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Art in the Park winners



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

FMAAA Director Lori Illner Greene presents Robin Fisher with a Purchase Award for her graphite washes at Sunday's Art in Central Park.

ART FAIR: FMAAA hands out awards for art work at annual Central Park outing

BY LORI ILLNER GREENE
Fort Madison Area Arts Association

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison Area Arts Association's annual art fair in Central Park was by all accounts a success this year.

We had a nice cross section of artists on hand and the weather was gorgeous – not a raindrop in sight and a beautiful breeze.

The artists received quite a few shoppers in their booths and reported pretty steady traffic through the day.

The entertainment was outstanding. Lee County Bank sponsored the opener. Fort Madison Middle School's

Lisa Knipe brought in the Drumline to do a buckets number to kick off the day. "Plastik Surgery" brought smiles all around along with the follow-up drumline standards.

Double Vision, sponsored by Jim Baier, Inc, was a huge hit playing many favorites. Followed by BlueZillion and their sizzling hot tunes for the main two-hour time slot, sponsored by MidWest One Bank.

Tony Alexander, owner of the local restaurant Major Oak, finished out the line-up with his soulful sounds, again sponsored by Lee County Bank. Seither and

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HOUNDS PREVIEW

No. 9 FM not looking past Mt. Pleasant

Doherty says Panthers much better than 1-3 record shows

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – It's been 33 years since Fort Madison has started the season 4-0.

Fort Madison Head Coach Derek Doherty, self-proclaimed data nerd, said he was about four years old when Kurt Featheringill and Shane Carter led the Bloodhounds to an undefeated start this deep in the season.

Doherty said his 9th ranked Class 4A Bloodhounds were 4-0 on Friday, and maybe a little of Saturday and Sunday, but on Monday the Hounds were 0-0.

"You have to flush that really quick and go back to the 0-0 mentality because we have a really tough Mt. Pleasant team that were up against this Friday. A team that historically has had our number. We'll celebrate the success of that in the off season," the third-year coach said Thursday.

Doherty may have lit a cigar on Saturday night however. Knocking off the Demons hasn't been something the Hounds have done since he patrolled the secondary himself at Jim Youel Field in 2001.

"It was a big win for our program and that stuff's important. It's been 20 years since we've beaten Washington and that's a big move for our program. In 2001 I was a junior in high school here and these kids weren't even born. We put that in perspective for them that the things they are doing are right," Doherty said.

Fort Madison has put up 17 offensive scores this year, a defensive score and a couple of special teams touchdowns. They've

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AG NEWS

ISU Extension plans estate succession seminar

DONNELLSON - ISU Extension and Outreach of Lee County is hosting a Farm Estate/Farm Succession Planning Meeting on Monday, November 15 starting at 5:30 pm at the Lee County Extension Office in Donnellson (414 North Main Street). A light meal will be provided at 5:00 pm. This meeting is an introduction to farm estate planning, an exercise to get things

started.

Charles Brown, ISU Extension and Outreach Farm Management Specialist, will discuss the top estate planning mistakes and the information your attorney or team will need to start preparing your estate plan.

"Too many people procrastinate, thinking there is always tomorrow. Sometimes

tomorrow comes sooner than expected." We want everyone to be informed and able to make educated decisions.

This class is free to Lee County residents; please contact the Lee County Extension Office at (319)835-5116 to register. The registration fee is \$20 for non-residents of Lee County. Registration will close on November 10 at 4:30 p.m.

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For the Record/From the Front

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

09/22/21 - 11:43 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Joshua Adam Bowen, 41, of Fort Madison, in the 700 block of 13th Street on warrants for driving while barred and probation violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 09/22/21 - 12:41 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Ty Edward Hancock, II, 44, of Fort Madison in the 3000 block of Avenue L, on a charge of driving while barred.
 09/22/21 - 1:43 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Christopher Cook-Ransdell, 46, of Fort Madison, the 2800 block of Avenue L, on a charge of driving under suspension.
 09/22/21 - 4:14 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Ronald Edwin Stegall, 60, of Fort Madison, no location provided, on warrants for controlled substance violation and failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 09/22/21 - 7:54 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Gregory Lane King, 59, of Fort Madison

son in the 3900 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving while barred. He was released.
 09/22/21 - 8:30 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2800 block of Avenue O.
 09/23/21 - 6:51 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 500 block of 15th Street.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

09/23/21 - 12:25 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested John Allen Scott, Jr, 44, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of voluntary absence of custody and a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

09/22/21 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls and one smoke alarm.

