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WP starts holiday with bang



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

South Park in West Point was lit up for the annual 4th of July celebration Sunday night. The community celebrates with an evening long night of games, prizes, food, and beverages, capped off with one of the largest fireworks displays in the area.



A little 'sole' searching this week

I bought a new pair of shoes this weekend. I have two other pairs – one a pair of Brooks that I used for walking and jogging, and the other just a pair of gray Nikes I got at an outlet mall that I kicked around in.

Brooks are a very light walking/running shoe with good support, but these new-fangled things have no tongue.

They feel like they're made of elastic and you slip them on, but you also have shoestrings. They're a royal blue and gray pair I picked up on the sale side at Running Wild in Burlington.

I like to go there because they check your gait. I always put a hand on my hip and slap a little funk on it while I'm walking down an aisle as they watch. My sister-in-law and niece were with me. They should have known better. I like to take Susan with me when I shop because she always knows where to find the best deals. She's also good at letting me know I need to "shop around".

We went to a couple different places and tried on a bunch of shoes. These were best at the best price.

Now these are running and walking shoes, but since they were in the sale category, if I wore them outside they might not be able to accept them as returns. The only reason I would return them is if they didn't perform during road work. Guess I'm putting in 30 minutes on the stairs at the house.

There'll be no need to return them. Brooks is a solid brand and I'm very fond of the product. Just seemed a bit weird.

I bought my last pair of Brooks about 12 years ago. I got paint on them at some point and the fabric is starting to wear, but they are still the most comfortable

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Yellowstone lives up to vacation hype

As we pulled out onto the highway for our week-long vacation at Yellowstone National Park, I saw something flash in the rear-view mirror. It was our Road Atlas that I had left on the roof of the car as we were packing. (You can tell we're old people because we still like the old-fashioned maps.) I pulled the car over to the shoulder and ran back to retrieve the Atlas. Fortunately, no other car ran over it. This was how our vacation started. Not a good sign, but things were about to improve—except that at the first rest stop I found out my underwear was on backwards. Grrrr.

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



We overnighted in Laramie, Wyoming then headed for the Snowy Range on our way to Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons. Crossing the Continental Divide twice, we kept wondering if first one mountain range then another were the Grand Tetons. Then we rounded a hairpin turn and

there they were. There was no doubt now. The Grand Tetons is perhaps the grandest mountain range I have ever seen. Not that I've seen that many up close and personal, but the spires of the Grand Tetons, as the name implies, inspires grandeur.

Contrary to what many people think, Yellowstone National Park, the first National Park in the least populated state, is not suffering from the heat that the Southwestern United States is. Temps at night are in the 40's, even 30's, and it might rise into the low

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COUNTY NEWS

Supervisors to discuss changing meeting locations again

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Lee County Supervisors are still looking at where to hold future supervisors meetings now that the pandemic appears to be in the rearview mirror.

The board moved their meetings to the North Lee County office building to hold meetings via Zoom when COVID numbers were dangerously high. Local and state law enforcement also clamped down on public visits to county and state correctional facilities to help try and keep the virus out of jail

and prison populations.

Most of the board has been open to keeping the meetings at the Fort Madison location, but District 3 Supervisor Rich Harlow has expressed concerns for the safety of the

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WEATHER

MON 28 Jun.....Rain, 79° F/ 69° F
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WED 30 Jun.....Light Rain, 76° F/ 68° F

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Obituaries

DANIEL J. SANDERS

Daniel J. "Dan" Sanders, 77, of East Dubuque, IL, passed away at 11:24 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at Unity Point Health Finley Hospital in Dubuque, IA after a seven month battle with esophageal cancer.



SANDERS

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 28, 2021 at St. Mary's Church in East Dubuque, with Fr. Daniel Knepper officiating. Burial services for family only will be in the East Dubuque Cemetery. Military honors will be accorded by members of the Dubuque Marine Corps League and the Iowa National Guard. The funeral will be live-streamed on THE MILLER FUNERAL HOME GROUP facebook page.

A celebration of Dan's life will be from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Sunday at the Miller Funeral Home in East Dubuque, and from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. on Monday at the Church.

Dan was born on December 3, 1943 at Fort Madison, IA, the son of Leo J. and Otila Z. (Breitbarth) Sanders. He was a 1962 graduate of West Grant High School, Patch Grove, WI.

He served in the Army National Guard, and retired from John Deere Dubuque Works in 2001. Dan was a member of UAW Local # 94. Dan loved collecting Potosi memorabilia, antiquing, coin collecting and visiting the Potosi Brewery. He was an avid Green Bay Packer fan and always outstanding in his field.



