Chamber planning city clean up this month

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Area Chamber of Commerce is coordinating a volunteer community effort designed to remove litter and debris from parks, recreational areas, shorelines and waterways, while inspiring generations of environmental stewards. In past years, Community Clean Up volunteers bagged litter, swept sidewalks, and cleared weeds in an effort to make Fort Madison more presentable to visitors and the general population.

The 2019 clean up date is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, rain or shine, with registration in Central Park starting at 10:00am. To aid in clean-up efforts, Great River Regional Waste Authority (GRRWA) will be on-site from 9 am to 12 pm for your Hazardous Waste Disposal. Please call 319-372-6140 or 1-800-216-2370 for a complete list of accepted materials.

Gloves, trash bags, and maps highlighted with target areas of cleaning will be distributed to participants. Immediately following the morning event, registered participants are encouraged to return to Central Park for a noon lunch. Groups of five or more are encouraged to call to reserve tables. There will be a 2 pm drawing for a $50 gift card donated by Fort Madison Partners.

More than 80 runners start under the lighted starting gate provided by Mohrfeld Electric at the Glo-Crazy for Education 5K Saturday at the Baxter Sports Complex. Complete results from the run are on page 5.

School district, AFSCME union make offers

FORT MADISON – The union that represents Fort Madison School District non-salaried associates and employees is asking for a $1.50 per hour increase in pay for the upcoming school year.

On Thursday, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and the Fort Madison Community School District entered into initial negotiations to set pay rates that would begin July 1, 2019.

The union is asking for a Job Class A starting rate of $8.80 per hour. Class B jobs would start at $8.90, Class C at $9.00, Class D at $9.10, Class E at $9.20, Class F at $9.30, Class G at $9.40, and Class H at $9.50.

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OBITUARIES

GENE OVESTON SISK

Gene Oveston Sisk, 73, of Keokuk, IA, died Saturday, April 6, 2019 at UnityPoint Health in Keokuk.

He was born on December 21, 1945 in Marianna, Arkansas, the son of Lowell and Estella Sisk. He graduated from Central Lee High School in rural Donnellson with the Class of 1963.

On July 11, 1965, Gene was united in marriage to Linda Williams in Keokuk. She preceded him in death on January 3, 2012.

Gene had been employed at Henkle-General Mills-ADM in Keokuk for thirty-seven years.

He was a former member of the Keokuk Jaycees and the Elks Club.

Gene enjoyed going on camping trips with his family. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinal, Chicago Bear and Hawkeye Fan. He loved to watch NASCAR races and the Golf Channel.

He is survived by two daughters, Lori Miller and her husband Frank of Bloomfield, IA, Gina Sisk and her wife TJ. of Keokuk, one son, Jeffrey Sisk and his wife Heather of Keokuk, six grandchildren, Jennifer Olinger (Nathan), Dustin Miller, Dakota Miller, Jordan Sisk, Kyle Sisk and Nathan Crile and an honorary granddaughter, Jennifer Spicer, five great-grandchildren, Chelsea, Kaitlyn, Ashlyn, Brayden and Jacob Olinger, two brothers, Charles Sisk and his wife Sandra of Keokuk and Larry Sisk and his wife Hilda of the Quad Cities, two sisters, Betty Carle and her husband Mike of Fort Madison, Alphia Lang and her husband Greg of Donnellon, and nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by one sister, Alice Picton and one brother-in-law, Terry Picton.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Pastor Mike Shea officiating. Burial will be in the Sunset Memorial Gardens in Keokuk, IA.

Visitation will be after 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Vigen Memorial Home with the family meeting with friends from 6 – 8 pm.

Memorials may be made to Manacountry. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.
Dog alerts woman to cancerous tumor

Covered the cost, depending on circumstances. If it's not men and women. Health insurance may or may not of cancer in your family, have your DNA tested, both sage to be heard loud and clear. If you have a history all out for cancer-sniffing. She is Sue's dog, and Sue four years old. No, the Walkers do not rent Kend- and Gary Walker got Kendall in 2016 when she was just appreciative of the nice home she was given. Sue Kendall to thank.

Kendall acts as though it's all part of her job. She's just appreciative of the nice home she was given. Sue and Gary Walker got Kendall in 2016 when she was four years old. No, the Walkers do not rent Kend- all out for cancer-sniffing. She is Sue's dog, and Sue couldn't get through the day without Kendall.

Sue and Gary, from Denmark, Iowa, want the mes- sage to be heard loud and clear. If you have a history of cancer in your family, have your DNA tested, both men and women. Health insurance may or may not cover the cost, depending on circumstances. If it's not covered it's around $450—which is worth it. EARLY DETECTION OF CANCER IS THE BEST CURE! There is even a home saliva test now through a company called 23andMe. This is the first consumer test for three BRCA gene mutations associated with breast, ovarian and prostate cancer that has been approved by the US Food and Drug Administration. There are no more excuses. Knowledge is power. One out of two men, and one out of three women will develop some form of cancer in their life. You don't have to wait until you're showing symptoms or your pet is sniffing at the disease. Sue feels lucky to have everything fall in place like it did. From the dog, hospital, doctors, family and friends, she's thankful. Cancer treatment is so much more advanced than what it used to be. In addition to chemo therapy and radiation, there is now stem cell therapy. Sue says to, "Take charge of your health, before it takes charge of you!"

