Central Lee students tour Kemin facility

**Classes get to see additive company up close**

**BY KYLE VANAUSDALL**
Central Lee Research Sponsor

DONELLSON - Thirty-one Central Lee Middle School Science Fair students toured the Kemin Industries facility in Des Moines Thursday afternoon, March 28th. Kemin Industries is a family-owned and operated global nutritional ingredient company headquartered in Des Moines, Iowa.

Kemin can be found not only in Iowa, but also around the world with manufacturing, research, and marketing facilities in Europe, Russia, South Africa, China, South America, Asia, Canada, and other countries.

Kemin uses applied science to provide products and services that help improve the quality, safety and efficacy of food, feed and health-related products. Consumers cannot purchase Kemin products per say, but rather purchase products that are composed of Kemin additives to make many products better.

Central Lee students toured the Kemin buildings and labs and got to see first-hand engineers and staff working on their current projects. They were able to discuss with them what they hope to accomplish in the future.

The students were very inspired and became even more motivated to continue their own science research as a result. Students were able to ask questions and see how their own research might be used or applied at Kemin.

The plant tour was organized by two Central Lee graduates, Taylor Edgar, who works for Kemin in the food research department, and Allison Krebbiel, 5th grade teacher at Central Lee who is also a science fair volunteer for the school.

Central Lee plans to visit Kemin again in the near future and in the years to come. Kemin has also agreed to be a part of a mentor-mentee program to help students with their science fair projects. Building these relationships and seeing the real-life connections is an invaluable piece of students’ education and their learning process.

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**DOT, Siemens looking at traffic options**

**Hwys. 218, 61, and 27 part o of discussions on how to get away from traffic snarls**

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – An Iowa DOT official said Thursday that high-level talks are on-going to help alleviate traffic snarls as Siemens’ blades navigate the tight roads around the facility.

District 5 Engineer Jim Armstrong, of the Iowa Department of Transportation’s Fairfield office, said initial conversations began this year to look at four different locations where logistical improvements could help alleviate some problems.

He said currently talks are focusing on the Highway 218 intersections at Hwy. 61 east of the facility, and at Hwy. 27, west of the facility. He said two other locations at 260th and 280th Street and Hwy. 61 are also being discussed.

As it stands now, when blades come out of the facility on 260th Street and turn right headed southbound on 61, traffic is stopped to allow the long windblades clearance on both southbound lanes to access the highway.

The same scenario occurs further down the road on the hill up Hwy. 61 before the right turn onto 218, where blade-hauling semis use both lanes to get the angle for the right-hand turn.

Armstrong said the same situation occurs at the 218/27 intersection.

“We are in conversations with Siemens about those intersections,” Armstrong said Thursday. “Those high-level discussions address how they enter the roadway and so forth. But the important thing here is that there is no funded project underway. And there may not be one.”

County Engineer Ben Hull, said he has not been approached by anyone to be part of the conversation, but said 218, 61 and 27 are all state and federal highways and the county wouldn’t have jurisdiction. However, one of the roads is a county road and he would be open to discussing that when, and if, the time comes.

“We’d work through the state and they have programs.
OBITUARIES

TAMBRA JEAN GALLION

On March 26, 2019, at 3:10 p.m. at her home in Bon Aqua, TN surrounded by her loving family, Tambra Jean Gallion, age 60, went home to be with the Lord. She was born on February 15, 1959 at the Whiteman Air Force Base in Johnson County, MO, the daughter of Jackie Junior Smith and Peggy Maurine (Hickle) Smith.

Since 1997, Tammy was a member of the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Nashville, TN. Her father was in the Air Force and the family moved around the country, living in Missouri, Illinois, Germany, Washington D.C. and Delaware.

After her parent’s divorce, Tammy lived with her Mother in Illinois. She completed the 10th grade of high school, leaving because she didn’t like school and was “coming of age” in the 70’s. After the birth of her fifth child, she chose to further her education by getting her GED on April 2, 1998, and a Career Readiness Certificate from the Tennessee College of Applied Technology on May 21, 2009.

