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Dogs find haven in the cold



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

PAW animal shelter director Sandy Brown checks in on one of the 21 dogs currently housed at a convenience store being remodeled in Fort Madison. The dogs are there just during the cold snap to keep them safe and warm.

COLD SNAP: Former mayor Randolph offers building in town to house animals

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Former Fort Madison mayor and Burlington businessman Brad Randolph is a man becoming a dog's best friend.

Randolph worked with the PAW Animal Shelter over the weekend to get more than 20 dogs moved into a former convenience store he owns in Fort Madison.

With temperatures hovering near 0 over the weekend and into Monday, PAW Director Sandy Brown started working with Randolph Saturday to see if the space could

be used to keep the animals warm.

"We have 18 indoor/outdoor runs for the dogs at the shelter now," Brown said. "The rest are outdoor kennels and we have about 62 just outside kennels right now. So I'd been messaging back and forth and he offered to open that up for us."

Brown said Randolph even told her to turn the heat up. She said the only dogs currently outside at PAW were Huskies and they are outside enjoying the weather which they are acclimated to. Those animals she said have dog houses and fresh straw and "are lovin' life" right now.

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AMBULANCE SERVICE

EMS panel may add quality control

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – The advisory group ushering in the county's new ambulance service is still considering a subcommittee to oversee patient care issues.

Jim Steffen, an EMS instructor at Southeastern Community College who chairs the Lee County EMS advisory board, said he doesn't believe a subcommittee to review patient care is necessary.

Steffen said current review panels required by the state and area hospitals are sufficient to handle any issues that arise out of patient care, and all issues ultimately land in the lap of the EMS Medical Director, currently Dr. David Wenger-Keller.

Fort Madison Fire Chief Joey Herren and Keokuk Fire Chief Gabe Rose have expressed concerns that current review protocols aren't sufficient, and have allowed past issues to slip through the cracks.

Herren said Monday that he would be willing to serve on the committee.

"Since we are starting a new service, both committees would be a positive," Herren said. "That way we do address the issues we've talked about. And I'm willing to serve on either one of them to make sure we address those."

Rose was more pointed.

"I'm fine with that. If they want to disband the committee I'm fine with that, too," Rose said.

At the previous meeting of the advisory board last week, board member Dr. Phillip Caropreso, of Keokuk, said he disagreed with the idea that current quality review protocols were sufficient.

Steffen said he wanted to make sure Caropreso's concerns were fully addressed.

"If there is validity to having that subcommittee of this board, it would have to include the two hospitals and reps from the two fire departments," Steffen said.

"But I don't see the validity of the group at all if we can't get someone from the hospital on the board, and I don't see

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VACCINES

State urging counties to get to 80% dose usage

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – With Iowa lagging behind 46 other states in getting people vaccinated, a Lee County health official said the state is urging better performance.

During Monday's regular Lee County

Board of Supervisors meeting, Lee County Health Department administrator Michele Ross said state officials are telling counties to get 80% of their doses utilized if they want to continue current rates of allocations.

"Anyone that receives vaccines in the county will have to get 80% into some-

one's arms or our allocations may have to go to another county," Ross said.

"If the weather cooperates I don't see that as a problem, but with this weather it could present a few problems and I think the state will recognize that."

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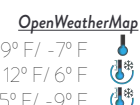
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WEATHER

TUE 09 Feb.....Cold and Overcast, 9° F / -7° F
WED 10 Feb.....Cold with Light Snow, 12° F / 6° F
THU 11 Feb.....Cold with Light Snow, 5° F / -9° F



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Health News/From the Front

LCHD to focus on Tier 1 group during cold snap

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During the last two drive-thru clinics held Tuesday and Thursday, specifically for county residents 65 and over, the county distributed more than 500 doses.

Health officials continue to do second round dosing for those in Phase 1A who have received their first inoculation.

Ross said because of the severe drop in temperatures, the health department is planning to move

clinics indoors, but they won't be able to do as many vaccinations.

"This week due to temperatures predicted we won't be focusing on older adults because we don't want them out for safety reasons. So we'll be looking at Tier 1 priority groups and then get back to those folks next week hopefully," Ross said.

State officials have asked counties to split the doses as evenly as possible be-

tween the tiers in Phase 1b and the general population 65 and older.

