Hundreds battle heat to battle cancer

Relay For Life, Mexican Fiesta, and Bloodhound football give residents plenty to choose from Friday night

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FORT MADISON - Not even a hot, muggy Friday evening could break the spirit of support and determination in the fight against cancer.

The annual North Lee County Relay for Life took place on the track at Fort Madison Community High School’s Richmond Stadium beginning at 5 p.m.

The event included the annual luminarias in honor of those who have lost their life in battles with cancer and those that are continuing and winning the fight. Food was provided by Isaak Walton with pizzas from Brad’s Pad and Casey’s. A portion of the program was also dedicated to honoring those in attendance who were fighting cancer as part of a survivor’s salute.

According to committee member Justin Pieper, of Group Benefit Partners, figures from the event including corporate and individual donations won’t be available until the wrap up the Relay season in October.

But Pieper said the turnout was fantastic and the event was inspiring for all who came out.

“I think the turnout is fantastic. We’re happy so many teams came out,” he said.

“I specifically worked with the corporate sponsorships and we had tremendous support from the businesses in the community, which is awesome. It’s such a fun and inspiring time to hear all of the survivors hear their stories and we had tremendous support from the businesses and all of the survivors hear about all the years they’ve survived cancer. It makes it easy to wanna raise money and help the cause.”

Gabe Keppel gets his face painted and hair done with the help of Rhonda Taube, Angie Pardall, and Lauren Mettemburg at the North Lee County Relay for Life Friday night.

Kim and Megan Shacklett, Lisa Lihs, and Lisa Edwards stand with the Lee County Bank booth at the North Lee County Relay for Life.
OBITUARIES

GENE A. GERHARDT

Gene A. Gerhardt, 82, of Niota, Illinois passed away at 8:45 p.m. September 11, 2018 at West Point Care Center in West Point, Iowa. He was born on March 20, 1936 in Niota, Illinois, the son of Walter and Helen (Morrill) Gerhardt. Survivors include: one son: Greg Gerhardt (wife: Rinskje “Reny” de Leeuw) of Nicholasville, Kentucky; one sister: Darlene Hartweg of Hamilton, Illinois; his former wives: Violet Gerhardt-Williams, Sherry Diaz, and Virginia Gerhardt. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; daughter in law: Paulette Gerhardt; sister: Bonnie; and brother: Bill Gerhardt. He was a graduate of Nauvoo High School. He was a lifelong farmer and an avid horseman. Gene had a special talent with horses and enjoyed training and riding. He was a champion Western rider and enjoyed fishing here in the states and in Canada. Gene was affiliated with Appanoose Faith Presbyterian Church. Gene’s body has been entrusted to Schmitz - Banks and Beals Funeral Home for cremation. A memorial service will be held at a later date with burial at Nauvoo Cemetery. In lieu flowers a memorial has been established for the Brain Restoration Center in care of Greg Gerhardt of 105 Parker Lane, Nicholasville, Kentucky 40356. Schmitz - Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at www.sbbfuneral.com.

JAMES RAY MITCHELL

James Ray Mitchell, 83, loving husband and father, passed away on Friday, September 14, 2018 at Mercy Hospital in Cedar Rapids, IA. Jim married Sadie Mary Rashid on July 4, 1962 in Carthage, IL. To those who knew Jim, Jim was a gentle big man who loved the outdoors, especially shooting sports. He was a quality control engineer for the Atomic Energy Commission until he retired to join his son in law, Ron, in a beer distributorship. Jim was a patriotic American who was proud of his service in the United States Air Force where he was also a pitcher for the Air Force Fast Pitch Softball Team and played on the Air Force Football Team. He was a member of the Fort Madison Eagles Club and Fort Madison Elks Lodge. Jim is survived by his wife Sadie Mitchell of Fort Madison, IA; 3-daughters: Pam (Ron) Watson, Rhonda (Stephen) Roser & Cynthia (Wayne) Otto all of Fort Madison, IA; 1-sons: Idol (Jill) Mitchell of Macomb, IL; 20-grandchildren & 28-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by: his parents; daughter: Janet; 2-sons: Kenneth Rashid & Ronnie McChesney, 2-grandchildren: Matthew Watson & Miranda Huebner and 1-great-granddaughter: Alexa Otte. Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 with the family to receive friends from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A private family funeral will be held at Sacred Heart Church with Rev. Mark P. Spring officiating. Burial will be held at Sacred Heart Cemetery. A memorial has been established for St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital. Online condolences to Jim’s family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: wwwkinglynk.com.

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GRHS looking for medical explorers

WEST BURLINGTON -TOWN- Great River Health System’s Medical Explorers program is hosting an open house at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, in the Walnut Room on the lower level of Great River Medical Center, 1221 S. Gear Ave., West Burlington. Through Medical Explorers, high school students take in-depth looks at health careers. It is led by Doug Peters, MD, and Laura Hadden, MD, Great River Family Medicine. Parents are encouraged to attend the open house with students. Participation is limited, so students should register at the first meeting. There is a $44 fee; financial help is available.