Tammy is survived by her children Cassie Jo Rennick of New Holland, Illinois; Jessica Kay (Joel) Sassman of East Peoria, Illinois; Patrica Lynn Haynes of Lincoln, Illinois; Richard Gallion, Jr.; and AJ Vaughn of Bon Aqua, Tennessee; sisters Sherry (Gary) Stice of Keokuk, Iowa; Laura Holmes of Bon Aqua, Tennessee; and Wendy Thraakill; and brothers Jason (Laura) Cluney of Beardstown, Illinois; Scott (Brandie) Smith of Huntingtonburg, Indiana; Larry (Vickie) Cluney Jr. of Laclede, Missouri; and Billie (Corena) Cluney of Panama City, Florida; 10 grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces, including special nieces Debbie Hand and Angela Pinzone, who helped care for her the last 8 years and loved her like a second Mom. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A Celebration of Life will be hosted by her family at a later date.

Pen City Current obituary policy
The Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes.

OBITUARIES

JOHN E. STAUFFER

John E. Stauffer, age 63 of Ft. Madison passed away on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at Methodist Hospital in Omaha, NE.

He was born on July 26, 1955 in Ft. Madison to Richard and Mary Christine Young Stauffer. John retired from ISP after several years of service. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinal and Iowa Hawkeye fan. John enjoyed golfing, bowling and was a fan of rock and roll music. His greatest love was his family, especially his amazing grandsons.

Survivors include two daughters, Nicole (Andrew Stivers) Stauffer of Bennington, NE and Holly (Kurt Ritter) Stauffer of Cape Girardeau, MO; three grandchildren, Elijah, Ethan and Lucas; one brother, Robert (Jodie) Stauffer of Fairfax, IA; two sisters, Sharon (Ken) Porter of Golden, CO and Peggy (Gary) Ort of Allen, TX; several nieces, nephews and his beloved neighbor Phyllis. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Friends may call after 3 PM on Monday, April 15, at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will meet with friends from 4:30-6:30 PM. The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, April 16, at 10:30 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Dawn Masden officiating. The family would like anyone who is attending John’s funeral to please wear Hawkeye or Cardinal fan gear.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for Make a Day and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

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Holy Trinity Catholic Schools are pleased to announce that we have $1,000 grants for incoming students (grades 1-12) transferring from another school. These are one-time grants awarded to students for their first year of attendance at HTC.

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The New Student Grants can be used in conjunction with all other forms of tuition assistance, including STO Grants, Foundation Grants and scholarships. Our kindergarten students receive a new student discount, so the grant program will not apply.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The Fort Madison High School family had a tough week recently. We lost one of our own. It wasn’t the first time this has happened in my tenure at the High School, unfortunately.

But it is always difficult to navigate the myriad of emotions that completely take over the culture of the building when a student dies. Great Prairie AEA, Central Office and High School staff and the Fort Madison Community all supported our students as we grieved our loss. We can’t thank all of them enough.

But I was overwhelmed by the actions of one individual in our community most of all.

Sheriff Stacy Weber’s actions during this time were supportive and compassionate; over and above the “call of duty.” I spoke with him first on Sunday trying desperately to get the facts, so that I could prepare for the days ahead.

Once Sheriff Weber verified who I was and what I knew, he was able to share just enough to help me ready our support system on Monday morning. He was always professional, but it was obvious that he was truly concerned about our students and their grief.

We spoke several times over the next couple of days as more information became public. Sheriff Weber offered his personal support on several occasions and provided me with his cell phone number so that I could reach him when I needed to do so. Every conversation began or ended with “how are you doing?”

My phone rang on Monday afternoon. I had just arrived home, beat up, rung out and empty. Not a Principal’s best day. It was Sheriff Weber. “Hi Mr. Smith, I just wanted to call and see how you were and how the day went.” It was just what I needed. A kind, caring friend who just wanted to remind me that he was there.

