New law allows Farm Bureau, Wellmark to team up

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DES MOINES – Gov. Kim Reynolds signed a bill on Monday that creates affordable health plan options for Iowans who can’t afford to buy health insurance. Senate File 2349 allows health plans created by associations of employers or sponsored by certain agricultural organizations. In her Condition of the State address in January, the governor called for lawmakers to work together on a bill to give Iowa farmers, small business owners and their employees access to affordable health care.

Before the Affordable Care Act took effect, Iowa had a healthy individual insurance market. There were nine carriers, with good participation and reasonable premiums. Today, the state’s market is in collapse. Premiums went up 57 percent last year, forcing many Iowans to choose between going broke or going without insurance. As a result, 26,000 Iowans left the insurance market.

The new law allows Farm Bureau to build a self-funded health benefit arrangement that will work for Iowans forced from the individual market. It also gives small employers the ability to band together to create affordable health care options for their employees.

“The bill allows Farm Bureau to offer a self-funded health plan,” says FM Farm Bureau agent Larry Holtkamp.

Y-A-L-E-Y comes off old auto clinic

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FORT MADISON - The iconic red letters came down on Friday, but the Y-A-L-E-Y outline on the porcelain walls at the Yaley Auto Clinic still remains. Jim and Linda Yaley officially sold the building to Dustin Ilmberger of Fort Madison, after a 44-year ownership that took a few twists and turns.

“We bought that building in 1974,” Jim said on Monday afternoon. “I ran it for 40 years. My dad ran a service station since I was one year old and I kind of grew up there and around cars.”

The 79-year-old and his wife purchased the building in 1974, said the building is actually possible off-trail exploration. Be prepared for some pos- sible off-trail exploration.

The bright red letters come off the Yaley Auto Clinic building on Friday. Jim and Linda Yaley have sold the building to Dustin Ilmberger of Fort Madison.

The hike will be led by Lee County Conservation’s Director, Nathan Unsworth. TheDirector Hikes are designed to be a way for people to get out and learn about the variety of areas owned by Lee County Conservation.

During this hike, attendees will explore Turkey Run Wildlife Area and learn about the variety of areas owned by Lee County Conservation. Attendees are encouraged to dress for the weather and be prepared for some possible off-trail exploration.

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**OBITUARIES**

**JAMES JOSEPH “JIM” WELDING**

James Joseph “Jim” Welding, 87, of West Point, Iowa, passed away at 12:35 p.m. Saturday, March 31, 2018 at the West Point Care Center.

Born July 20, 1930 in West Point, Nebraska, the son of Joseph and Irene (Kempker) Welding. On October 15, 1955 he married Kay White at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point, Iowa. She preceded him in death on October 26, 2004.

Survivors include three sons: Mick (Kelli) Welding of Morrison, Illinois, Randy (Emily) Welding of West Point, Iowa and Mark (Teresa) Welding of Plainfield, Indiana; two daughters: Denise (Gerry Menke) Welding of Amesbury, Massachusetts and Kim (Joe) D’Ambra of San Antonio, Texas; eight grandchildren; one brother: George (Alma) Welding of Fort Madison, Iowa and one sister: Mary Lou (Sonny) Perry of Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife: Kay; one brother: Tom Welding and two sisters: Joan Greene and Anna Marie Pint.

Jim was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, Holtz-Geer American Legion Post #668 and the morning coffee club at J&M. He was a charter member of the West Point Veteran’s Memorial Committee. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War.

From 1955 to 1963 he worked for Boeing, from 1963 to 1968 he worked for NASA under Boeing with the Saturn V Rocket Program, he then returned to West Point and worked at First Miss. He finished his career at the Dyess Air Force Base as a maintenance worker in the Civil Engineers Division of the Air Force until he retired in 1993.

Friends may call after 12:00 noon Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point where the family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. 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. at the funeral home.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in West Point where the family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. 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. at the funeral home.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point with Father Dennis Hoffman as celebrant. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery with full military rites presented by West Point American Legion Holtz-Geers Post #668.

Memorials have been established in his memory for St. Mary’s Catholic Church or the West Point Fire & Rescue.

Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

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The FMCH Hospice program is funded by the FMCH Foundation.

