 at the Appanoose Faith Presbyterian Church near Niota with Pastor Mark Anderson officiating.

Burial will be in the Appanoose Township Cemetery near Niota.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established in her memory to the Appanoose Faith Presbyterian Church, the Niota Fire Department or Niota Flood Control.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

Schmitz Funeral Homes are assisting the family with arrangements.

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Class C Liquor License, w/Outdoor Service; New expiring 9/1/2017; New

cil approved the agenda

new elementary school.

Rink was absent.

Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at

session at 5:30 P.M. on

Council met in adjourned

I. Call meeting to

AGENDA

VI. Approval of Super-

VII. Adjourn

June 20, 2017

July 6, 2017

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LCHD sets July 3 TB testing

BY PCC STAFF
FORT MADISON – The Lee County Health Department has temporarily moved their TB (Tuberculosis) Clinic to Fort Madison Christian Church (1029 48th Street) for Monday, July 3rd from 3:00-4:00pm. TB tests are $20. TB testing requires a follow-up reading by a nurse 48 hours after the test (following Wednesday).

The TB test readings will be available at the same location on Wednesday, July 5th from 3:00-4:00pm.

Please continue to visit the LCHD Facebook page and website (www.leecountyhd.org) for future clinic times and locations. For questions regarding TB tests and clinics please call LCHD at (319)372-5225.
***From the Front/Sports***

**HTC offering tuition aide to boost numbers**

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sooner to be supplanted by large interactive televisions where students can manipulate the screens by touch, very similar to screens you’d see being used on national network news programming.

A new marketing office is being built next to the entryway at the school and the current marketing office will be converted to concessions with closed loop television stations that will broadcast games as they are going on.

Sheerin said he has students working on a project to put the grading class frames hanging on the wall into software that will allow visitors to touch the television screen and pull up their graduation area.

Sheerin commended school maintenance director Jeff Grossenkemper with keeping all the other work happening over the break organized, such as putting in new fixtures in the restrooms.

"He's just a wonderful, wonderful addition," Sheerin said.

In just four weeks, walls have been taken out in some classrooms and installed in others, and just entry into the building shows lots of progress. Sheerin said he even thinks he will try to get the lobby floor redone during the summer as well.

"People say, 'You won't have time to do all that. Well...if I've got four weeks...we can get a heck of a lot done in four weeks," he said. "You see signs at other places that read, 'Please excuse our mess,' I'd scratch that out and write Please "enjoy" our mess," Sheerin said.

Work is also being done in the cafeteria where long tables are being taken out and the elevated area on the west side is being retrofitted with old-fashioned drop leaf tables where students can plug their computers in and set them on the table and enjoy their lunch. Other furniture is being brought in to make it feel more like a restaurant than a cafeteria, Sheerin said.

A new technology space that was built several years ago continues to be upgraded with the latest technology to encourage collaborative studies.

**Schmidt doesn’t know what team will show up**

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Ottumwa put up another six runs, forcing the Hounds to score five in the bottom half to keep the game going.

The girls went 1-2-3 in the bottom of the sixth with two strikeouts and a pop foul that was caught to end the game.

The second game was all Ottumwa. Lexi Schmidt took the loss in the second game giving up 10 hits with no strikeouts. The Hounds committed three errors behind her for a total of five on the night.

"There's nothing that I can do or say at this point that's going to change anything. It's just very difficult," Schmidt said after the game.

"They haven't figured it out - and maybe some of it's youth - but you know we're deep enough into the season that we don't have 8th graders anymore, we have softball players. I know I sound like a broken record... It's just very frustrating." He said the girls are playing with some selfishness at the plate as well, with the combined four hits in both games.

"We're in that little funk, they're still being very selfish. If I'm a pitcher and you aren't hitting me I'm not going to change, you have to change and they aren't doing that. They're a little stubborn that way." The Hounds (7-24) travel to Goose Lake, near the Quad Cities, for three games on Saturday before wrapping up the season hosting Keokuk for a doubleheader on Monday. The post season starts Thursday at Keokuk.

**Area agencies involved in bust**

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Keokuk Police Officers, and the 8th Judicial District of Probation and Parole assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation.

The defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

The Lee County Narcotics Task Force is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Justice and the funds administered by the Iowa Governor’s Office of Drug Control Policy.