We talked a while, I unloaded and immediately felt better. Our conversation ended with, “I don’t know how you do what you do. I could never do it.” I was a Military Police Officer and a Reserve Deputy with the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office many years ago.

So I know, for him to make this statement with all that we expect of his position, was particularly poignant.

I will never forget our conversations. And I will always remember his compassion and care for me and everyone at the High School during a very difficult time. I have never been more proud of an elected official. It reminded me of a time when on the side of every law enforcement vehicle were the words, “To Protect and Serve.”

Thanks Sheriff Weber for exemplifying this, sometimes forgotten creed.

Greg Smith
**CURRENT-LEE**

**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 it's 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 it's 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 need for the annual Paint-A-Thon taking place April 22-27 in Fort Madison. Contact Fort Madison Partners at 319-372-5471 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 it’s 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.
DNR Fishing report for week ending April 18, 2019

DES MOINES – The following is the weekly fishing report for southeast Iowa waters compiled by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for the week ending Wednesday, April 18. Fishing is still slow with water temperatures on the rise and still a lot of high water.

Big Hollow Lake
Just a few anglers out with the warm weather.

Lake Belva Deer
Water continues to warm with temperatures in the 50’s. Largemouth Bass – Slow: A few bass were caught during the warmer weather along the riprap in the sun.

Lake Darling
Largemouth Bass – Slow: The warm weather brought the bass into the shallows at the upper end of the lake; they most likely will head back out when the weather changes later this week.

For more information on the above lake, call the Lake Darling Fisheries Office at 319-694-2430.

Lake Miami
Start in the shallows using small jigs for bluegill.

Lake Sugema
Try jigs tipped with minnows around the flooded timber for crappie.

Lake Wapello
Channel Catfish – Fair: Try cut bait or dead chubs.

Ottumwa Park Pond South
Catch trout with a variety of methods including a live minnow fished under a bobber, small tube jigs and inline spinners. You must have a fishing license and a pay the trout fee to fish for and/or possess trout.

Rathbun Reservoir
The current lake level is 907.36 msl. Normal operating elevation is 904.0 msl. Lake Rathbun has zebra mussels, so make sure to properly drain, clean, and dry equipment before transporting to another water body. Channel Catfish – Fair: Anglers are catching channel catfish; use cut bait or shad sides.

FORT MADISON – The Holy Trinity Crusaders fell to New London Monday on a nine-hole meet at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course, 199-193.

The Tigers’ Clayton Phillips was the medalist with 43 on the par-36 front nine. New London’s Gabe Carter was the runner up with a 45. Josh Barr led the Crusaders with a 48 followed by Mason Holvoet’s 49.

Ali Robu, the only female golfer for HTC shot a 48 in the girls contest. New London’s Summer Mallott shot a 46 as medalist in the girls’ meet.

Kyle Bredemeyer and Trevor Mohrfield both carded 51s for HTC. Brandon DeLaney shot a 53 and Colby Bredemeyer came in with a 55 to round out the scoring for Holy Trinity.

On Monday, Holvoet led the Crusaders with a 45 in a 192-172 loss to Notre Dame on Flint Hills front nine in Burlington.

Mohrfield shot a 47, followed by Barr and Colby Bredemeyer’s 50, Kyle Bredemeyer’s 51 and Brant Holtkamp’s 58. The top four golfers on each team contribute to the team score.

The boys host the Lee County Tournament with Central Lee and Fort Madison Friday beginning at 11 a.m. at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course.
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We are seeking an individual this Spring who will plan, plant, cultivate, harvest and lead other volunteers in our Community Garden (garden is located at 2006 Avenue L, Fort Madison, Iowa behind Hy-Vee).

Must enjoy working outside, gardening and harvesting. Will direct garden activities with other volunteers and may require some bending, stooping and lifting of 10 lbs. or less. Times: 1 hour, 2 times per week.

