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Absentee voting starts Monday

OCT. 5: Requested ballots being mailed Monday; In-person starts at 8:30 a.m.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – The 2020 general election casting of votes starts Monday with in-person absentee voting, as well as the mailing of requested absentee ballots.

Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise said there has been numerous calls to her office staff with questions and concerns about the number of mailers received this year and waning confidence in the system.

“We’re getting calls and other counties are getting calls and talking about to,” Fraise said. “With all the hub-bub out there on mail-in ballots people are getting nervous.”

She said if residents requested a mail-in ballot, those will be sent via the U.S. Postal service on Monday, so the ballots should arrive in the days following.

“If you requested a mail-in ballot, you must vote on the ballot you requested. You won’t be able to come in, in-person and vote,” she said.

“Since the voter’s record will reflect that a ballot has been requested, voters who have requested ballots by mail will need to wait for their ballots to arrive rather than attempting to vote in person.

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No. 3 HTC falls to No. 14 WACO

HTC’s Katie Denning (22) gets blocked by Molly McLaughlin (12) and Ella Kissel (1) in the third set Thursday at WACO. The Warriors took a 15-11 tiebreaker to knock off the 3rd-ranked Crusaders in five sets.

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

DVIP holding donation event Saturday at Fareway

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The state’s Domestic Violence Intervention Program will be holding a Lee County supply donation drive Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Volunteers, including Fort Madison City Council member Rebecca Bowker, will be on hand collecting much-needed resources for the organization at Fareway in Fort Madison.

For those that can’t make the drive on Saturday, supplies can be dropped off at

827 Avenue H throughout the month of October. Residents can also call 371-7753 first to arrange delivery or pickup.

Items needed include cleaning supplies, diapers, hygiene items, other

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OLD FORT PLAYERS

Hitchcock plays set for Oct. 11 in Old Settlers

BY DOROTHY SCHULTE
Old Fort Players

FORT MADISON – The folks at Old Fort Players are multi-tasking as fast as they can! While Robbie Phillips directs and records multiple Carol Burnett Show skits, Jan Jud has assembled a cast of eleven to perform three Vintage Hitchcock Plays.

The single performance happens at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 11th. (Rain date is Oct. 18th) Perfect for the approach of Halloween, this spine-tingling show will be performed at Old Settlers Park in broad daylight, though you may still have trouble sleeping.

Entertaining you this time will be Richard Martindale (Bleacher Bums and The Carol Burnett Show Skits), Angie Holland (new OFP but not to theater), Jodi Zioui (What to Expect When You’re Expecting Your In-Laws, and Twelve Days Of Christmas), Xandra Abel (The Dividing Tree, and If the Good Lord’s Willing and the Creek Don’t Rise), Ty Clute (Barefoot In The Park, and Making God Laugh), Rosie Strickland (Drinking Habits, and Twelve Days Of Christmas), Juniper Strickland (Homework Eats Dog, and Rules of Comedy), Sunshine Zioui (Twelve Days Of Christmas, and Homework Eats Dog), Jeremiah Bauswell, Alice Rose and Sydney Amberger (all new to OFP).

Written by Joe Landry, the three short plays include, The Lodger (about Jack The Ripper and his unsuspecting landlady), Sabotage (a classic spy thriller) and The 39 Steps, (a great mix of murder and love as only Hitchcock can imagine!) Actors will be filling multiple roles throughout each of the three stories as well as doing live commercials in vintage radio show style. The comic relief will be a nice break

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FRI 02 Oct.....Broken Clouds, 56° F/40° F
SAT 03 Oct.....Light Rain, 54° F/45° F
SUN 04 Oct.....Light Rain, 59° F/46° F

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Current-Lee/Iowa News

CURRENT-LEE

The following is a list of upcoming events and gatherings in North Lee County.

Kempker's True Value & Rental celebrates 50th anniversary

Kempker's True Value & Rental, Inc. is celebrating their 50th Anniversary on October 2nd & 3rd. Join the Facebook Event for details and giveaways: <https://www.facebook.com/events/612351646309764/>.



