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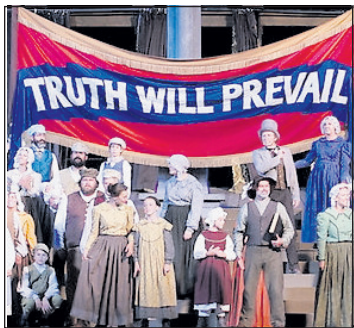
## YOUR WEEKEND! FRIDAY

**City-wide Garage Sales** will go on Friday and Saturday in Keokuk.

**Fish & Shrimp** will be served 5-7:30 p.m. Friday at the Fort Madison Eagles Club. Public welcome. For carryouts call 319-372-6928.

**Old Settlers** Association will present "Music in the Park" Friday in Old Settlers Park. Food will be available at 5 p.m. with a free concert by Richie Lee and the Fabulous 50s at 5:30 p.m.

**Car Races** (all classes plus 305 Sprints) will be held Friday at Lee County Speedway at the Lee County Fairgrounds in Donnellson. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. Hot laps are at 7 p.m. with races starting at 7:30 p.m.



**British Pageant** will be presented at 8:30 p.m. Friday on the Pageant Stage in Nauvoo, Ill. No tickets are required.

**SATURDAY**  
**Nauvoo Brass Band Hymn** Concert will be presented at 3:45 p.m. Saturday in the East Theater of the Visitors Center in Nauvoo, Ill.

**Homemade Tacos** and enchiladas will be served 5:30-8 p.m. Saturday at Izaak Walton. For carryouts call 372-7561 or 470-4667 after 4:30 p.m.

**Fort Madison natives** Rachel Roberts and Sarah Roberts will present a Celebration Concert Saturday, July 28, at 6 p.m. at Union Presbyterian Church, 719 Ave. F. They will perform with Micah Bell.

**Becca Sutlive & Friends** will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Rand Park Pavilion in Keokuk's Rand Park.

**Nauvoo Pageant** will be presented at 8:30 p.m. Saturday on the Pageant Stage in Nauvoo, Ill. No tickets are required.

**SUNDAY**  
**An Ice Cream Social** will be held 3-6 p.m. Sunday, July 29, at the Wever Odd fellow Lodge. There will be homemade pies, cakes, and ice cream as well as ham salad, hot dig and made-rite sandwiches, ice tea, lemonade, coffee pop and water will be available. Proceeds go for scholarships, needy families during the holidays and local charities.

**"Our Story Goes On"** will be presented at 8:30 p.m. Sunday on the Pageant Stage in Nauvoo, Ill. No tickets are required.

## To date, \$766,393 spent to repair on Keokuk courthouse

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MONTROSE – The job is done, but there are still some outstanding bills.

With that being said, Lee County Budget Director Cindy Renstrom says that to date \$766,393 has been spent on repairs at the South Lee County Courthouse in Keokuk – \$298,685 on the roof and \$467,708 for masonry and tuckpointing.

John Hansen of Midwest Construction Consultants told Lee County Supervisors at Tuesday's meetings those areas of concern had been addressed and the work passed a walk-through inspection.

Supervisor Gary Folluo asked where things stood on the county's 3-5 year plan to repair the county's buildings.

"It depends on where you want to go from here. I would

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**These four guys were among the 20 spending Wednesday morning problem solving at a robotics session at the Elliott Test Kitchen. After building Milo the Mars Rover – and programming him to perform certain functions – they enjoyed a lunch of meat ravioli, zucchini and homemade ice cream parfaits. Pictured (clockwise, starting at farthest left) are Nathan Cottrell, 9, Issac Newton, 9, Aiden Dostalek (hidden), 10, and Nolan Lamb, 10.**

## No vacation for kids' minds at the Elliott Test Kitchen

Volunteer teachers engage youngsters in Lego Robotics

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"How I Spent My Summer Vacation."

That used to be the standard first-day essay assignment of a new school year. It probably isn't these days, but those attending summer sessions at the Elliott Test Kitchen in downtown Fort Madison could fill a notebook about their various activities.

The Lego Robotics Class on

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**Nathaniel Harter, 16, a member of the Fort Madison High School robotics group – the Cyberhounds – helps Kayden Warner, 10, and Karley Plate, 11, during Wednesday's robotics session at Elliott Test Kitchen.**



**MUSIC TRIVIA**  
Participants are tested on their knowledge of TV show themes, popular songs and the Beatles at the local library's Music Trivia Night.