Ross said over the next few weeks the county will be focusing on the 65 and older, teachers and education staff, and first responders.

"Once that is saturated, we'll move to Tier 2 while continuing with those 65 and older."

The county also has set up arrangements with six county pharmacies, and

area hospitals and clinics to begin vaccinations of those 65 and older as allocations increase. She said the hospitals are already doing some vaccinations.

"The state is also working with Hy-Vees across Iowa to get them vaccines," Ross said.

"Those would be separate from our doses, so hopefully they will get vaccines as well to help with the 65 and over population."

Lee County residents 65 and older who haven't yet contacted the county about

getting their vaccine should do so by calling 319-376-1077. LCHD is scheduling vaccinations off the list of calls received in the order they are received.

In other action at Tuesday's meeting, supervisors:

- approved setting a Feb. 22, 2021 public hearing to enter into a loan agreement to borrow \$3.2 million in general obligation bonds to combine existing jail and conservation debt with the current radio equipment financing to potentially save about \$100,000 over the life

of the combined debt.

- approved a 2nd reading of an ordinance creating a nine-member Pioneer Cemetery Commission to give oversight to the county's pioneer cemeteries. Those are county cemeteries, according to Iowa law, that have not had more than 12 burials in the past 50 years. For passage, the ordinance requires one more approved reading.

- heard discussion on a possible services agreement with Des Moines County for snow removal services if workers are hit hard by the coronavirus and staffing is limited.

- tabled a discussion and possible offer to purchase property, equipment, and one ambulance from Lee County EMS due to negotiations not being complete.

LCHD sets children's immunization clinic dates

KEOKUK - Lee County Health Department will be holding a Children's Immunization Clinic Thursday February 11, 2021 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2330 Plank Road in Keokuk from 1:00 pm until 4:30pm. Please park on the south side of the building (the large parking lot) and enter in the door that states HANDICAPPED.

The clinic is open to children who have no insurance, are insured by Iowa Medicaid (MCO) or those who have private health insurance that does not cover the cost of vaccines. Written parental consent is required for minors to receive vaccinations when in the care of another adult. (Please visit our website for a consent form.)

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For the Record

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Fort Madison Police Report

02/04/21 – 6:33 a.m.
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3900 block of Bluff Road.
 02/04/21 – 8:49 a.m.
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1500 block of Avenue H.
 02/04/21 – 12:03 p.m.
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 300 block of Avenue G.
 02/04/21 – 12:59 p.m.
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1500 block of Avenue H.
 02/04/21 – 1:13 p.m.
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2000 block of Avenue L.
 02/04/21 – 1:17 p.m.
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1500 block of Avenue B.
 02/04/21 – 2:41 p.m.
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage

accident in the 1400 block of 48th Street.
 02/04/21 – 5:03 p.m. – Fort Madison cited Derik Jacob Estrada, 31, in the 2800 block of Avenue H, on a charge of child endangerment. He was cited and released.
 02/04/21 – 8:22 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1800 block of Avenue A.
 02/04/21 – 10:20 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3500 block of Bluff Road.
 02/05/21 – 7:32 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue I.
 02/05/21 – 8:07 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 5400 block of Avenue O.
 02/05/21 – 8:34 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3800 block of Avenue O.
 02/05/21 – 8:36 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report

of a property damage accident in the 200 block of Avenue H.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

02/04/21 – 10:04 a.m.
 – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michael Montel Bryant, 48, of Keokuk, in the 300 block of 12th Street, on a warrant for contempt. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on his recognizance.
 02/05/21 – 6:30 a.m.
 – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kurtis Eugene Russell, 35, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 02/05/21 – 1:30 a.m.
 – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 2200 block of 303rd Avenue. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Amy Jo Lauber, 44 of Fort Madison, was northbound on 303rd when a deer entered her lane from the west. Lauber swerved to miss the deer losing control of the vehicle and rolling into the west ditch. No injuries or citations were reported.

02/05/21 – 7:14 p.m.
 – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jesse Winslow McGee, Jr., 42, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released for serving weekends.
 02/06/21 – 11:51 p.m.
 – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michael Charles Sanford, 61, of West Point, in the 2100 block of West Point Rd., on a charge of domestic abuse assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on bond.
 02/07/21 – 7:20 p.m.
 – Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Toni Rae Inman, 27, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on charge of 5th degree theft.
 02/07/21 – 10:15 p.m.
 – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jason Lee Morris, 56, of Fort Madison, in the 3100 block of 180th Street, on a charge of domestic abuse assault. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.

