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HTC GIRLS HEADED BACK TO STATE

TOURNEY STARTS TUESDAY: Crusaders get 4th seed and play Janesville on Tuesday at 8 p.m.

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

OTTUMWA — The sting that had lasted a year was gone.

When Kassi Randolph's kill landed for the final point of Wednesday's Class 1A regional final, Holy Trinity celebrated a win they had wanted to cleanse the disappointment of last season.

The Crusaders were going back to the state tournament.

Holy Trinity swept Lamoni, 25-9, 25-10, 25-18 at Evans Middle School, a season after the program's 10-year streak of making it to the state tournament was snapped by Notre Dame in the regional semifinals.

"It means a lot," Randolph said. "When we didn't make it (last year), it was really disappointing. So we spent the summer, the whole season, working really hard. We had a lot of goals, and we did it tonight. We accomplished our goals."

"I think not getting to go last year, we were all upset," sophomore Mary Kate Bendlage said. "Really upset. Getting a chance this year is really exciting."

"I tried not to bring it up, because you play one game at a time," coach Melissa Freesmeier said. "But it's in the back of your head, it's in the back of theirs."

The Crusaders (32-10) swept through the regionals, taking down Seymour, No. 13 New London, and Lamoni without dropping a game.

It's a journey that has been built through the season — rough early patches now long forgotten.

"I feel like we really grew, really connected, about halfway through the season," senior libero Anna Sobczak said. "We did have some tough losses. But we regrouped, refocused, and got it done."

"Right when postseason started, we realized we had the talent," Bendlage said. "We all started trusting each other more. At the beginning of the season, we struggled as a team. Now we have that bond."

"Each practice, we would come in, hold each other accountable," Randolph said. "We wanted to get better. We wanted to practice, work on things. And we did that."

The Crusaders never let Lamoni (29-5) get anything going. They scored the first six

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Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The Crusaders catch the Regional Championship banner that was thrown to them by Head Coach Melissa Freesmeier following HTC's win over Lamoni to advance to the state tournament next week. Below, Kassi Randolph tips an attack at left, while Freesmeier gives direction during a time out.



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For the Record

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Fort Madison Police Report

10/26/21 – 12:00 a.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Sheldon Lee Saltzgaver, 62, of Fort Madison, in the 2600 block of Avenue L, on a warrant for failure to appear – driving while suspended. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 10/26/21 – 12:45 a.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Timothy George Brockman, 34, of Fort Madison, in the 1400 block of Avenue E, on a warrant for failure to appear – public intoxication. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 10/26/21 – 6:23 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run in the 5400 block of Avenue O.
 10/26/21 – 8:45 a.m. – Fort Madison police cited Cassandra Sue Ellen Helmick, 34, of Fort Madison, in the 800 block of Avenue E, on a charge of 2nd degree arson.

10/26/21 – 9:31 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1500 block of Avenue A.
 10/26/21 – 6:33 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2000 block of Avenue B.
 10/26/21 – 7:49 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1400 block of Avenue F.
 10/26/21 – 9:04 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run in the 1500 block of Avenue H.
 10/26/21 – 10:05 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the intersection of 303rd Avenue and Airport Road.
 10/27/21 – 4:20 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 800 block of Avenue D.
 10/25/21 – 9:04 a.m. – Fort Madison police cited Joshua Edwin James

Ruble, 36, of Fort Madison, in the 1700 block of Avenue H, on a charge of driving under suspension.
 10/25/21 – 11:50 a.m. – Fort Madison police cited John Joseph Kalafut III, 64, of Fort Madison, in the 1100 block of 48th Street, on a charge of assault – displaying a dangerous weapon.
 10/25/21 – 4:27 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Chance Lee Horton, 22, of Fort Madison, in the 1300 block of Avenue G, on a charge of driving while barred.
 10/25/21 – 8:15 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited David Shawn Wiseman, 46, of Fort Madison, in the 3000 block of Avenue I, on a charge of OWI – 1st offense.
 10/25/21 – 5:15 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2000 block of Avenue B.
 10/25/21 – 8:57 pm. – Fort Madison police responded

to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 18th Street and Avenue H.
 10/26/21 – 12:45 a.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Timothy George Brockman, 57, of Fort Madison, in the 1400 block of Avenue E, on a warrant for failure to appear – public intoxication.
 10/26/21 – 6:23 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a hit & run in the 5400 block of Avenue O.
 10/22/21 – 9:26 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 2900 block of Avenue L.
 10/22/21 – 2:07 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1300 block of Avenue C.
 10/22/21 – 3:42 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue G.
 10/22/21 – 5:02 p.m.