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For the Record

Fort Madison Police report
03/30/18 - 1:20 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 5800 block of Avenue O.
03/31/18 - 2:24 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a shoplifter in the 1800 block of Avenue H.
03/31/18 - 9:44 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident on Hwy. 27 at the Hwy. 220 intersection. A vehicle driven by Kaley Ann James, 25, of Des Moines, lost control on wintry conditions and hit the guard rail.
04/01/18 - 4:15 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on the Hwy 61 bypass. A vehicle driven by Samantha Christina Fry, 23, of West Burlington lost control and slid down an embankment where it rolled and came to rest on its wheels at the bottom of a ravine. Fry was transported to Fort Madison Community Hospital and was cited for failure to have a valid driver’s license and failure to maintain control. 04/01/18 - 5:57 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a report of a one-vehicle accident on Hwy. 218 at the 185th Avenue intersection. A vehicle driven by Nicole Dawn Blint, 37, of West Point, lost control and struck a stop sign and slid into the median. No injuries were reported at the scene and Blint was cited for failure to maintain control.
03/30/18 - 11:30 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Ruben Joseph Bowman, 39, of Burlington at the sheriff’s office on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 03/31/18 - 3:17 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Noah David Gawsaw, 19, at the sheriff’s office on a charge of serious assault. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 03/31/18 - 3:20 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Rahil Basheeda Edgar Lee, 22, of Mt. Pleasant at the sheriff’s office on the charge of assault with injury. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 03/31/18 - 3:15 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Nicholas David Wilson, 29, of Centerville, at the Appanoose County Jail on a warrant for violation of probation. He was held in custody.
04/01/18 - 12:17 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on Hwy. 27 at the Hwy. 218 overpass. A vehicle driven by Katelyn James, 25, of Des Moines, lost control on wintry conditions and hit the guard rail.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report
03/30/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical, one gas leak and one burn complaint.
04/01/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to five medicals and one gas leak.

Lee County Bank donation
Lee County Bank President Mike Culbertson presented a $2,500 check to Lin Cramer for the Fort Madison Food Pantry. Lee County Bank has been a long-time supporter of the Fort Madison Food Pantry and decided to make their annual donation a little earlier this year due to recent shortages at the Food Pantry.

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Education News

HTC sisters earn state art recognition

BY PCC STAFF

IOWA CITY - Two Holy Trinity Catholic students were honored last month by the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards for outstanding art submissions.

HTC sophomore Claire Graham and her sister Lucy, a 7th grader at HTC, were both honored at the University of Iowa’s Memorial Union by the Belin-Blank program at a regional ceremony held March 10. Claire received a Gold Key and Lucy received a Silver Key.

Gold Key works are judged nationally by a panel of creative-industry experts to receive National Medals, including Gold, Silver and American Visions & Voices, Portfolio Silver and Gold Medals.

HTC instructor Allison Arevalo said the gold key works are the very best of the works submitted at the local level and are automatically considered for national recognition. Silver Key projects are stand out projects that demonstrate exceptional ability.

In 2016, Claire received an honorable mention, and in 2017 Claire received two silver keys and Lucy received an honorable mention and a silver key.

Judges look for works that best exemplify originality, technical skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision. Teens in grades 7-12 apply in 29 categories of art and writing and in 2017 more than 330,000 works were submitted to the Scholastic Awards.

The Belin-Blank Center recognizes talent in all areas and serves as the Iowa and Midwest Affiliate for the awards program.

Claire, left, and Lucy Graham were both honored on March 10 for artwork submitted to the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards at the University of Iowa. Photo courtesy of HTC schools.

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**Glo Crazy for Education run set for April 7**

FORT MADISON - A 5K run/walk will be held on April 7 at Baxter Sports Complex beginning at 8 p.m. Proceeds from the event will go to the Elliott Test Kitchen in Fort Madison. The event is being put on by Fort Madison service clubs including Fort Madison Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary clubs as well as the Fort Madison High School key club. Registration can be done at www.pencitycurrent.com/glo-crazy/

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He said times have changed and unless you offer a wide variety of services, "tune-up shops" just don’t exist anymore.

"You really can’t even get a tune-up anymore. Times were changing and I saw the handwriting on the wall, so I gradually got out of the mechanical work and got into electronics, car stereos - that kind of thing - CB radios. The cars had got to the point where you had to have so much equipment to work on them and then some of the procedures you couldn’t even do anymore without really expensive equipment. Some you couldn’t buy - even if you could afford it."

As an aside to repairing cars, Yaley was an avid race fan, and built engines for race cars and even built a few cars to race at area race tracks. He built several cars that won championships locally and across the state, including Fort Madison Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary clubs as well as the Fort Madison High School key club. Registration can be done at www.pencitycurrent.com/glo-crazy/
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