2020 Trunk or Treat

The Fort Madison YMCAs annual Trunk or Treat will be held on Oct. 23 at Baxter Sports Complex. This year's event will be a drive through event to allow for social distancing. Business will have cars in the parking lot to hand out goodies to goblins from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Set up is from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Spots can be reserved by calling the Y at 319-372-2403 ext 1 or by email at ryan.wilson@fortmadison.org

Players Workshop Theater

The Burlington Theater will be showcasing a series of online skits beginning on Sept. 24, with Mother Goose Interrupted: This Little Piggy. Future presentations will include a musical cabaret, a reader's theater, throwback tributes and a Christmas Show. For more information log onto the Facebook page or the PWT website at www.playersworkshoptheater.com.

Pop Can Drive

The Fort Madison Middle School bands will hold their annual Pop Can Drive on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the FMMS. Please use the Bluff Road driveway. All redeemable cans and any size of redeemable plastic bottles will be accepted. No glass please. Proceeds are used to offset band equipment and maintenance, and for new music.

Montrose Cemetery Cleanup

All plastic flowers that are in the ground must be picked up by Nov. 1. After that date they will be discarded. In addition Memorial Day flowers will now have to be picked up no later than two weeks after the holiday.

Halloween Dinner and Comedy

The Kingsley Inn will be featuring a Halloween Dinner and Comedy on Oct. 31 beginning at with a social hour at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m., with the show starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be booked in advance by texting 309-221-9803

Jobless new, continuing claims in Iowa fall again

DES MOINES - The number of initial claims in Iowa, filed between Sunday, Sept. 20, and Saturday, Sept. 26, was 5,018. There were 4,452 initial claims by individuals who work and live in Iowa, and 566 claims by individuals who work in Iowa and live in another state. The number of continuing weekly unemployment claims for Sept. 20-26 was 58,744, a decrease of 4,194 from the previous week.

The U.S. Department of Labor adjusted last week's initial claim number down to 6,117 (a decrease of 484) and continuing claims to 62,938 (a decrease of 353 for a total decrease of 837). Iowa Workforce Development relies upon the weekly data released by the U.S. Department of Labor to report its numbers and as such, adopts the revisions to the previously published data.

Unemployment insurance benefit payments totaled \$17,085,937.61 for the week of Sept. 20-26. The following industries had the most claims:

- Manufacturing (1,105)
 - Industry Not Available - Self-employed, Independent Contractors, etc (808)
 - Health Care & Social Assistance (464)
 - Construction (396)
 - Accommodation & Food Services (323)
- A total of \$3,586,200 in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) benefits was paid during the

week of Sept. 20-26, 2020, which were retroactive payments as the program ended July 25, 2020. Since April 4, 2020, a total of \$1,607,968,543 in FPUC benefits has been paid.

A total of \$4,177,924 was paid in Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits during the week of Sept. 20-26, 2020.

A total of \$6,090,772.72 in benefits has been paid in Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) benefits for the week of Sept. 20-26, 2020. Since May 27, 2020, a total of \$78,654,470.04 in PEUC benefits have been paid.

A total of \$1,106,235.45 in benefits has been paid in State Extended Benefits for the week of Sept. 20-26, 2020. Since July 21, 2020, a total of \$8,692,690.77 in Extended Benefits have been paid.

The LWA program ended after six weeks of benefits were approved by FEMA. Iowans whose unemployment is the result of the pandemic, and who are eligible for at least \$100 in benefits each week, will qualify for up to a maximum of six weeks of \$300 in additional weekly benefits. Since September 3rd, Iowa has paid a total of \$149,097,900 in LWA benefits. More information can be found here: <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/lost-wages-assistance>.

Alliant completes county wind farm

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa – October 1, 2020 – Alliant Energy announces completion of its plan to add 1,000 megawatts (MW) of wind production in Iowa, several months ahead of schedule and within budget. This achievement comes as the company completes its 130-MW Richland Wind Farm in Sac County, located in west-central Iowa.

The now operational wind farm is among five wind projects across seven counties in the state. Collectively, the projects provide Iowa customers and communities with new renewable energy and are expected to provide power to approximately 430,000 Iowa homes.

“By continuing to advance cost-effective and clean energy, our customers, the communities we serve and the environment will benefit for decades to come,” said Terry Kouba, President of Alliant Energy’s Iowa energy company. “Investing in renewable energy sources, like wind and solar, is one more way that our purpose – to serve customers and build strong communities – comes to life.”