All persons in these listings are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



Courtesy photo

Bill Hall leads one of several interactive painting sessions Sunday in Central Park as part of the Fort Madison Area Arts Associations Art-In-Central Park

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Cherry sponsored the Kid's Zone which was filled with pumpkin painters, bead makers, and budding artists. CoalHaus Pizza was on hand filling Central Park with good smells and serving up their tasty wood-fired gourmet pizzas. We are so grateful to our sponsors for their support to make this popular community event a reality.

The artists come out to sell their wares, but they also participate in some friendly competition.

Winners of this year's Purchase Awards were Robin Fisher for her graphite washes, Curt Swarm for his metal sculpture, and Molly Dillon for her

photography in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places respectively.

Booth Awards were bestowed upon Bill Hall in first place for his interactive painting sessions running throughout the day, with the award sponsored by the Kingsley Inn. Craig Wills was awarded 2nd place for his innovative display of glass wares, receiving gift certificates from SubArena and Halls Ice Cream along with a lovely mum courtesy of Harvestville Farms. Amber John received 3rd place for her welcoming display, also receiving a mum from Harvestville Farms and a beautiful opaline and crystal necklace courtesy of local artist and FMAAA member Linda Hardy.

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Sports

Central Lee girls advance to SEISC finals Saturday

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

NEW LONDON – The Central Lee girls have a few things to work on, according to head coach Amy Cook. But the Lady Hawks gave Class 1A No. 10 all they wanted in Southeast Iowa Superconference tournament pool play Thursday night.

The two squads met up in the third and final round in the New London pool after going 2-0 in the first two rounds.

Central Lee came in as the No. 5 seed in the tournament and beat No. 12 seed Highland 21-16, 21-15 and then knocked off No. 13 Columbus Junction 21-8, 21-9 before rolling up against the No. 4 seeded Tigers.

New London ran away with the first game 21-13. The Lady Hawks got as close as 2 at 6-8 when Makayla Morrison's attack went long, but grazed the fingertips of the Tiger defender for the point.

But New London got 14 of its 21 points on hitting and defensive errors on the Lady Hawks' side of the net. The

Tigers got three kills from Natalie Burden and one each from Tysann Gipple and Camryn Lair. Emma Nye and Aliyah Christensen both had aces for New London in the win.

Central Lee would clean those up in the second game and take to the offense. The Hawks took the lead at 4-3 on a kill from the left corner from Morrison and then pushed that lead to 12-6 in an 8-3 run that featured four more kills from Morrison, including three in a row at one point.

Meghan Hopp would have a couple of attacks go long from her middle hitter spot on quick sets from Macy Watkins to allow the Tigers to close the gap to 13-10.

Hopp would then turn things around and get two kills at 14-10 and 16-11. The Tigers would battle back to a one point game at 17-16 when Morgan Jones served up an ace prompting a Central Lee timeout.

Out of the break, the Lady Hawks would get a set and kill from Alivia Myhre and then a block at the middle from Myhre and Watkins to make it 19-16.

Two hitting errors on the



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Central Lee's Alivia Myhre goes for an attack against Columbus Thursday night in New London. The Lady Hawks will open SEISC tournament finals play Saturday at SCC against Holy Trinity Catholic.

Hawks' side brought the Tigers back within one at 19-18 and then back-to-back kills from the Tigers' Sophie Mallott gave the Tigers the lead 20-19 forcing another Hawks' timeout.

With Elly Manning serving on match point, the

Hawks got a bump and set to the middle of the floor a bit back from the net and an attack from Meghan Hopp missed giving the Tigers the comeback win.

Hopp had 21 kills on the night and 10 digs. Morrison finished with 23 kills. Macy

Watkins led the Hawks in assists with 50, 24 of which came in the New London match feeding Hopp and Morrison to her left. She also had four blocks on the night.