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**BARRE**  
A barre class – a combination of Pilates and yoga – begins in Keokuk.  
**INSIDE TODAY**

### NOTABLE



**JOHN BARKER**, A resident at Sunnyside in Fort Madison, tackles recycling for the assisted living facility. Full story on Page 3.

### DEATHS

**Nellie Ruth McVay, 91**, Fort Madison

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Entertainment & Carnival Tickets Available At:  
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OBITUARIES

Nellie Ruth McVay

Nellie Ruth McVay, 91, of Fort Madison, died at 7:20 a.m. Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at the Donnellson Health Center, Donnellson. Arrangements are pending at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison.

Lee County GOP banquet to be Saturday night in FM

U.S. Representative candidate Chris Peters as well and other candidates will attend as well as speak at the annual Republican banquet, to be held at 5 p.m. Sat. July 28, in the Comfort Inn & Suites, 6169 Reve Court, Fort Madison.

Chris Peters is in a 24-county tour across Iowa’s 2nd Congressional district and will be challenging Rep. Dave Loebsack. Other speakers will include Mary Moseman, candidate for state Auditor, Jeff Reichman and Joe Mitchell, candidates for District 83 and 84. Also included are Paul Pate (secretary of state), James Steffen (board of supervisor candidate), Dave Heaton and Tom Green Senator for District 44 (Muscatine, Louisa, Des Moines Counties).

Tickets are \$30 and available from: Martin Graber - Chair, Lee County Republicans, 319-372-1896. Bill Rogers - Co-Chair, Lee County Republicans, 319-371-2130. Terry Schrepfer – Finance Chair- Lee County Republicans, 319-470-9344. Sandy Johnson - Comm. Chair, Lee County Republican, 319-524-7770.

Judge puts brakes on Iowa’s voter identification law

DES MOINES (AP) – A district court judge has granted a temporary halt on several provisions of Iowa’s new voter identification law.

Polk County Judge Karen Romano’s injunction approval, made public Wednesday, could impact the law’s rollout in the November general election.

The injunction will stop the state from implementing components of the 2017 law that shortened the time to cast absentee ballots from 40 days to 29 days. The state will also be prohibited for now from requiring that absentee ballots include a voter verification number.

Romano also ordered Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate to stop distributing promotional material that doesn’t specify that identification won’t be required to vote in 2018.

The ID requirement is not in effect this year as part of a soft roll-out period, though voters were asked to show ID this year. They were still allowed to cast a regular ballot without valid ID, an option that will end next year.

The lawsuit’s plaintiffs are the League of United Latin American Citizens of Iowa and an Iowa State University student.

Pate, a defendant in the suit, didn’t immediately respond to a request for comment.

Investigators reviewing missing student’s digital footprint

BROOKLYN (AP) – Federal and state investigators are poring through data related to a missing University of Iowa student’s digital footprint in an effort to track her whereabouts and online activities in the hours before her disappearance.

Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation spokesman Mitch Mortvedt said Wednesday that investigators believe they’ve “put together a pretty solid timeline” of what 20-year-old Mollie Tibbetts was doing before she was last seen jogging in her hometown of Brooklyn, Iowa, the evening of July 18. Mortvedt says he can’t give details of those activities.

Mortvedt says the data comes from several search warrants issued to social media and fitness tracking companies, including Fitbit. Friends and family say Tibbetts, an avid runner, was usually wearing her Fitbit.

Mother charged with assault due her actions at a 6th grade game

SEATTLE (AP) – A suburban Seattle mother has been charged with felony assault following an attack last year on a sixth-grade girl at a basketball game between two Catholic schools.

Authorities say 38-year-old Monique Altheimer of Kent got onto the basketball court during a December game in Seattle and choked the child who had fought with the suspect’s daughter during an aggressive ball game.

Investigators say Altheimer was cursing at the victim as she strangled her, and she elbowed another 11-year-old girl trying to help her teammate.

The victim was starting to black out when her own mother appeared to knock Altheimer down to stop the attack.

Charging documents filed last week note that Altheimer has been previously convicted of assault. Altheimer declined to comment when reached by phone on Wednesday.

**SUBMIT NEWS** items and photos for the weekly Bee-Star section to Robin Delaney, managing editor, Fort Madison Daily Democrat, PO Box 160, Fort Madison, IA, 52627, or email the items to editor@dailydem.com. Items for the Bee-Star must be submitted by 5 p.m. Fridays to be published in the section the following Tuesday.