– Fort Madison police arrested David James Day, 40, of Fort Madison, in the 5400 block of Avenue O, on a charge of controlled substance violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 10/23/21 – 4:17 a.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Jose Raphael Draper, 23, of Fort Madison, at an undisclosed location, on charges of possession of a controlled substance – 1, 2, 3rd and possession of drug paraphernalia
 10/23/21 – 8:31 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L.
 10/23/21 – 10:49 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft at Vica Lane.
 10/23/21 – 11:01 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of burglary in the 200 block of Avenue G.
 10/23/21 – 8:34 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Diego Henry Lozano, 20, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 24th Street and Avenue J, on a charge of driver's license denied/revoked – OWI.
 10/24/21 – 8:42 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue H.
 10/24/21 – 11:36 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 900

block of 34th Street.
 10/24/21 – 12:31 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 3400 block of Avenue N.
 10/24/21 – 2:35 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism at the intersection of 16th Street and Avenue B.

Lee County Sheriff Report

10/26/21 – 11:54 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-car accident on Walker Lane. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Amy Lyn Briggs, 44, of Montrose, was driving eastbound and failed to keep on the right half of the gravel roadway, causing a vehicle driven by Tammy L. Willing, 50, of Durham, Mo. to veer to the outer edge of the roadway without leaving the roadway and entering a deep ditch. The vehicles struck drivers' side mirrors. No injuries or citations were reported.
 10/26/21 – 12:32 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jason Paul Thurman, 41, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 10/26/21 – 3:30 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Darrin Michael Fitzgerald, 20,

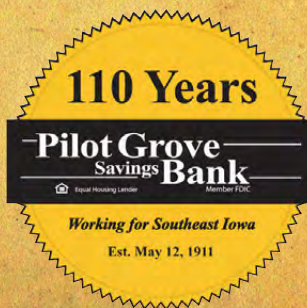
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OBITUARIES

EARL R. SEWARD, JR.

Earl R. Seward, Jr., 90, of Keokuk, passed away on Sunday, October 24, 2021, at Blessing Hospital in Keokuk.



SEWARD, JR.

Earl was born on April 8, 1931, in Keokuk, Iowa, the son of Earl R. Seward, Sr. and Lotta (Bartholomew) Seward. On August 21, 1959, he was united in marriage to Helen Garron in Moorstown, New Jersey. She preceded him in death on October 1, 2011. Earl proudly served his country in the United States Air Force, retiring in 1968 after twenty years of service. He then moved back to Keokuk and worked part-time jobs and owned a music store on Main Street. Earl was known for his massive music collection and his collection of jukeboxes. Music was his passion, and his good friend "Suzy G" said he was her secret weapon on the radio. He was also a member of Melrose United Methodist Church.



Earl is survived by his sister Sharon (Jim) Kiefer of Headrick, Iowa; two brothers: Richard (Doris) Seward of Olympia, Washington, and Harry Shoemaker of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; his special niece Dawn Marie (John Bobo) Morton of New Jersey; his special great-nephew Stephen Bobo of New Jersey; his loving caretakers of the last 10 years: Jerry and Dona Herr of Keokuk; and two of his best friends: Kirk Brandenberger and Chris Schulte, both of Keokuk.

Earl is preceded in death by his parents and his sister Geraldine Bolling.

Earl's life will be celebrated with a funeral service at 11 am on Thursday, October 28, 2021, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk, with burial to follow at Keokuk National Cemetery in Keokuk. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 10 to 11 am on Thursday directly before the service.

Memorials may be directed to the Melrose United Methodist Church.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com.

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

NANCY E. BUECHEL

Nancy Elaine Buechel, 73, of Farmington, Iowa, passed away at 12:25 p.m. Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at Unity Point in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.



BUECHEL

She was born on March 19, 1948, in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of Ralph and Ruth (Howeing) Schreck. On July 20, 1968, she married Thomas A. Buechel in Kahoka, Missouri. He preceded her in death on January 22, 2018.

