Seven gubernatorial hopefuls to attend Democrat’s Eppers-O’Malley dinner

Dinner set for Thursday at Meyers Courtyard

Submitted article KEOKUK - Rick Larkin and Mary Riesberg, co-chairs of the Lee County Democratic Party, announced last week that all Democratic 2018 gubernatorial candidates have been invited to the 2017 Eppers-O’Malley Banquet. We are pleased that all seven will be represented at the banquet.

The banquet will be an event of November 9, 2017 at Meyer’s Courtyard at 629 Blondeau Street, Keokuk. The dinner and program will begin at 6:30 P.M. and a social hour will precede the dinner.

An invitation is extended to all citizens. Tickets for the event are $25 ($15 for students) and may be purchased from any Democratic Central Committee member or by calling 319/526-3160, 372-8764 or numbers and the call will be returned. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out.

Riesberg and Larkin noted, “This will be an excellent opportunity to meet and hear from the Democratic candidates who are vying for the June 2018 nomination for our party.”

The Democratic Party’s Annual Eppers/O’Malley Awards will be presented at the banquet as well. This award, named in honor of two long-time Democratic activists and office holders, Chuck Eppers and Robert (Bob) O’Malley, is presented to Democrats who have distinguished themselves in serving the Lee County Democratic Party.

Larkin noted, “In addition to the candidates, many other elected Democrats from Lee County will be in attendance.” Riesberg added, “A large crowd is anticipated, and everyone should consider getting your tickets as soon as possible.”
OBITUARIES

RUSSELL WILLIAM BATES

Russel William Bates, 66, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 11:55 p.m. on Friday, November 3, 2017 at the Madison, IA, passed away at 11:55 p.m. Barbara Monson of Fort Madison, IA; was working with stained glass. His passion was watching football on TV. He enjoyed sports, especially college and was a semi-professional dart player. He graduated from Santa Clara University in Santa Clara, CA, majoring in computer science and mathematics field and later worked in the recreational vehicle service industry until 2010. Russell is survived by: his fiancé: William & Diane Robert Bates. He worked in the information technology field and later worked in the recreational vehicle service industry until 2010. He graduated from Santa Clara University in Santa Clara, CA, majoring in the computer science and mathematics fields. He played football in high school and college, was on the rowing team in college and was a semi-professional dart player. He enjoyed sports, especially watching football on TV. His passion was working with stained glass.

Russell is survived by: his fiancé: Barbara Monson of Fort Madison, IA; 2-daughters: Jennifer (Denis) Maran of Seattle, WA & Danielle (Steve) German of Middle River, MD; 3-grand-children: Katrina, Sydney & Samantha; his mother: Diane Gill of California; 2-brothers: Frank (Terri) Gill of Texas & John Gill, Jr. of Arkansas; 4-sisters: Kathryn (Peter) Kastner of Arkansas, Jacquie (Randy) Alderson of California, Janice (Dennis) Horrell of Ohio & Martha (Jared) Rangs of California; several nieces, nephews, cousins & close friends.

He was preceded in death by: his father, William, step father, John, his wife, Nancy and a brother, Brian.

Cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. No services are planned at this time. A memorial has been established to help the family with funeral costs and may be sent to Barbara Monson, 1125 48th Street #20, Fort Madison, IA 52627. Online condolences to Russell's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

Kindig joins FMCH Women’s Center

The Women’s Center at Fort Madison Community Hospital is pleased to welcome Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner, Alisa Kindig to their team of health care providers.

Kindig has four years of experience providing health care to women of all ages. Her most recent position was with Mercy-Fremont OR/ANC in Springfield, Missouri. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Maryville University in St. Louis and her Master of Science in Nursing from Frontier Nursing University.

“I originally became a nurse because I wanted to help people through their lifespan. Throughout my career I found I was drawn to women and their specific health concerns. My passion became helping women transition through these milestones,” commented Kindig. “I grew up in Southeast Iowa and was looking to return to the area to be closer to family. I was drawn to FMCH because of their outstanding reputation within the surrounding community.”

“Alisa will be a great addition to our Women’s Center staff. She brings experience and energy to this position that will positively impact women’s health in our community. We believe women will find her to be a trusted partner in promoting their good health,” explained Matt Mullins, VP of Physician Services.

Kindig will join Dr. Timothy Staudte, Dr. Meenakshi Palani, Dr. Kaichun Wei and Dr. Leah Steffenmeier in the Women’s Center. She will start seeing patients November 1st.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mayoral candidate wants to move city in positive direction

Dear Editor,

On November 7th, 2017, the city of Fort Madison will be holding one of the most influential Mayor’s races in a long time. This could be a real turning point in our city government. I am not a new comer to politics, nor am I new to fighting for economical development and growth for the city. I have been involved with politics throughout my life. I have been in and around law enforcement throughout my life as well. I am part of the working class and I support the working men and women in and around our city. If I am elected as your mayor of Fort Madison, I will grow our city in a positive direction. I will find ways to bring jobs, companies, and business back to our city. And I will find ways to bring positive programs for our children to our city. And together we will build new schools for our children. We will make our city safe, and give our public safety departments (Police & Fire) what they need to make sure we are all safe and can live and enjoy our lives safely. I look at ways to preserve our city’s rich history, and put Fort Madison back on the radar for tourist. And show them why we are so proud to call Fort Madison home. We together will show them there are plenty of things that will keep them coming back for years to come. And start celebrating our schools athletics departments, and achievements. And put a stop to all the unnecessary spending of un-needed projects. There are so many things that we can do as a city together, That if

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Jordyn Ried, left, and Maddison Cowles help prepare recipes for the 2017 Elks Lodge Soup Supper to be held Nov. 17 from 5:30 p.m. until the soup is gone.