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at curtswarm@yahoo.com or visit his website at www.empty-nest-words.photos-and-frames.com.

Volunteers needed to help with Clean-Up

District talks boosting special ed assoc. pay

NEGOTIATION - Continued from Page 1

C at $9.10, Class D would be $9.20 and Class E would start at $10.10/hour. All current employees would be boosted by $1.50 per hour under the proposal. The district countered in their initial proposal with a five-cent per hour across the board increase. The district also asked to have further discussions about increasing the starting pay for special education assoc- iates. The district also wants to change payroll to the 15th and last day of each month instead of the current alter- nating Fridays, which would decrease the amount of paychecks from 26 to 24 per year. After the initial proposals were offered, the negoti- ations were closed to the public. State code requires initial proposals to be made in open session and then the negotiations can be closed to the public.

Do you have time - to help stop crime?

Visit any of these Facebook pages to learn more about what the Neighborhood Watch Program is & how to start your own group or join an existing group!

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5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

SUN 10 Mar

Clear

High– 65.6º F | Low – 57.7º F

MON 11 Mar

Overcast

High– 59.3º F | Low – 51.6º F

TUE 12 Mar

Clear

High– 67.7º F | Low – 58.3º F

WED 13 Mar

Overcast

High– 64.4º F | Low – 38.8º F

THU 14 Mar

Overcast

High– 39.2º F | Low – 31.3º F

OpenWeatherMap
Results of Glo-Crazy for Education 5K Fun Run

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Do your part during this year’s Spring Cleaning activities by making sure you’re choosing products safe for our planet.

Here are just a few of the ways you can help:

- Properly dispose of your household hazardous waste materials, construction debris, & electronic waste
- Use environmentally-safe cleaning products
- Reduce • Reuse • Recycle
- Check our website for proper disposal methods, acceptable materials, & more

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Clean Home. Clean Planet.

This year, do your part to keep our environment clean, too!

Local News/Sports

Crabtree blocks seven in HTC win

Junior keeper leads the SE Iowa Superconference in saves

FORT MADISON – Junior Blake Crabtree racked up seven saves in Holy Trinity Catholic’s 2-1 win over Burlington Saturday in Burlington.

Head Coach Ryan Culbertson said Crabtree probably had his best game from the keeper position.

Crabtree was tops in the Southeast Iowa Superconference last week with 28 saves and has 35 on the season.

The Crusaders got their goals from Adam Rauenbuehler and Andre Vincent. Rauenbuehler is among the conference best in goals scored with seven in four games. Vincent is right behind with six.

Culbertson said the midfield defense kept the Grayhounds off balance most of the match.

“We were tired and injured late in the game with only one available substitute and the worked their tails off to keep the score at halftime the same,” Culbertson said.

“Our defense was holding Burlington to a limited number of shots and our midfield did a really nice job disrupting the Grayhounds and controlling the ball.”

Holy Trinity stands at 3-2 on the season with their first contest at South Park set for Tuesday against IMS.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Board Meeting Agenda
Great Prairie Area Education Agency
April 9, 2019
5:00 PM - Dinner
5:30 PM - Regular Board Meeting - Executive Con-
ference Room
Fairfield Arts
& Convention Center, 200 N. Main,
Fairfield, Iowa
GPAEA Board Zoom
Join from PC, Mac, iOS or
Android:
https://zoom.us/j/420866315
Or join by phone:
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(US Toll) or
+1 415 762 9988
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Meeting ID: 420 666 315
AGENDA
I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY BOARD
PRESIDENT
II. OPEN FORUM
III. BOARD APPROVAL
OF AGENDA
IV. BOARD APPROVAL
OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
V. BOARD APPROV-
AL OF TREASURER’S
REPORT AND INVOICES PAYABLE
VI. EDUCATION
REPORT: CUSTOMER
SURVEY
VII. BOARD ACTION
ON NEW EMPLOYEE
CONTRACTS
a. Alex Enningker, Speech and Language Pathologist, 194 days, MA+15,
Step 1, $46,537
b. Leah Harris, School Psychologist Intern, 194 days, MA+45, Step 1,
$49,973
c. Alycia Helling, Speech and Language Pathologist, 194 days, MA+15, Step 5,
$51,669
ADMINISTRATOR’S
COMMENTS:
I recommend approval of the new employee contracts as presented.
VIII. BOARD ACTION
ON CONTRACT TERMIN-
ationS
a. Hollie Couch, Early Access Home Interventionist
b. Kristin Sparbel, Speech and Language Pathologist
ADMINISTRATOR’S
COMMENTS:
I recommend approval of the contract terminations as presented.
IX. BOARD ACTION
ON RESCISSION
OF PREVIOUS APPROVED
RESIGNATION
a. Jennifer Norgaila, Speech and Language Pathologist, requests that
her previously approved resignation be rescinded by
the board
ADMINISTRATOR’S
COMMENTS:
I recommend approval of the rescission as presented.
X. BOARD ACTION
ON TECHNOLOGY RE-
PLACEMENT
ADMINISTRATOR’S
COMMENTS:
Each year staff computers are reviewed to determine replacement needs based on a 3-4 year maintenance/ replacement cycle.
XI. BOARD APPROVAL
OF THE 2019-20 AGENCY
CALENDAR
ADMINISTRATOR’S
COMMENTS:
I recommend approval of the Agency Calendar as presented.
XII. REPORTS TO THE
BOARD
XIII. ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROCEEDINGS
FORT MADISON
CITY COUNCIL
3/19/2019