Survivors include her three children: Janet (Michael) Browning of Farmington, Iowa, Bradley (Melissa) Buechel of Farmington, Iowa and Stephanie Buechel of Houston, Texas; twelve grandchildren: Levi, Nieca, Shira, Haley, Cameron, Keegan, Jersey, Jayla, Jentry, Jovan, Joshawn and Shayla; three great grandchildren: Kaimrin, Vidi, Ashton and two on the way; brother: Chuck (Ruth) Schreck of Missouri; two sisters: Virginia Brown of Cookeville, Tennessee and Joyce (Jim) Kamp of Argyle, Iowa. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: Thomas; brother: Joe and Sisters: Evelyn, Alice, and Connie.

Nancy was the matriarch of her family. She was always just a phone call away. Her largest life accomplishment truly was her grandchildren and great grandchildren. The time she spent with them was priceless. Out of high school, Nancy moved to Fort Madison, Iowa to work at Sheaffer Pen and in time met and married the love of her life, Tom. In 1996, they moved to rural Farmington, Iowa. She worked at Riverside Plastic for twenty-seven years, retiring in 2010. After retirement, she enjoyed time with her family which included her favorite pastimes: cards, dominos, horse camp, walks with her dog "Boots" and lunch dates with family.

Friends may call after 12:00 noon, Friday, October 29, 2021, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington where the family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. that evening.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 30, 2021, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Farmington with Father Dennis Hoffman as celebrant.

Burial will be at Greenglade Cemetery in Farmington.

A memorial has been established in her memory for the Farmington American Legion.

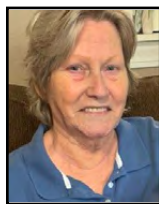
Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhome.com.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements.

OBITUARIES

WILMA J. SLUTTS

Wilma Jean Slutts, 74, passed away peacefully surrounded by family at 8:15 p.m. Sunday, October 24, 2021 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in West Burlington, Iowa.



SLUTTS

Wilma was born on May 30, 1947 in Bloomfield, Iowa the daughter of Edward and Cecil (Rudd) Reese. She graduated from Bloomfield High School in the Spring of 1966 and was united in marriage to John Andrew Slutts on July 25, 1966 in Eldon, Iowa.

Her first son: John Jr., was born in the Fall of 1967, followed by her second son, Tim in the Spring of 1970. The family lived in the Cantril/Selma area until moving to the Wapello/Mediapolis area where she remained until her passing. She was a hard and dedicated worker throughout her years at Beckman Cleaners and Prairie Ridge Care and Rehab. Wilma loved spending time with her family, playing Rummikub and Trouble with her grandkids. She also enjoyed watching her daily soap operas, especially General Hospital, along with Survivor on television. Wilma will be dearly missed by her family.

She leaves her two sons: Tim (Jennifer) Slutts of Burlington, and John Jr. (Melinda Wiemann) Slutts, of Donnellson; seven grandchildren: Derrick (Chelsea) Slutts of Muscatine, Dakota (Sierra) Slutts of Burlington, Maddie Bark of Burlington, Kristian (Francesca) Bark of Jacksonville, Florida, Jasmine (Kyle) Ruse of Wever, Margaret Slutts (Darshain) of Muscatine, Kaitlyn (Robert) Munoz of Centerville and Abby (Andrew) Giese; as well as eleven great grandkids.

She was preceded in death by her husband of fifty years: John Slutts, Sr.; her father: Edward Reese; mother: Cecil Reese and one sister: Janet.

A celebration of life will be announced and held at a later date. A memorial has been established in her memory.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com. Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements.

NORMA J. GUZMAN

Norma J. Guzman, 63, of Ft. Madison, passed away on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 10:30 PM at the Keosauqua Health Center.



GUZMAN

She was born on April 20, 1958 in Ventra, CA to Lawrence and Mary Garcia. Norma worked at Econo Foods and County Market. She enjoyed going to the mall and shopping, watching movies and coloring.