Hancock County Sheriff's Report

02/01/21 – Mary E Griggs, age 42, of Hamilton, IL was arrested on a

Hancock County Warrant charging her with Drug Court Violation. Griggs remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail awaiting her next court date.
 02/01/21 – Christain A Widman, age 24, of Carthage, IL was arrested and charged with Criminal Trespass to a Vehicle. Widman was given a Notice to Appear at a future court date.
 02/02/21 – Trenton G Skees, age 24, of Hamilton, IL was arrested and charged with a Violation of an Order of Protection. Skees was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 02/04/21 – Connie K Long, age 51, of Nauvoo, IL was arrested and charged Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Long was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 02/04/21 – Devon M Wittenberg, age 26, of Farmington, IA was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine. Wittenberg remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail awaiting his next court date.

02/05/21 – Johannes T Haldiman, age 24, of Quincy, IL was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence. Haldiman was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 02/05/21 – Travis L Wooldridge, age 30, of Milton, IL was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence. Wooldridge was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 02/06/21 – Curtis W Newlan, age 30, of LaHarpe, IL was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended, Improper Use of Registration, and Operating Uninsured Vehicle. Newlan was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 02/06/21 – Keaton K Simons, age 31, of Hamilton, IL was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence. Simons was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
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From the Front

New facility will be better suited for cold

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

A staffer with PAW animal shelter gets ready to take another dog for a walk Monday morning in a makeshift shelter being donated by former Mayor Brad Randolph to keep the animals warm during the recent cold snap.

A new \$6 million expanded PAW shelter is in the works and is currently in a fundraising stage.

Brown said that facility will be able to accommodate all the dogs with more than 70 indoor/outdoor runs planned. She said cold snaps like this one are not only hard on everyone.

“Saturday night the windchill was 20 below. That’s hard on the staff, and the dogs. There’s not enough straw in the world to keep them warm on those types of nights.”

Dogs are also being fostered and more than 30 are out in warm homes right now.

“When we did this three years ago we had 62 dogs go out to foster homes.”

Brown said some dogs are being held at other shelters to make sure every dog has a place to be warm.

She said she put out a request on Facebook Sunday morning for help moving the animals to Randolph’s building.

“We got so many responses and people volunteering that we didn’t even have work for some of them to do,” Brown said.

The dogs were moved into the location starting at 10 a.m Sunday and two hours later the animals were safe and warm. Each dog is kenneled with a blanket or a tarp and staff will be their daily to walk, feed and clean up the kennels.

The new facility is still a ways away.

“Six million is a huge elephant and last year because of COVID most of our fundraisers, except for the golf tournament were cancelled,” Brown said.

“We’re taking small bites right now, but the community has been amazing. This community has always been so supportive of PAW.”

Randolph also donated the building before Christmas for PAW’s annual Christmas store fundraiser.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 2/2/2021

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, 2/2/2021, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Andrews, Bowker, Lair, Schulz, Cangas, Rink and Amandus (Amandus participated electronically). This meeting was held with Council and staff present but was also available electronically (pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8) due to social distancing issues because of COVID-19. On motion, Council approved the agenda. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 1/19/2021; Claims dated 1/28/2021 and Library Claims dated 1/21/2021; and Liquor License Renewals for: Columbus Club, Inc., effective 2/5/2021 and

Palms Supper Club, effective 3/19/2021. A presentation was made by a group concerning the marina. On motion, Council approved Ordinance No. D-073, rezoning property at 2110 – 303rd Avenue from R-1, One Family Residential, to I-2, General Industrial. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's appointment of Jill Stull to the Parks Board, term expiring 3/31/2021, serving an unexpired term. On motion, Council set public hearing for 5:30 PM on 2/16/2021, to approve the FY2022 Maximum Property Tax Dollars Levy. On motion, Council received and filed the City's audit for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020. At 7:04 P.M., the meeting adjourned until February 16, 2021, at 5:30 P.M. /s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