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Monarch program
Friday at Pollmiller

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Fort Madison Police Report
09/13/18 - 6:27 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 200 block of Crescent Lane. 09/13/18 - 11:28 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Patrick Dale Wright, 44, of Fort Madison in the 800 block of Avenue G, on a warrant for probation violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 09/13/18 - 2:48 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2000 block of Avenue D. 09/13/18 - 3:05 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2000 block of Avenue L. 09/13/18 - 4:55 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a shoplifter in the 4800 block of Avenue O. 09/13/18 - 8:21 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1300 block of Avenue I.

Lee County Sheriff's Report
09/13/18 - 10:23 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Taylor Dean Burgess, 21, of Keokuk at the sheriff's office on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 09/13/18 - 3:21 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident on Hwy 218 from 330th Street. According to reports, a vehicle driven by Carolyn Kirk, 20, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for criminal mischief - second degree. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 09/13/18 - 10:50 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Christina Colleen Bennett, 33, of Keokuk, in the 700 block of South 2nd Street in Keokuk, on a charge of prohibited open burning. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 09/14/18 - 8:15 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michael Dean Marsh, 47, of Fort Madison in the 1600 block of 330th Avenue on a charge of violating a temporary restraining order. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Monarch program Friday at Pollmiller

Submitted article

WEST POINT - Lee County Conservation’s annual Monarch Butterfly program will take place Friday, September 21st, 2018 from 5:30-7:00pm at Pollmiller Park. Pollmiller is located on the east side of West Point along County Rd 103. A Lee County Conservation naturalist will teach participants about the life cycle of monarch butterflies and will guide butterfly catching and tagging in the prairie. Butterfly nets will be provided. Attendees will also assist Lee County Conservation’s Wildlife Manager in a prairie seed collection activity. The seeds collected will be used to boost diversity for thirsty pollinators at Heron Bend Park.

The program will provide an opportunity to participate in Journey North’s 23rd annual Sym- bodic Migration by creating life-sized paper butterflies that will be sent to elementary schools in Mexico. Attendees are encouraged to dress for the weather. Long pants and closed-toe shoes are recommended. The event will be canceled if there is inclement weather. All weather related cancellations will be made on the Lee County Conservation’s Facebook page.

For more information, contact the Lee County Conservation Office at 319-463-7673.
PUBLIC NOTICE
FORT MADISON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING
September 17, 2018
Immediately following regular meeting
I. Calling to order and determine a quorum
II. Administer oaths and election of officers
A. Oath of office to new Board members
B. Election of president
C. Oath of office to president
D. Election of vice-president
III. Consider Board appointments
A. Sandra Elmore, Board secretary / treasurer
B. Brett Nitzschke - Assembly member
C. Daily Democrat, official publication
IV. Adopt meeting rules, procedures and committee assignments
A. Establish time, day and location for regular meetings
B. Determine seating arrangement
C. Determine finance committee
D. Selection of County Conference Board representative
E. Selection of negotiation committee
F. Selection of calendar committee
H. Selection of facility study committee representative
J. Selection of audit committee
K. Selection of community foundation group
L. Appoint LAN member
M. Appoint Delegate assembly member
V. Discussion Items
A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services – Kim Harmon
B. Superintendent – Erin Slater
1. Plans for American Education Week
2. Discuss February Board meeting date
3. Board member Attendance
4. Schedule December building tour
5. Board Self-Evaluation
C. Board Secretary / Business Manager – Sandy Elmore
D. Comments from the audience

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Haul.” That did it. I pulled "Long Haul" on my smart phone and couldn’t put it down. What can a truck driver tell me? Well, gee, I learned that "Interstate highways have even numbers for east-west routes and odd numbers for north-south routes. The larger the odd number, the further east it is and the larger the even number the further north it is. I-5 goes up the West Coast, and I-95 goes up the East Coast." "East-west I-10 (the Dime) goes from Jacksonville, Florida, to Los Angeles (Jayville to Shakytown). I-90 goes from Boston to Seattle (Beantown to Needle City)." "Three-digit numbers indicate spur routes to the system. Odd-numbered three-digit routes do not reconnect to the main highway; even-numbered routes are circular and are usually beltways around cities. Using Washington, DC, as an example, I-495 goes around the city, and I-395 ends in the city." …

Your primary guide needs to be a map. You need to visualize the route in your mind....since they started using GPS, drivers get lost or confused three times more than when they used road maps.

And that’s just information. The story-line is even more interesting. Keep your dictionary handy. Murphy is an articulate truck driver, as well as talented writer. I’ll give "Long Haul" another Empty Nest Five Stars.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at curtswarm@yahoo.com or find him on Facebook. Curt stories are also read at 106.3 FM in Farmington.
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