Completing the Richland Wind project expands the company’s total of owned and operated wind generation in the state to nearly 1,300 total MW. This investment in wind energy for Iowa customers generates significant financial benefits through tax revenue for communities and lease payments to landowners.

“Thank you to the many leaders throughout the state who have helped us deliver more renewable energy to our customers,” added Kouba. “With wind, because there are no associated fuel costs, our investment in this renewable, natural resource provides long-term savings for our customers. At the same time, we’ll continue delivering safe, reliable and affordable energy to the communities we serve.”

Alliant Energy began construction on the Richland Wind Farm in July 2019 and is now the third largest utility owner-operator of regulated wind in the United States. The company reached a significant milestone over a two-day period in March 2020 when it generated enough renewable wind energy to meet all its Iowa customers’ energy needs from its owned wind farms and wind purchase power agreements.

Alliant Energy’s wind projects keep the company on its path toward achieving their new, aspirational goal of eliminating CO2 emissions from the energy the company generates by 2050, a goal that’s outlined in the company’s latest Corporate Responsibility Report.

For more information on Alliant Energy’s wind development, visit alliantenergy.com/wind.

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Obituaries/For the Record

OBITUARIES

TERRY KUNDE

Terry Kunde, 75 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at her home. She was born October 1, 1944, a daughter of Lou and Catherine Auge. On August 18, 1973 she married Robert "Bob" Kunde.



KUNDE

Terry was a graduate of Aquinas High School. She worked for years as a scrub nurse at the University of Iowa, Sacred Heart Hospital, and the Fort Madison Community Hospital. She was of the catholic faith. She and Bob had a cabin on the river and she loved fishing. She enjoyed golfing and was an artist. Her family was everything to her.

She is survived by her husband, Robert "Bob" Kunde of Fort Madison; one granddaughter, Chelsi Hoepfner; two great grandchildren, Zakkary and Pantera Kemper; and cousins, Anna and Gary Grinstead. She was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter, Kristine Kunde, and one granddaughter, Ashley Powell.

No formal services are planned at this time. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Kunde family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

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.

Got a news tip?

Call Chuck (319)371.1670

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

09/30/20 – 8:54 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 500 block of Crescent Lane. 09/30/20 – 9:44 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of 25th Street. 09/30/20 – 10:53 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 5200 block of River Valley Road. 09/30/20 – 1:50 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2100 block of Avenue A. 09/30/20 – 1:50 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2100 block of Avenue B. 09/30/20 – 2:36 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 5000 block of Avenue O. 09/30/20 – 3:50 p.m. – Fort Madison Police

responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2400 block of Avenue L. 09/30/20 – 4:46 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1100 block of Avenue G. 09/30/20 – 5:04 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1400 block of Avenue E. 09/30/20 – 8:40 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of hit and run in the 3400 block of Avenue L. 10/01/20 – 12:35 a.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Christopher Adam Barnes, 29, of Fort Madison in the 2700 block of Avenue I, on a charge of driving while barred. 10/01/20 – 6:33 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1300 block of Avenue E.

Lee County Sheriff's Report
09/30/20 – 3:06 p.m.

– Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Joshua Adam Bowen, 40, of Wever, in the 2000 block of 243rd Avenue, on a charge of failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held. 09/30/20 – 3:32 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Kryshelle Makiah Mann, 18, of Minneapolis, at milemarker 23 on Hwy. 218 on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. 09/30/20 – 3:32 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Aishat Fehintola Temi Okunola, 18, of Blaine, Minn., at Hwy. 218 and 180th Avenue near Donnellson, on charges of possession of a controlled substance. 09/30/20 – 3:54 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Sophia Susan Becerril, 55, of Wever in the 2000 block of 343rd Avenue, on a warrant for contempt of court. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

09/30/20 – 4:58 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Kearra Scott, 21, of Keokuk, at Hwy. 218 and 180th Avenue near Donnellson, on charges of possession of a controlled substance. 09/30/20 – 5:19 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Laura Denise Farr, 43, of Wever, in the 2000 block of 343rd Avenue, on a charge of simple assault. *Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

09/28/20 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to one false alarm, one assistance, and two medical calls. 09/29/20 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to five medical calls. 09/30/20 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls, one false alarm, and one service call.