EXPENDITURES	
General	\$26,499.20
Special Revenue	6,378.67
Road Use	13,394.63
Capital	111,412.49
Water	59,239.77
Sewer	12,805.62
Solid Waste/IWC	2,060.27
Storm Water Util.	640.80
	<u>\$232,431.45</u>

REVENUES		1/31/2021
General		\$ 9,291.91
Special Rev.		162,356.41
Road Use		128,226.19
Debt		946.44
Capital		11,877.97
Water		286,960.21
Sewer		258,171.94
Solid Waste/IWC		62,313.34
SW Utility		16,325.93
		<u>\$936,470.34</u>

PAYROLL		1/15/2021
General		\$ 189,126.24
Old Fort		2,766.29
Road Use		35,113.04
Merschon Trust		517.97
Tourism		1,475.88
Water		29,858.38
Sewer		41,280.29
Solid Waste		12,368.75
Airport		312.77
Storm Water		3,505.95
		<u>\$316,325.56</u>

		1/29/2021
General		\$ 180,082.06
Old Fort		2,766.29
Emp. Benefits		6,798.82
Road Use		28,159.22
Tourism		722.79
Water		30,769.79
Sewer		39,980.98
Solid Waste		12,344.97
Airport		399.65
Storm Water		3,876.59
		<u>\$305,901.16</u>

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LEASES.....900.85
ALEXIS FIRE EQUIPMENT CO, LAMP ... 37.79
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ALTORFER INC., BEARING 3,670.10
ANSWER IOWA, ANSWERING SERVICE 198
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, SHOP SUPPLIES 1,413.57
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BAIER FORD, PARTS 96.73
BATES SANITATION & ASPHALT, PORTA-POTTIE RENTAL 150
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, LITHIUM BATTERY 326.99
BROZENES HYDRAULIC EQUIPMENT, CUTTING EDGE KIT 1,409.24
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BURLINGTON MUNI WATER, BACTERIA SAMPLE 170
CALHOUN-BURNS AND ASSOCIATION ,PROF FEE - BRIDGE INSPECT 9,223.50
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CORE & MAIN LP, MAG LOCATOR 750
CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY, LAMP 86.97
DAVIS RADIOLOGY PC, PRE-EMPLOYMENT ... 50

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EBERT SUPPLY, SCREENS 26.85
EFR EMPLOYEE & FAMILY RESOURCE, EMPLOYEE BENEFIT 2,908.80
FASTENAL COMPANY, CABLE TIE/NYLOCK 213.65
FORT MADISON WATER DEPT, WATER..... 27.05
GARNER OIL INC., FUEL 200.67
GREENWOOD CLEANING SYSTEM, CLEANER/PAPER PRODUCTS 551.48
HAAS, AUSTIN, HAZMAT ENDORSEMENT..... 86.5
HACH CHEMICAL CO., TESTING SUPPLIES 662.49
HOLT SUPPLY COMPANY, REPAIR PUMP 9,007.20
HOLTKAMP FLOORS DECOR & FURNITURE, MATTRESSES .. 2,133.00
HOWARD R GREEN COMPANY, PROF FEE - AVE H 10-18.... 38,478.39
HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE, SEAMLESS ALUM..... 3,364.24
IDEAL READY MIX COMPANY, INC, FILL SAND 1,141.25
IOWA ONE CALL, LOCATES 155.5

IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES, NO PARKING SIGNS 501.8
KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE, PARTS/RENTAL/ SHIPPING 1,471.03
KLINGNER & ASSOCIATES, P.C, PROF FEE - FM DEPOT 66,202.44
LEE COUNTY AUDITOR, SPECIAL ELECTION 3,066.06
LIBERTY UTILITIES, HEAT 806.13
LYNCH DALLAS P.C., LEGAL FEES..... 1,677.00
MCFALL, ANDREW, CLOTHING ALLOW 53.48
MCFARLAND, DISINFECTANT SPRAY .. 35.94
MENARD - WEST BURLINGTON, PAINT ... 352.35
MENKE PROFESSIONAL AUTO PARTS, JAW OIL 171.15
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, HEAT 4,214.58
MIDLAND SCIENTIFIC INC., TESTING SUPPLIES 102.04
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY COMPANY, MONITOR COVER..... 6,389.25
NORTHERN SAFETY CO. INC., FLOWTECHS/ D-RING..... 1,049.56
PANTHER UNIFORMS INC, UNIFORM - M SANDOVAL..... 1,997.40
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SUBSURFACE SOLUTIONS, TRANSMITTER/ RECEIVER 6,287.94
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THACHER TREE CARE, TREE REMOVAL @ RODEO 1,100.00
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UPS, SHIPPING 23.18
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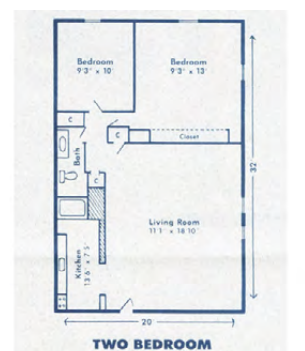
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Panel chair doesn't think subcommittee is needed

