HTC hits $230K with God’s Portion Day

New Fund-A-Need adds twist to annual auction/benefit

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Task force catches FM man with meth, tarmacold

FORT MADISON – The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of a Fort Madison, Iowa man on misdemeanor drug charges.

John Henry Wilson, 36, of 6008 Avenue O, Fort Madison, Iowa was arrested on October 25, 2017 at his residence on misdemeanor drug charges. Wilson is charged with possession of methamphetamine, a serious misdemeanor, possession of tramadol, a serious misdemeanor, and possession of drug paraphernalia, a simple misdemeanor, and maintaining a drug house, an aggravated misdemeanor. If convicted, Wilson faces up to 4 years and 30 days in a state correctional facility.

The arrest of Wilson stems from an investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force into allegations that he was involved in the use of illegal narcotics in the Lee County area.

The Lee County Attorney's Office, Lee County Sheriff’s Office and the Ft Madison Police Department 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.

New GDP program nets new equipment

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they could really use in classrooms or at school but the money is not in the budget,” Pauly said.

“this gives buyers a chance to help get items that they know will help. This year, four large items were requested with several smaller ones. Two of the larger requests included a reach in cooler and outside picnic tables for in front of school that the students use on a daily basis. Both brought in more money than was requested.

The two other large projects the donations helped purchase included two large can racks in the kitchen for $300 and folder cabinets for the junior and senior high school choir members at $900. Smaller items included a computer for the HTC library at $300, a document camera for the English dept. - $100, glass kiln and supplies for library at $300, a document camera for the English dept. - $100, glass kiln and supplies for choir-$60.

Pauly also gave an extra thanks to the auctioneers including Pat Steffenmeier from Steffenmeier Auctions, Dan and Corey Fraise of Fraise Real Estate and Auction Co., and Dan Sullivan and Jim Huff from Sullivan Auctions.

“We just really want to thank the community, the donors, the buyers, and the auctioneers who make this event special every year. It’s so important to us and really is all about the kids,” Pauly said.

IOWA LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS

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For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report
10/20/17 - 11:42 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 1100 block of 24th Street.

10/21/17 - 4:23 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2600 block of Avenue D.

10/21/17 - 11:55 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Timothy Ernest Girous, 43 of Ewing, Mo., at the intersection of 12th Street and Avenue H on drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

10/20/17 - 11:42 p.m. - Lee County Jail and held.

10/22/17 - 5:36 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 1300 block of Avenue G.

10/23/2017 - 1:08 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3200 block of Avenue O.

10/23/2017 - 3:18 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Chance David MaAfee Gadaw, 18, of Fort Madison, in the 2900 block of Peavine Lane on a charge of possession of alcohol under age. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on parole violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

10/23/2017 - 7:28 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested David Allen Weaver, II, 47 of Fort Madison in the 2300 block of 263 Avenue on a charge of domestic assault/bodiey injury. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.
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**Hounds overcome 0-8, fourth game deficit to advance**


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Even Vampires have to brush their teeth.
Preschool officials looking to solve enrollment issues

"We also incorporate kindergarten readiness skills like alphabet, literacy, and letter sounds and knowledge. Obviously we also work with numbers, shapes - getting them to learn to hold pencils and even writing their names for kindergarten. We even teach them how to line up, walk in a straight line and then they can jump in at kindergarten and get started."

Harmon said the district gets funding from the state at about 1/2 the rate of students enrolled in K-12th grade in the district and funding for the programs was based on registrations as of Oct. 1. Fort Madison does have a federally funded Head Start program, but families have to be below income thresholds to qualify. It’s a free program as well as the district’s preschool program, so families have the choice of the two programs.

"We do have a Head Start program but you have to qualify for income thresholds," Harmon said. "There are families in the middle that can’t afford private preschool and don’t qualify for head start, and that’s the demographic we’re looking at."

A component of the loss of enrollment may be attributable to lack of transportation. Families currently have to find their own transportation for getting the preschool students to and from the classes. However Central Lee recently opened up a preschool program within their buildings and were able to put transportation costs in their grant request.

Emily Hymes, the director of the YMCA program since its inception four years ago, said Central Lee was able to do that because the program operates under the school district, whereas Fort Madison’s program is run through the private groups. The YMCA program runs two classes each day Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday with a morning class from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and an afternoon class from 12:30 to 3 p.m. They do not hold class on Wednesday.

Hymes agreed with Barquam that the new school would solve the problem, because the preschool programs would be incorporated into the school district at that point and transportation would then be available for the families.

Hymes said the YMCA approach to early learning is holistic.

“We take a whole child approach. We work on social and emotional issues, literacy, letters, letter sounds and names and those kinds of things, but a big piece is the social and emotional teaching, and I think people forget about that sometimes. The sharing and getting along with each other, that’s important," she said.

More information on the Carousel Preschool can be obtained by calling 319-372-1424 and the YMCA program can be reached at 319-372-2403 ext. 4.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

WED Oct 25
Scattered Clouds
High – 50.7º F | Low – 38.8º F

THU Oct 26
Partly Cloudy
High– 62.1º F | Low – 51.4º F

FRI Oct 27
Light Rain
High– 56.0º F | Low – 45.0º F

SAT Oct 28
Light Rain
High– 45.7º F | Low – 43.3º F

SUN Oct 29
Clear Skies
High– 48.2º F | Low – 32.0º F