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Sports

Holy Trinity falls on road to No. 14 WACO

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WAYLAND – Volleyball is tough in southeast Iowa. The Class 1A 3rd-ranked Holy Trinity Catholic Crusaders got a full dose of tough Thursday in Wayland falling to Class 1A No. 14 WACO in five sets 25-18, 22-25, 17-25, 25-23, 11-15.

The fifth set told the story in a raucous WACO gym. With the score tied at 4, WACO would reel off three straight highlighted by kill from senior Morgan Graber, who stole the show in WACO's third set win.

Sophomore Grace Coble would follow up with a kill to make it 7-4 WACO, but HTC freshman Mary Kate Bendlage would put up a block on Graber's next attack from the right side that fell to the floor for a sideout.

Senior Crusader Claire Pothitakis would fire an ace on the next serve to make it 6-7, but WACO senior Lona Farrier would record a kill to go back up by two.

Bendlage would get a kill on the next point, but Bailey Hellweg would misfire after the sideout for a 9-7 WACO lead. The two teams would trade points until a Pothitakis attack went long for a 11-9 WACO lead forcing HTC coach Melissa Freesmeier to call a timeout.

On the next play HTC junior Kassi Randolph would push a shot over the WACO defense that landed in for a 10-11 score that was posted. But the ball was ruled to have went over the top of the right side antenna and the point was taken off and given to WACO.

Randolph questioned the call and was given a yellow card. Freesmeier, also challenged the call, tossed her clipboard and was given a red card awarding an additional point to WACO for a 13-9 lead.

Pothitakis would get a kill on the next point, but Graber slammed one home for a sideout. Pothitakis would punch back with another kill, but her last attack went long and gave WACO the match.

"I thought we let them get runs early, but we just kept at it," Freesmeier said. "We had the guts to push it to game five after being behind. It sucks that somebody has to lose."

Holy Trinity had control in the first set opening up leads as much as 10 as Graber couldn't find a rhythm and was missing on attacks. Her attack on the final point was bumped back over by Randolph and landed



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

WACO's Morgan Graber (14) shoves a shot over the block of HTC's Bailey Hellweg (24) and Katie Denning (22) in the first set of Tuesday's 5-set Warrior win.

behind the Warrior back defense for the set point.

But Graber got going in the second set with three kills in the first nine points to help WACO to an 11-3 start. HTC would answer with an 8-2 run behind a couple kills each from Bendlage and sophomore Brooke Mueller to cut into the lead 11-13. A Pothitakis kill to the back line made at 14-15, but then WACO would stretch a 9-5 run capped by a Farrier block at 24-19.

HTC would score the next three points to get within 22-24, but a kill from senior Ellie Miles wrapped up the set.

Graber would take over in the third set with nine kills and three blocks including the set winner.

"WACO is a good team. They've got some hitters, but we had an answer for them in the fourth set, I thought," Freesmeier said.

HTC would trail again in the fourth by as much as six at 16-10. The Warriors ran into the yips midway

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Holy Trinity's Natalie Randolph tries to slip an attack over the WACO defense in the third set Tuesday night.

Prevention 101

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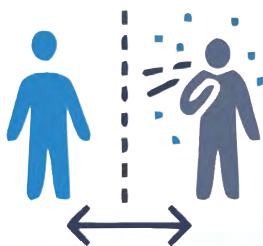
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Sports/From the Front

Crusaders can't hang on fifth set as Warriors win

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through and several defensive errors and couple attacks went long as the Crusaders crept back in. With WACO up 21-19, Graber and Miles both missed attacks on back-to-back points and Brooke Mueller would throw an ace in to tie things at 21.

Randolph would get a kill to give HTC it's first lead of the set. Pothitakis would get two kills after missing long to make it 24-23 and then Katie Denning scored down the right line to push it to the tiebreaker.

"We probably made too many mistakes and your gonna have that. But good teams prevail and we can't take anything away from this club tonight," Freesmeier said.

"The south is tough and any given night somebody can knock somebody off and tonight it wasn't our night, you could say."

The Crusaders fall to 17-6 on the year and 4-1 in conference play. WACO takes sole possession of first in the loop with a 5-0 mark and moves to 21-2 on the year overall.

West Burlington (5-2, 13-3) comes to Shottenkirk Gym on Tuesday, and the Crusaders then travel to Cardinal on Thursday.