Survivors include one son, Nicholas Garcia of Ft. Madison; a grandson, Carlos of Keokuk; a special daughter, Brandi Moyers of Fort Madison; two sisters, Andrea Garcia and Toni Garcia of Burlington; one brother, Jeffrey Garcia of Ventura, CA; one sister in law, Shauna Vasquez of Ventura, CA; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Joe Vasquez.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and there will be no services at this time. A Celebration of Life will be held in the spring of 2022. Online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

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of Hamilton, Ill., at the Hancock County Jail, on charges of violation of probation, voluntary absence from custody, and judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 10/26/21 - 4:09 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Desiree Lynn Bishop, 28, of Mt. Pleasant, in the 700 block of Avenue F, on a warrant for violation of probation. She was taken to Lee County Jail. 10/26/21 - 7:09 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michelle Marie Decker, 36, of Fort Madison, in the 700 block of Avenue F, on a warrant for violation of probation. She was taken to Lee County Jail. 10/26/21 - 8:23 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's dep-

uties arrested Ryan Ray Tinder, 41, of Keokuk, in the 100 block of 7th Street on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 10/26/21 - 9:39 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jeremiah Lewis Jack Jordan, 39, of Carthage, Ill., at Arrowhead Bowl, on a charge of driving while barred. He was cited and released. 10/26/21 - 11:14 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Josie Lee McCormick, 36, of Farmington, at the intersection of Hwy. 2 and 204th Avenue on a charge of OWI - 1st offense. She was taken to Lee County Jail. 10/27/21 - 5:18 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested a 16-year-old male juvenile from Ottum-

wa, in the 2500 block of 255th Street, on a charge of assault with injury of a law officer or other. Adjudicated delinquent. 10/25/21 - Lee County sheriff's deputies reported no accidents or arrests. 10/22/21 - 12:29 a.m. - Lee County sheriff's deputies arrested Adam James Huss, 33, of West Point, in the 2500 block of 200th Avenue, Donnellson, on charges of interference with official acts, OWI - 1st offense, domestic assault - bodily injury, and trespass 1st offense. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond. 10/22/21 - 1:47 p.m. - Lee County sheriff's deputies arrested Johnathanne Taylor Palm, 24, of Hamilton, Ill., at the sher-

iff's office, on a charge of judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 10/22/21 - 1:51 p.m. - Lee County sheriff's deputies arrested Desiree Lynn Bishop, 28, of Mt. Pleasant, in the 2900 block of County Road 103, on a charge of burglary 3rd degree. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on time served. 10/22/21 - 5:08 p.m. - Lee County sheriff's deputies arrested David James Levins, 31, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a pre-trial release. 10/22/21 - 10:18 p.m. - Lee County sheriff's deputies arrested Keith Lynn Kellum, 33, of

Keokuk, in the 1300 block of Bank Street, on charges of violation of probation and interference with official acts. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 10/24/21 - 9:56 a.m. - Lee County sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on Hwy. 61 at 187th Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by James Patrick O'Shea, 48, of Keokuk, was traveling northbound on Hwy. 61 when O'Shea lost control of the vehicle and slid into the ditch during wet road conditions. Minor damage was reported. No injuries or citations were reported. 10/24/21 - 11:03 a.m. - Lee County sheriff's deputies arrested Jaclyn Nicole Parmeter, 35, of Keokuk, at the River City Mall, on a charge of violation of probation. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

and charged with Probation Violation. Paulson remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance. 10/23/21 - Dustin A Huss, age 24, of Dallas City, IL was arrested and charged with Reckless Driving, No Valid Drivers License, and Unlawful Possession of Weapon. Huss was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date. 10/24/21 - Mark A Cameron, age 44, of Plymouth, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Driving Under the Influence and Failure to Stop at Stop Sign. Cameron was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.

Those listed above are arrested or cited on a suspicion of a crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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From the Front

Crusaders roll through Region 8 bracket

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points on the opening game, and built an 18-7 lead in the second.

It was during the break after taking the second game when Freesmeier's message was simple.

Finish this.

Holy Trinity led 19-15 in the third game as the Demons made a final rally. Freesmeier called a timeout, and then after Lamoni scored the next point, the Crusaders ran off four consecutive points. Reagan Holvoet and Randolph had kills in that run, and the Demons were finished.

The Crusaders are a mix of veteran players who have experienced the crucible of the state tournament, and young players who will get their first look at a stage so familiar to the program.

"We have a team that can go a long way," Bendlage said.

"Especially as a senior, this means a lot," Sobczak said. "I'm really excited to go back."

"Yeah, we have a lot of momentum," Randolph said. "We want to bring that to the state tournament, keep that energy, the focus. And I think we'll do good things."

Freesmeier's voice cracked as she talked about what her team had accomplished one season after a painful elimination.