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Randolph presided with Council Members Greenwald, Morawitz, Rink, Andrews, Mohrfield and Lair present. Council Member Cangas was absent.

On motion, Council approved the agenda noting Item #9 was removed. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 3/5/2019, Liquor License Renewal: MOD Convention Store, 1531 Avenue H, effective 4/25/2019; February Finan-
cial Report; and Payment of Claims.

On motion, Council approved Ordinance D-51, the third and final reading of an ordinance to amend Title 3, Building, Chapter 5, Housing Code, Section 3, Definitions, to up-
date the definition of “Rental Housing Unit” and Title 6, Health and Sanitation, Chap-
ter 4, Nuisances, Section 3, Abatement by the City, by removing Paragraph (2)(a), Form of Notice. On motion, Council approved the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 3, Building,
Chapter 2, Plumbing Code, to set plumbing fees...
city clerk, Council approved to proceed with an audit of the North Lee County Nuisances, Section 3, Abatement by the City, by removing Paragraph (2)(a), Form of MOD Convenience Store, 1531 Avenue H, effective 4/25/2019;


Highway 61 Reconstruction Project – 35th Street to 36th Street. Following a presentation by HR Green on the Old Highway 61 administrative work for the PIP 2019-03, Connecting Fort Madison! Phase 3 – Hospital Treatment Plant Rehab.

Sales Tax Administration System, on motion, Council approved the installation of a new sales tax administration system.

3/19/2019 EXPENDITURE $287,583.60

General $287,583.60

Sewer $245,219.44

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C O N T R I B U T I O N S 3/19/2019 EXPENDITURE $11,291.70
Senior Health Clinic
The Lee County Health Dept. will be holding senior health clinics on April 9th at Hillview Village in Fort Madison from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Hillview Village.

Lunch & Learn/Family Fun Night
For those interested in starting a child care center are invited to Lee County Health Dept. Lunch & Learn at Iowa Wesleyan College from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. on April 12. A family fun night will follow with a free family concert with Tom Pease from 4 to 6 p.m.

United Methodist Ham Dinner
The Fort Madison United Methodist Church will host its annual Ham Dinner on Palm Sunday, April 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Menu will include ham, party potatoes, corn, green beans, salads, desserts, rolls and beverages. A free will offering is appreciated.

Fort Madison Community Clean up
The Fort Madison Chamber will be holding its annual Community Clean up on Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to noon. with registration at Central Park. Free lunch will follow in the park. Call the Chamber at 372-5471 to register and for details.

Holy Family Parish breakfast
Roling Hall will be the site for a Easter Sunday, April 21, pancake breakfast beginning at 9:30 a.m. A free-will donation will help defray costs of the HFP youth attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis.

FM Partners Paint-A-Thon
Volunteers are needed for the annual Paint-A-Thon taking place April 22-27 in Fort Madison. Contact Fort Madison Partners at 372-5471 to volunteer.

BSC Auction, Social Tour
The 2nd annual event will be held on April 27, 2019 beginning at 1 p.m. at the Baxter Sports Complex with transportation by SEIBUS. Dinner will follow by Fat Jimmy’s Smokehouse and the auction begins at 7 p.m.

Salute to Small Business Breakfast
The Fort Madison Chamber will be holding its annual Salute to Small Business Breakfast on Thursday, May 9 beginning at 7:30 a.m. at Quality Inn & Suites.

Soroptomist Princess Tea Party
The annual Princess Tea Party is set for Saturday, May 11th at Quality Inn & Suites in Fort Madison. Ages 3-5 will attend from 10 a.m. to noon, while 6 and up will attend from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Registration deadline is April 5. For more information email Dr. Lauri Wondra at laurisorop@gmail.com.

Jack Morris Memorial Golf Outing
The annual Fort Madison Chamber Golf outing will be held June 14, 2019. Sponsorships are available. Contact Fort Madison Partners at 319-372-5471 for more details.

Pen City Current will list your event in this highly visible CURRENT-LEE section in increments of 25 words for $15. Add a photo for $5. Non-profit organizations are eligible for the reduced rate of $10 per 25 words and $3 per photo. To place your listing, click here or call Lee at (319)371-4125.

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