"I personally think that our passing and our serve receive is still an issue," Cook said, "We couldn't get our passes to the setter and stay behind the ball. It's just the fundamentals that we struggle with."

Cook said she could see the girls sag as the momentum switched to New London at the end of the second game.

"We keep our energy up, and we're going to continue to work on those weaknesses, but our girls need to mentally be able to sustain through the whole game, too.

The Hawks will enter Saturday's finals at Southeastern Community College in West Burlington as the No. 2 seed out of the New London pool. The top two teams from each pool advance to the championship bracket

Central Lee will now play Holy Trinity Catholic in the first round of the finals Saturday with matches starting at 5 p.m. The Crusaders won Pool 3 on Thursday at Wapello.

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From the Front

Hounds seeing balance on both sides of ball

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been outscoring their opponents 36-8 on average. And last week at Washington all the stats and averages were put aside in the last two minutes in a gut-check that just may have been a watershed moment for the program.

Several Hounds including Ike Thacher chased Demon's quarterback Ethan Patterson out of the pocket and toward the Washington sideline. Closing in, the junior QB had to throw to the endzone where Henry "Hank" Wiseman picked off the high throw to essentially seal the game.

"Fort Madison has found a lot of ways, throughout history, to lose games. Very rarely in my experience here have we found ways to win games. Not once did they shy away from the challenge Friday night," Doherty said.

But Mt. Pleasant (1-3) hosts Fort Madison on Homecoming night at Mapleleaf Stadium and Doherty said they will not be bowing down to the Dawgs.

"You're silly if you're looking at records. If you're looking at scores and trying to compare this and that and say they beat them so this is going to happen... that's crazy... sports is crazy. Looking at 1-3 or 3-1 and 4-0 you can throw that out the window. They do not matter because football is crazy, styles clash, and matchups happen," he said.

"Mt. Pleasant will be coached up well. Coach (Shawn) Striegel and his staff are amazing coaches and add to that that is homecoming and I can promise you - they aren't afraid of a Fort Madison football team."

Mt. Pleasant got their first win of the year last Friday against a West Burlington squad that held Fort Madison in check for three of four quarters. West Burlington lost running back Tavian Donaldson to a knee injury in the first half of Friday's 24-20 Panther win.

The Panthers were down by just two points in the season opener before Fairfield scored in the 4th to put the game out of reach. In Mt. Pleasant's 22-0 loss to Washington, the Demons put up 14 points in the 4th. And in the Panther's other loss to Keokuk, the Chiefs led by just four at the end of the first half.

The Panther's are building a program around sophomore running back Payton Hagans who has right at 400 yards of total offense, including 303 yards on 47 carries and five TDs. Quarterback Carson Coleman has a couple rushing TDs on 67 carries.

Coleman isn't as prolific throwing the ball, having thrown for just one touchdown, while being picked off six times. Carter Amos and Jurha Turner have made up for the bulk of the Panther's receptions accounting for 260 yards, but have yet to find the endzone.

"(Hagan's) a sophomore and he looks like the real deal on film. He's a weapon and we'll have to know where he is all the time and contain him."

Hagan's brother, Dylan leads the Panther defense with 25 tackles at his linebacker spot.

The fact that Coleman is another dual threat quarterback isn't lost on Doherty or the Hounds' coaching staff.

"Carson's yet another dual threat quarterback and it seems that's the thing anymore. We have one, too. But Carson's a solid athlete and a smart quarterback. He's getting more and more comfortable and making better decisions. He was the quarterback who played here against us last year," Doherty said.

Fort Madison continues to share the ball in what has become a very balanced offense.

Senior quarterback Landes Williams has shared the ball liberally in the first four games. Four different Hound receivers have at least 200 yards and Tate Johnson is at 299 and three TDs. Johnson usually comes up with the highlight catches including a touchdown last week against the Demons.

The Hounds have also got good production from Kane Williams who had a 64-yard catch and score Friday, and Gavin Wiseman who stole a catch over Washington's Lucas Kross at midfield in a critical situation to extend a Bloodhound drive.

But it was Jakob McGowan's 51-yard touchdown run in the first quarter that caught Doherty's eye.