IF interested and for more information, please call – Tammy at 319-372-8043.

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**5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST**

**FRI 12 Apr**
Scattered Clouds  
High– 43.1º F | Low – 37.4º F

**SAT 13 Apr**
Clear  
High– 48.2º F | Low – 41.0º F

**SUN 14 Apr**
Light Rain  
High– 44.5º F | Low – 33.2º F

**MON 15 Apr**
Clear  
High– 59.5º F | Low – 56.8º F

**TUE 16 Apr**
Clear  
High– 71.7º F | Low – 68.2º F

The Fort Madison Bloodhounds’ boys track team competed in a 13-team invitational Thursday amongst the rain, sunshine, and even hail, at Mt. Pleasant’s Maple Leaf Field. Above, Shaymouhr Redd-Donald hands off to Andrew Shaeffer in the 4x200 meter run’s 4th heat. Fort Madison won the heat but finished in fourth place. At left, Isaiah Miller runs the 800-meter run, and at right, junior Matt Hellige finished the mile run in 4:42.7 good for second place. Hellige also set a personal best in the two-mile run at 10:01. Complete results will be in Sunday’s e-Edition.
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HTC’s Vincent gives high five in Crusaders’ 8-1 soccer win

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT – Senior Audrae Vincent scored a season-high five goals for the subless Crusaders in an 8-1 win over Wapello in the nightcap at South Park Field Thursday night.

Head Coach Ryan Culbertson played the whole game with out any substitutes. The team’s leading scorer, senior Adam Rauenbuehler was out nursing an injury. But Vincent took up most of the slack scoring early and often as he converted five of seven shots on goal.

On the other side of the field junior Blake Crabtree was having a stellar game at the net.

“I think as long as the defense holds and keeps the ball outside the 18 I have an easier time making saves,” Crabtree said.

The Crusaders take on Burlington Notre Dame Monday night. The Nikes have given up just two goals in seven games and are just a 1-0 loss to Davenport North away from a perfect season.

Crabtree gave up four goals to the Nikes in a season-opening invitation at the Baxter Sports Complex last month and said to win, the Crusaders will have to keep the Nikes out of the middle of the field.

“I think we need to force them outside. If they do that, I think I can get up in the air and stop some of their crosses,” Crabtree said.

Culbertson said the team played tired, but was able to slow the pace and move the ball better between midfielders and scorers in the latter half to save some energy.

“I had no substitutes, these nine boys played the entire 80 minutes. They were tired,” Culbertson said. He complimented Vincent on his play, and commended the team on the reduced errors without having any substitutions.

“They improved immensely tonight and played an almost mistake free second half,” he said. “Are the mistakes going to come back, probably, but that was probably one of the best second halves we’ve played so far this year. And that’s with some tired kids.”

Sophomore Colby Bredemeyer managed get his second goal of the year but snared two saves before the game was called. Zhang got her first goal of the year in the period.

The Arrows kept HTC out of the box for the next 10 minutes before the Pothitakis girls put the contest out of reach. Claire would score two of the next three sandwiched around an Elyse Pothitakis goal with 13:05 left. Claire Pothitakis converted again at the 12:40 mark to make it 7-0 before halftime.

Samantha Pothitakis would score two goals in the 2nd half including a goal at the 23:05 mark to set the 10-goal rule.

Rashid would score her third in the second and Lulu Zhang got her first goal of the year in the period.

Sam Pothitakis had a save in the first 40 minutes as Rashid would score her third in the second and Lulu Zhang got her first goal of the year in the period.

Sophomore Colby Bredemeyer managed get his second and third goals of the year, before launching a couple shots into the dark West Point sky trying to get his first ever hat-trick.

Freshman Mitchell Pothitakis had four assists and some nifty footwork keeping the ball in the middle field and shot off some good angles for runners up from the sides.

The Crusaders take on Burlington Notre Dame Monday night in junior high, varsity girls, varsity boys sides.

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