"These kids work every day," she said. "Work their tails off. After last year, it was disappointing."

"But this is awesome. Just awesome."

KILLS
Natalie Randolph 12, Kassi Randolph 6, Mary Kate Bendlage 5, Brooke Mueller 5, Kayla Box 5, Reagan Holvoet 1.

BLOCKS
Box 5, N.Randolph 5, Holvoet 4, K.Randolph 1, Bendlage 1.

DIGS
K.Randolph 15, Anna Sobczak 12, Bendlage 9, N.Randolph 9, Mueller 7, Teagan Snaadt 5, Teagan Denning 1.

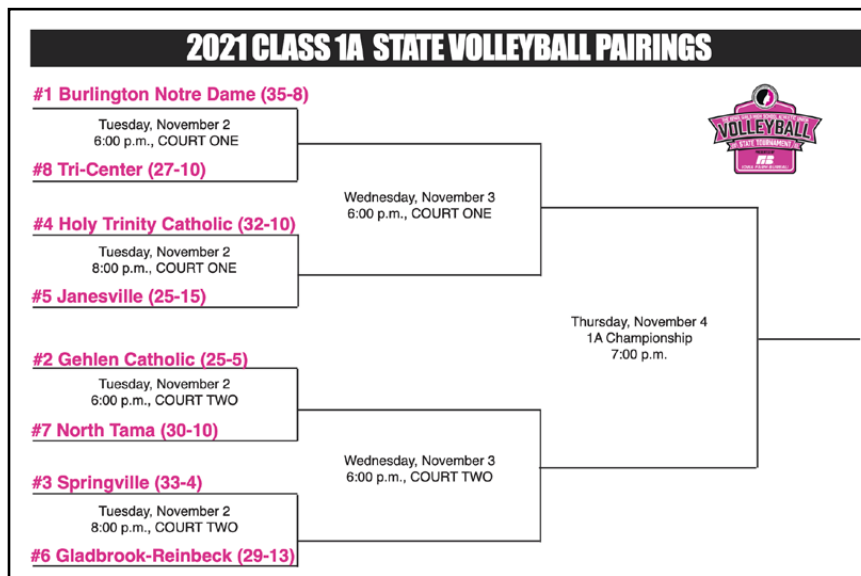
SERVING
Mueller 22-22 (3 aces), N.Randolph 14-15 (2 aces), Alexa Dingman 9-10 (1 ace), Sobczak 7-8 (1 ace), Denning 4-4, K.Randolph 10-11.

ASSISTS
K.Randolph 20, N.Randolph 11, Sobczak 2, Bendlage 1.



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Holy Trinity sophomore Natalie Randolph (11) attacks during the third set of HTC's sweep over Lamoni to advance to the 2021 State Volleyball Tournament which starts Tuesday in Cedar Rapids. Bottom right, Kayla Box tries an attack over the net.



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Vaccination Nurse

Lee County Health Department is seeking to contract with a RN, LPN, or other qualifying professional licensed to administer vaccines in Iowa. The contracted position will include working in LCHD's scheduled vaccination clinics which involves clinic preparation work, administering COVID-19 and flu vaccination, possible vaccine data entry and tracking, and scheduling. Hours will vary each week throughout LCHD's vaccination campaign. Those interested should contact or send credentials/resume to Emily Biddenstadt, Community Health Program Manager, at ebiddenstadt@leecountyhd.org. LCHD is an EOE.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
FORT MADISON
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WORK SESSION
November 1, 2021
6:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

- I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum
- II. Recognition of guests
- III. Approve the agenda
- IV. Board Development Workshop conducted by IASB consultant Tammi Drawbaugh
- V. Announcements
November 15, 2021, 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting, Board Room, Central Office
November 17-18 IASB Board Member Convention
- VI. Adjourn

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OBITUARIES

JANICE A. NIXON

Janice Ann Nixon, 68 of Keokuk, IA died Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at Mississippi Valley Healthcare in Keokuk.

She was born May 23, 1953 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of Claude "Tom" and Leona M. Abrahams Nixon. Janice graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 1971 and attended Southeastern Community College in Keokuk.



NIXON

She had been employed at several local businesses through the years including Woolworth, Keokuk Area Hospital and Casey's in both Keokuk and Montrose, IA.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Keokuk and was also a member of the Keokuk Jayceettes.