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anyone from the hospital on this call.”

Steffen went on to repeat he didn't think a patient care quality subcommittee was necessary.

“I'll be blunt. I don't think this group is necessary, but I want to give Dr. Caropreso's opinion full view.”

Lee County EMS Director Dennis Cosby said he agreed with Steffen, but he had no problem setting up and chairing the subcommittee if the hospitals were on board.

Cosby said he would reach out to the hospitals to gauge interest in sitting on the subcommittee.

Cosby said the hospitals have quarterly reviews of EMS services with a heavy panel of reps from the ERs, trauma teams and nursing staff that review patient care. He said the EMS staff will also do daily peer reviews. Cosby said those typically catch billing errors, but they do serve as a daily review.

Cosby also will review daily call sheets and trauma care reports.

Rick Larkin, who, along with Garry Seyb, Jr., represent the Lee County Board of Supervisors on the advisory group, asked if creating the subcommittee would render the advisory board obsolete.

Steffen said there are too many other patient care data points such as response times, the public needs to be kept aware of.

The debate ended without a decision pending Cosby making contact with the hospitals. The board will meet again in March.

In an unrelated issue, Steffen questioned the hiring of Lee County Emergency Management Agency Coordinator Jason Dinwiddie as the Lee County EMS Director of Operations in a dual role.

Steffen said he has no issues with Dinwiddie doing double duty, but was concerned that Dinwiddie wasn't a paramedic.

Cosby said he had that concern originally as well, but after conversations with Dinwiddie, he is comfortable in the decision.

Steffen said he would encourage the new service to put Dinwiddie in paramedic school at some point.

“There's enough value there to justify the cost of sending him at some point,” he said.

Bloodhounds get what they were looking for at IC West

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IOWA CITY – The Fort Madison Bloodhound girls got what they were looking for Saturday in Iowa City.

Head Coach Tony Sargent had been looking for a stiffer challenge for the Hounds as regionals close start next week. He got that and then some as Iowa City West handed Fort Madison it's second loss of the year 66-34 on the road.

But it was the second half that separated the unranked Class 4A Bloodhounds and Class 5A's No. 6 Trojans.

Fort Madison trailed by just four points at the end of the first quarter 13-9. The Hounds would cut that lead to just one point at 15-14, But a six-minute scoreless stretch from there would throw the Lady Hounds out of sync.

West would go on a 9-0 run to take a 24-14 lead before Fort Madison would hit a 3-ball to cut the lead to seven. West would stretch that to a nine-point half-time lead at 28-19.

The West defense would stymie the Hounds again in the third period and set the tone for the rest of the afternoon. Audrey Koch would put up nine of her game-high 21 in the third and Fort Madison would manage just five points



in period as West rushed ahead 47-24.

The fourth was more of the same as Fort Madison was outscored 19-10 to set the final.

West (5-1, 8-3) had three players in double figures led by Koch and four other players with six each.

Fort Madison was lead by Malarie Ross' 20. Camille Kruse and Brandy Walker each had seven for Fort Madison (7-1, 14-2).

Fort Madison's game with Danville Monday night was canceled due to travel conditions. The girls host Burlington Friday night for Senior Night and the season conference finale.

The Hounds secured a conference title with their win over Washington Friday night. It was the first title in 23 years.

Iowa City West won the junior varsity game 70-68. Taylor Johnson had 14 for Fort Madison. Lauryn Helmick, and Isabella Boeding each had 11. Irelynd Sargent had 10 in the loss.



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