DVIP services eight different counties in SE Iowa

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toiletry items and gift cards.

The Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP) has provided services and safety planning to 195 individuals in Lee County in the past year. Over the year the need for resources has more than doubled for victim-survivors within the community. These resources include advocacy at the court, hospital, and within social systems and by providing much-needed resources such as diapers, cleaning supplies, and gift cards for perishable items.

For over forty years the Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP) has provided emergency services, comprehensive support, and advocacy services for adult and youth victims of intimate partner violence (also known as domestic violence or dating violence), stalking, and trafficking. DVIP works closely with the community, focusing on immediate and long-term safety, and empowerment for victim-survivors.

DVIP serves eight southeastern Iowa counties. All services are free and confidential, including a 24-hour hotline, 24-hour safe shelter which includes the states' only emergency pet shelter for victim-survivors pets, advocacy services, housing assistance, peer-based counseling, support groups, and prevention education.

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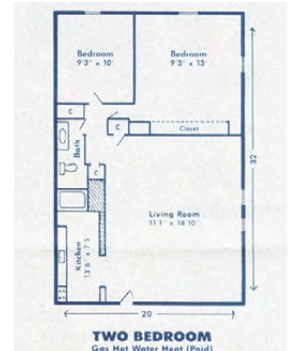
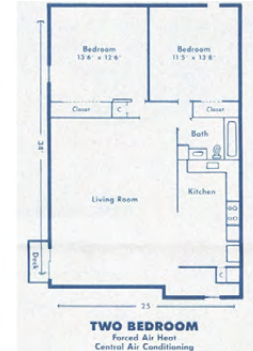
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Residents will only receive one absentee ballot in the mail, despite all the other mail-in request forms that came from a bevy of political action committees over the past few weeks.

Anyone who didn't request a mail-in ballot will be allowed to vote in person starting Monday in Fort Madison and Keokuk.

In-person voting in Fort Madison will be at the North Lee County Administration building at 933 Avenue H from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Voters are asked to enter through the east side of the building where security will screen temperatures and ask COVID-19 related questions. All exiting will be through the south door on Avenue H.

In Keokuk, voting will take place at the South Lee County Courthouse 25 N. 7th Street, from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Only the door on 7th Street will be open and security be on hand there as well.

Face coverings and social distancing will be required.

Fraise said identification is required for in-person voting and one of the following is required: Iowa Voter Identification Card, Iowa Driver's License, Iowa non-operator ID, U.S. Military ID or Veteran ID, U.S. Passport, or Tribal ID Card/Document.

The mail-in ballots must be postmarked by the end of the day Nov. 2 to be counted. However, mail-in ballots can be dropped in the county drop boxes or delivered in person at the auditor's office until 9 p.m. on Nov. 3.

This year the county will also provide curbside voting for anyone not wishing to come inside. Voters should pull to the back of the administration building in Fort Madison through the alley on 9th Street heading west and call 372-3705 to inform staff you are parked.

In Keokuk, curbside voters should call 319-526-8592

Fraise said she thinks in-person absentee voting will be popular this year.

"We'll probably be busy. I think people have been waiting on the day for this to start," she said.

She's confident in Iowa's ability to handle all the mail-in balloting properly, despite issues that plagued the Iowa caucuses earlier this year.

**Old Settlers Park is stage for
OFP's Hitchcock mini series**

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from the nerve-wracking tension from the master of suspense, Alfred Hitchcock.

So, bring a chair and mask up, it's sure to be a scary and entertaining show for the whole family. Concessions will be available for sale. No tickets will be sold, but a free will offering will be collected. We ask that you generously support Old Fort Players as they work hard to keep paying the bills. The pandemic lockdown has made paying for monthly expenses very difficult. A live Facebook stream of a Carol Burnett skit brought in some donation money as well as two days of rummage sale.

"We are grateful for all the support we've received, but we are still unable to do business as usual and that hurts," President Robbie Philips said. "We miss going on stage and entertaining people as much as they miss going out and enjoying live theater. Any help folks can provide will keep us going until we can open up again."

The Old Fort Players have been entertaining the community since 1981 are located in downtown Fort Madison at 725 Avenue G. Call 319-372-9559 for more information. Like them on Facebook or visit www.oldfortplayers.com to keep up with everything that's going on at the theater.



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