Janice enjoyed shopping, traveling and was an avid Elvis Presley fan. She was a left handed golfer and always liked playing a round of golf. She also enjoyed all types of crafts, especially crocheting and jewelry making. Janice adored all of the people at the nursing home. She loved playing card games and Bingo with them and was ecstatic when she won a prize.

She is survived by four sisters, Nancy Nixon, Libby J. Wigginton (James) and Kim G. Hardy (Tim) all of Keokuk and Susan Stambach (Stan) of Nauvoo, IL, six nieces and nephews, Jackie Allen, David Allen (Mandee), Jennifer Bourgeois (Ryan), Ashley Manning (Shad), Shannon Smith (Scott) and Samantha Rose (Alan, Jr.), several great nieces and great nephews and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Sandra Rae Nixon and Becky Worster.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., Friday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA. A private family burial will be held at a later date.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home with family meeting with friends from 5-7 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Every Step Hospice or Southeast Iowa Dialysis.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

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HALLOWEEN

The following is a list of upcoming Halloween events submitted to Pen City Current.

October 17-31 – Scarecrow Stroll – A community-wide scarecrow display contest. Open to all residents and businesses in Keokuk. First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded in four categories: single family home, neighborhood (2+ homes), small business, and franchise business. Details can be found on Main Street Keokuk's Facebook page here. Register your display here <https://forms.gle/bnZbw1aX3iSDBU467>.

Thursday, October 28 – 4pm-5:30pm. Halloween Parade at The Kensington parking lot. Enter through 2210 Avenue H side, grab a treat bag as you exit on 22nd street.

Thursday, October 28 – 5pm-6:30pm – Fort Madison Family YMCA 5th Annual Trunk or Treat at Baxter Sports Complex

Thursday, October 28 – 5pm-7pm – Downtown Fort Madison Trick or Treat.

Thursday, October 28 – 5pm-7pm – Fun City Halloween Candy Crawl. Trek through the complex for oodles of candy during this fun, family-friendly night! Visit Candy Alley to receive a Candy Map. Finish the trek at the Convention & Event Center to enter the Costume Contest! Top 3 winners in each age group will win \$25-\$75 in Gamebucks.

Thursday, October 28 – 5pm-8pm – Fort Madison Chamber Witch's Walk, Downtown Fort Madison. Wear your costume & come downtown for Trick or Treating, Pumpkin Carving Contests, & more! Watch their Facebook page here for more details.

Thursday, Oct. 29, 6-9 p.m. - Lee County CrimeStoppers' No Tricks - All Treats event at the Lee County Fairgrounds. This year Wal-Mart Keokuk is jumping in for this huge event.

Friday, October 29 – 3:30pm-5pm – Keokuk Downtown Trick or Treat. Participating businesses will be identified with an event window decal and included on a list of Downtown Trick or Treat destinations. More details can be found on Main Street Keokuk's Facebook page here.

Saturday, October 30 – 10am-noon – Shug's Tiny Town Spooktacular Saturday. Pumpkin decorating, costume contest and trick or treat in the play center. Space is limited-registration is required. Only \$15/child-must be paid at the time of registration. Cost includes admission to the play center for the day. Buy your ticket online at <https://tinyurl.com/crkjkev4> or call the store at 319-372-SHUG (7484).

Saturday, October 30 – 3pm-5pm – Old Settlers Halloween in the Park.

Saturday, October 30 – 5pm-7pm – City of Donnellson Trick or Treat.

Saturday, October 30 – 5pm-7pm – City of Fort Madison Trick or Treat.

Saturday, October 30 – 5pm-7pm – City of West Point Trick or Treat.

Saturday, October 30 – 5pm-7pm – Historic Old Lee County Jail Trick or Treat, 711 Avenue F, Fort Madison.

Sunday, October 31 – 10am-1pm – FallFest at Victory Faith Church. This free family event includes breakfast for kids at 10:00am, lunch for everyone, carnival games, live music, prizes, and inflatables. 2359 53rd Street, Fort Madison. Google Map here for directions.

Sunday, October 31 – 5pm-7pm – City of Keokuk Trick or Treat.

Sunday, October 31 – 5pm-7pm – Keokuk Police Department Halloween 1st Stop. Visit their Facebook page here for more information.

Sunday, October 31 – 5pm-7pm – City of Montrose Trick or Treat.

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