"We grade our plays when we watch film and we gave that play a plus 3. I don't think the kids understand how good that is, and that's just about perfect," Doherty said.

"Our guys were hitting blocks and double teams. Jakob made a guy miss which is vitally important in our offense, and then Tate and Xander (Wellman) - those guys weren't catching on that play, they were blocking. Xander had a sweet block that sprung that play. To me, that's a steak dinner."

McGowan is becoming a threat when he gets outside the tackles as he can and regularly will outrun anyone in the secondary if he can get free. The senior has three touchdowns and 160 yards on 29 carries. Williams leads the Hounds out of the read-option with 281 yards and seven scores.

Defensively, McGowan, Austin Ensminger, Daniel Sokolik and sophomore Teague Smith all have 20 plus tackles. Neither of those players are in the secondary, which says the Hounds front defensive pressure has had success this year.

Doherty said Sokolik caused havoc with the Washington run game last week.



Courtesy photo

Daniel Sokolik brings down Washington's Ethan Zieglowski in the backfield in Friday's 23-19 win over Washington on the road. The Hounds take on Mt. Pleasant on the road again this week.

"He was a silent assassin," Doherty said. "When I was putting in stats in the morning, I was like, 'Wholly smokes!,' and then you go back and watch film and it's Sokolik, Sokolik, Sokolik. Ike (Thacher) is the same away."

Doherty said defensive line coach Ryan Smith kept calling out Thacher's name late in the game and Thacher seemed to shift a gear.

"A couple times at the end when we had to get really tough, Coach Smith kept yelling 'Ike - Ike', and he was out there like a dog digging in and wiggling and getting ready to go," Doherty said.

"The next thing we see we've got guys out there chasing their quarterback around and forcing that throw and then there's Hank coming through with the pick."

Then, right on cue, Doherty shifts gears to this Friday.

"That was good last week, but welcome to football. Now we have to go on the road to a Mt. Pleasant team that will be coached up and ready to get after us. This is a big test and we'll have to be at our best."

Game time is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday night at the Mapleleaf Athletic Complex.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE KEOKUK BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AGENDA
Wednesday, September 29, 2021 @ 4:15 p.m.
City Council Chambers 501 Main Street, Keokuk

1. Approval of Minutes of August 25, 2021
2. Lori Kayvan, 1823 Johnson Street, Keokuk, IA 52632
 Appellant desires a Special Use Permit to operate a hair salon.

3. Community Health Centers of Southeastern Iowa, 1706 W. Agency Road, West Burlington, IA 52655
 Appellant desires an Exception to allow off street parking to be reduced/waived at 1618 Main Street.

4. Von Dewey, 1228 High Street, Apt. #1, Keokuk, IA 52632
 Review for possible revocation - Special Use Permit (auto detailing home occupation).
5. Other Business

PUBLIC NOTICE MINUTES KEOKUK CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 16, 2021 501 Main Street 5:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on September 16, 2021 at 501 Main Street. Mayor Thomas L. Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were eight council members present, one absent. Mike O'Connor, Linda Altheide, Ros-

lyn Garcia, Devon Dade, Steve Andrews, Linda Marsden, Roger Bryant, and Susan Dunek were present. John Helenthal was absent. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, City Clerk Jean Ludwig, Public Works Director Robert Helenthal, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Bridge,

Park, Cemetery and Sanitation Manager Bob Weis, and Sewer Manager Michael Clark.
MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE: City is preparing a letter to the EPA providing data and proposing a formal sampling program.
 Motion made by Dade, second by Altheide to approve the agenda,

including the consent agenda. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.
 • Minutes of the Safety Committee meeting of August 24, 2021;
 • Minutes of the Council Workshop & Regular City Council meeting of September 2, 2021;
 • RESOLUTION NO. 302-21: Approving a Liquor License for American

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If you have any questions please contact Lee County Engineer, Ben Hull at (319) 372-2541 or email him at bhull@leecounty.org.



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for Lennie Etter, Fireworks for Touchdowns for Keokuk Homecoming, October 1, 2021 6-9:30 p.m. @ Keokuk Senior High Football field.

- Special Event Permit for Lennie Etter, Fireworks for Veterans Memorial Recognition, Friday, October 15, 2021, 6-7 p.m. @ Keokuk Senior High Football field.

- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5229-5231; Motion made by Bryant, second by Andrews to approve the second reading of an Ordinance as amended (20 years)

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repealing Ordinance No. 1998, and granting to Midstates Natural Gas, its successors, and assigns, a non-exclusive twenty-year franchise to acquire, construct, erect, maintain and operate a natural gas utility in the City of Keokuk, Iowa and to furnish and sell natural gas to the city and its inhabitants, and requiring said company to pay a franchise fee to the City.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7) AYES -Altheide, Garcia, Dade, Andrews, Marsden, Bryant, and Dunek. (1) NAY-O'Connor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marsden, second by Garcia to approve the second reading of an Ordinance

repealing Ordinance No. 1830, and granting to Interstate Power and Light Company, its successors, and assigns, a non-exclusive twenty-five-year franchise to acquire, construct, erect, maintain and operate an electric system in the City of Keokuk, Iowa and to furnish and sell electric energy to the City and its inhabitants, and requiring said company to pay a franchise fee to the City.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7) AYES -Altheide, Garcia, Dade, Andrews, Marsden, Bryant, and Dunek. (1) NAY-O'Connor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dade, second by Bryant to get approval from council for on street parking and forward to Board of Adjustment for the Community Health Center, 1618 Main Street. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dunek, second by Dade to approve a CSO long term control plan concept. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: First report of nomination of Bob Soule, Jim Wolff and Kathy Joyce to the Grand Theatre Commission, terms to expire 11/05/24. First report of nomination of Peg Vermillion and Richard Moore to the Park and Recreation advisory Board, terms to expire 11/02/24.

STAFF REPORTS: O'Donnell reported on the following: City Hall project, Covid protocols, Sid Center, Elkem site, ICMA Annual Conference, State Trail Program, interviews for position of City Clerk, addressing acoustics in council chamber.

There being no further business, Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

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Sports

Crusaders breeze through SEISC pool play Thursday

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

WAPELLO — Busy is good for the Holy Trinity volleyball team.

The Crusaders swept through their group in the opening night of the SEI Superconference tournament, winning all four matches.

That is on top of the five they won at the Holy Trinity Classic on Monday.

Now, on Saturday, the Crusaders, ranked fifth in Class 1A, head to the final eight of the conference tournament, hoping to play three more matches and bring home a championship.

“It’s been a busy week for these kids,” Holy Trinity coach Melissa Freesmeier said. “Just being able to come in and do what we did tonight was great.”

The Crusaders didn’t lose a game, defeating Danville (21-7, 21-9), Lone Tree (21-7, 21-3), Wapello (21-11, 21-14) and Hillcrest Academy (21-8, 21-6). They didn’t lose a game in any of their matches on Monday as well.

“Good teams have to keep going,” Freesmeier said. “We want to be playing. This was a good opportunity to see what we’re made of. I think the kids are responding and doing well.”

The Crusaders (14-3) had a balanced offensive attack. Sophomore Mary Kate Bendlage led Holy Trinity with 24 kills,

while Brooke Mueller had 16, Natalie Randolph had 11, and Kassi Randolph had 10.

“The girls did some really good things,” Freesmeier said. “We mixed it up again (on offense). I thought we were a little flat at times, but you’ll have that.”

The Crusaders also were accurate on their serving. They had 32 aces — Mueller had 10 and Anna Sobczak had seven to lead the way.

“We were very aggressive,” Freesmeier said. “Everybody who steps behind that service line has the confidence to do things. That’s a big part of our team — take the other team out of their offense. I think we did a good job of that tonight.”

Kassi Randolph had 32 assists, while Natalie Randolph had 19 assists. Sobczak had 25 digs, and Kayla Box and Natalie Randolph each had three blocks.

The final round of the conference tournament includes No. 1 (Class 1A) Notre Dame, No. 10 (Class 1A) New London and No. 8 (Class 3A) West Burlington.

“It’s another test,” Freesmeier said. “The conference is tough. We’re going to see it Saturday night. But that’s what you want to see this time of year, so we can get better.”

“We know it’s busy this time of year, and we like it that way. It’s been fun.”



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