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Fortunate that no trains were due

**John Hansman, 88, of Fort Madison, tried to avoid a truck coming off the blind curve by Riverview Park and ended up driving into the gully and up onto the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad tracks Wednesday afternoon. Hansman was heading south on Seventh Street and waiting to cross Avenue H to get to Riverview Park. Hansman said he didn’t see the white pickup truck go around the curve at first, accelerated, and the momentum put the front of his car onto the track. A BNSF worker said no trains were due at the time. Hansman refused treatment and was taken home.**

COURTHOUSE: Attention turns to North Lee buildings

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suggest the North Lee Courthouse. It has tuckpointing issues that need to be addressed,” Hansen said, adding that the heat and ventilation systems at both courthouses need to be repaired.

“So, we should switch our attention to the North Lee courthouse, is that what I’m hearing?” asked Supervisor Matt Pflug.

Hansen said he would return to the board with at to-do repair list for the buildings, along with

“probable costs” for each item so that supervisors can set repair priorities.

In other business, supervisors approved the second and waived the final reading of an amended sewer treatment systems ordinance. The amendment would require contractors performing work in Lee County to acquire a bond or letter of credit before getting a permit to do start the project.

Rosa Haukedahl, program director for environmental serv-

ices for the Lee County Health Department, has told supervisors a \$15,000 bond will cost a contractor about \$100 and they will also have pay \$65 to submit an application.

Should there be a problem with a septic system, the LCHD would investigate and if the problem is believed to be to the contractor’s negligence, the case is forwarded the Lee County Health Board where the contractor can appeal the findings.

ROBOTICS: Cooking Camp was held this week, too

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Wednesday is just an example of the unique sessions at the Test Kitchen this summer.

“First, they are building Milo the Mars Rover, then they have to do the codes to program him to stop or do certain commands,” said Krys Plate, a second grade teacher during the school year and Test Kitchen volunteer during the summer.

Krys and her husband Jim, who is a senior high math teacher, volunteer two days each week at the Test Kitchen.

Last week, the Plates conducted a less technical session – a Legos only building session.

Working in groups of 3 or 4 people, youngsters built Milo the Mars Rover and discussed how to do the codes while their lunch was being prepared in the back kitchen area,

In the kitchen was another youngster – Madelyn Gobble – who proved to be the star chef at this week’s Cooking Camp.

“She showed the most awesome talent in the group so I called Tim (Gobble, Madelyn’s father) and said if she isn’t doing anything today to please send her over,” said Kumar Wickramasingha.

Madelyn was among the 20 Cooking Camp participants that learned to make chicken salad,

a red potato dish, fruit dip and homemade ice cream.

On Wednesday, she helped Wickramasingha prepare a lunch of meat ravioli, zucchini and homemade ice cream parfaits for the 20 participants in the robotics session.

The zucchini was donated by Krys Plate (and anyone having produce can be sure it will be put to use at the Test Kitchen).

But will kids 9-11 years old eat the zucchini?

“At home they would probably say ‘no, no way,’” but here my number one rule is that they have to try everything,” Wickramasingha said. “Some will end up liking it.”

Barre class started in Keokuk

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“I’m checking form again,” calls out Tea Rader, as she pauses from leading Monday evening’s barre class to move around the dance studio giving pointers to each of her students.

Rader is teaching barre, a combination of functional training, Pilates and yoga.

For Raeann Dance Studio, this is a new type of workout class. For Rader, who graduated with a double major from the University of Iowa in dance and health and human physiology, the class is a perfect fit for her as a ballet instructor with Raeann Dance Studio.

The summer session of barre has recently concluded, but Rader is not taking a break ... she’s moving ahead with classes, which are currently scheduled for Mondays and Thursdays at 5:45 p.m.

Originally from Mt. Vernon, Rader has been dancing — ballet, tap and jazz — since the age of four. At 10 years of age, Rader became a gymnastics student at Summersaults in Cedar Rapids.

Post college graduation, Rader married Keokuk native Adam Rader and since September, 2017, Rader has been teaching ballet in Keokuk. She received some additional barre training last year as a student in Stephanie Guisse’s very popular class, previously held at the YMCA.



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**Dance instructor Tea Rader leads a barre class on Monday afternoon at Reign School of Dance. Barre is a combination of Pilates, yoga, and functional training.**

Those who were Guisse’s students will immediately recognize the workout which Rader leads. There is weight training, floor exercise and lots of stretching with the assist of a bar which runs the length of the dance studio.

“The barre classes are open to everyone,” said Rader. “No matter what age ... women, men

... I can adjust the workout to just about anyone.”

Walk-in classes are offered on a monthly basis. Rader noted she is open to scheduling a morning class if there is enough demand for it.

Raeann Dance Studio is located at 615 Blondeau. For additional information, call 319-524-2307.