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WEDNESDAY
GO WASTE FREE:
Make a conscious effort to not use your waste bin. Recycle or compost any items that have an end of life solution.

THURSDAY
REUSE:
Instill new life in items you would normally toss out. Such as jars and containers, clothing, paper products and more.

FRIDAY
COMPOSTING:
Build or purchase a composting bin for food & yard waste. Use your composted goods to better build a healthy garden in the Spring.

SATURDAY
PROCUREMENT:
Only purchase what is made to be recycled. Look for the recycling symbol on the packaging.

SUNDAY
ENJOY:
Sit back, relax, and enjoy a healthier, happier, cleaner Earth!

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Candidate can’t let city fall

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I am elected as your mayor. We will make them happen together. We have a great staff in city hall. I am looking forward to working with them on behalf of you, our residents. I will open the door to you the residents, and make everything public. And let the residents of our great city have a voice once again. I have moved to Fort Madison in 2010 and fell in love with it. That is the key reason I am running for the mayor’s seat. Because I love our city and can’t let it fall anymore. It’s time to bring our city back together. We have a great staff in city hall. I am looking forward to working with them on behalf of you, our residents.

Chris Sorrentino for Mayor

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Bloodhounds put three volleyball players on the first-team all-conference selection released last week.

The Bloodhounds finished atop the Southeast Conference making it to substate for the second year in a row, where top-ranked Cedar Rapids Xavier eliminated them, also for the second year in a row.

Senior’s Amber DiSaver was named to the first team and led the conference in kills with 342 and kills per set at 4.07. Fellow senior Leigh Johnson was also tapped for the team. Johnson led all players in the conference in assists with 791, far and away anyone else with Mt. Pleasant’s Ashlee Menke second with 400. Junior Josie Pumphrey made the team as well. Pumphrey played libero for most of the year for FMHS. She was second in digs behind Fairfield’s Danae Drish.

Senior Kamryn Bailey was named to the second team along with Kaali Hutson. Bailey was fourth in the loop in digs with 292 on the year. She was tops in the conference in successful serves with 356 and aces, 71, 10 ahead of the pack. Hutson was fifth in the conference in attacking with 164 kills on 521 attacks.

FMHS seniors Amber DiSaver (14) and Courtney Woodley (11) were two of Fort Madison’s varsity volleyball players to make All-Conference. DiSaver was named first team and Woodley received honorable mention.

Seniors Shyla Farmer, McKenna Feheke and Courtney Woodley were named honorable mention. The Bloodhounds also tied for the highest number of players qualifying for academic all-conference with 10. Bailey, Feheke, Vanessa Golowach, Hutson, Johnson, Bratyn McGlyghy, Pumphrey, Olivia William, Alyse Schmidt and Woodley. Mt. Pleasant and Fairfield also put 10 players each on the academic squad.

Fairfield’s Kara Jeffrey was named Southeast Conference player of the year.

Alliant golf outing helps fill food banks

MADISON, Wis. - People facing hunger will benefit from the Alliant Energy Foundation’s 11th annual Drive Out Hunger Golf Classic event held in September. Over $475,000 was raised for Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin and six other Feeding America member food banks serving Wisconsin and Iowa. This was an increase of $75,000 from last year’s event.

“This event keeps exceeding our expectations,” said Patricia Kamil, chairman, president and CEO of Alliant Energy. “The businesses we work with from all over the country make huge investments in this event to make Drive Out Hunger a success — benefiting many Alliant Energy communities. We’re amazed to think we’ve raised more than $3.3 million since 2007 and provided more than 12 million meals for those in need. These funds will go a long way to help families, kids and seniors in our communities who are hungry.”

The Alliant Energy Foundation partners with Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin and its sister Feeding America food banks whose service areas overlap where Alliant Energy provides service. Other benefiting food banks include Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin, Food Bank of Iowa, HACAP Food Reservoir, Northeast Iowa Food Bank, River Bend Foodbank and Food Bank for the Heartland.

“Are we incredibly grateful for Alliant Energy Foundations dedication to improving the lives of the people in the communities they serve,” said Dan Stein, president and CEO of Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin. “And we are honored that they have chosen Second Harvest, and our sister food banks, to partner with and help those in our community who just need a little help.”
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**TUE 07 Nov**
- **Light Rain**
  - High – 36.3º F | Low – 35.6º F

**WED 08 Nov**
- **Clear Skies**
  - High – 42.3º F | Low – 32.4º F

**THU 09 Nov**
- **Clear Skies**
  - High – 47.5 F | Low – 28.1º F

**FRI 10 Nov**
- **Clear Skies**
  - High – 46.1º F | Low – 35.3º F

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a mug and pumped about 20 squirts of hazelnut syrup into it. I went to fill the mug with coffee. One of the choices was hazelnut coffee. Double hazelnut, what could it hurt? I headed for checkout. The clerk had been eyeing me. She said, "You missed the hazelnut cream." I went back and poured four containers of hazelnut cream into the mug. I have always been a man of excess. I took a sip of the concoction and my ears tingled. Perfect.

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