Dan married Florence "Tina" Ames on April 4, 1987 in Dubuque.

Surviving is his wife Florence "Tina" of Stonehill Care Center in Dubuque; former wife Linda Cook and their three children, Heidi (Rob) Lenaerts of Osage Beach, MO, Christopher Sanders of Dubuque, and Theresa "Tessa" Sanders of Dickeyville, WI; three grandchildren, Ashlyne, Sidney and Kameron; two brothers, Mike (Nancy) Sanders of Houghton, IA and Ronald Sanders of Mt. Hope, WI; sister-in-law Joan Sanders of East Dubuque; four step-children, Cris Winkler of Cuba City, WI, Dan (Mysol) Ames of Middleton, WI, Todd Ames of Charlotte, NC, and Lisa (J.T.) Moore of Catoosa, Oklahoma; 11 Step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Otila, a brother James Sanders and a sister-in-law Betty Sanders.

In lieu of flowers and gifts, a Daniel J. Sanders memorial fund has been established.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.millerfhed.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

Pen City 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. Reposting of obituaries due to changes can only be requested by the submitting funeral home and will be assessed a \$15 reposting fee.

WEST POINT SWEET CORN FESTIVAL *Princess Contest 2021*

WHO: Girls 4-8 years old

WHEN: Money jars may be put out at any time
(will be picked up August 7th)

Crowning is Thursday, August 12th, 2021

WHAT: Participants will put out a money jar, preferably a large coffee container at a location (restaurant, gas station, office, etc.) The participant with the most money raised will be crowned the 2021 West Point Sweet Festival Princess! Participants are required to place the jar at the location and the SCF committee will pick them up on August 7th. Please include child's name, West Point Sweet Corn Festival Princess Contest, and any other information you are comfortable with on their decorated jar.

PRIZES: The winner will receive a crown, sash, and the free ride tickets. They are also invited to ride on the float with the Queen in the parade on Sunday of the festival.

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ANNA M. UNDERWOOD

Anna Marie Underwood, 94 years, formerly of Fort Madison, Iowa died Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She was born February 22, 1927, a daughter of Dale and Elizabeth (Pollmiller) Gardner. On February 5, 1955, she married Charles Edward Underwood in Fort Madison, Iowa. He preceded her in death on January 13, 2015.



UNDERWOOD

Anna Marie was a mother and homemaker. She raised six children. Later she worked at Blue Bell Day Care. She was a member of Holy Family Parish and Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

She is survived by two sons, Mark Underwood of Nevada, Iowa and Edward (Ginny) Underwood of Winfield, Illinois; three daughters: Connie Williams of Happy Valley, Oregon; Susan Shultz of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Amy Saldeen (Don Gore) of Tulsa, Oklahoma; six grandchildren: Erica (Roger) Bly; Elizabeth (Andrew) Koshatka; Briana Clark; Nathan Underwood, Logan Underwood, and Kailey Underwood and seven great grandchildren: Danielle, William, John, Madelyn, Alexander, Nathan, and James. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one son Michael Underwood, and one brother James Gardner.

Visitation will be from 9:30 - 10:30 am Monday, June 28, 2021 at Ss. Mary & Joseph Catholic Church, Holy Family Parish, Fort Madison, Iowa. Mass of Christian Burial will follow and begin at 10:30 am Monday, June 28, 2021 with Reverend Joseph Phung as Celebrant. Burial will be at Soldiers Circle, Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison. A memorial has been established, contributions may be left at the church or at Barr Memorial Chapel. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Underwood Family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.



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Area News/From the Front

Reservations made for next year's trip west

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80's in the day. Perfect weather, actually. Cell phone service is almost non-existent, and the highways are full of RV's and camper-trailers with people itchy to get out and about after being cooped up during the pandemic. This is sort of weird: there are businesses, also because of the pandemic, that won't take cash. It's the reverse of a few years ago when some businesses wouldn't take credit cards. You have to go with the flow.

What's Yellowstone without a trip to see Old Faithful? (The geezers seeing the geysers?) One of the newspapers I write for, the Stronghurst, IL, Quill, has a penchant for people taking the Quill to famous places and having their picture taken. One person actually took the Quill to the North Pole for a picture. Seriously. Well, we did it, too. Voila. The Quill has been to Yellowstone National Park and Old Faithful.

One particular oddity: I get up early, and I mean real early, like 1:00 a.m., to do my writing, reading and praying. I keep this routine up even on vacation. However, because of lack of cellphone service, I was forced to drive down by Jackson Lake early in the morning, where I could get a signal. While sitting there in the dark, I kept hearing what I knew to be mouse noise in the trash sack in the back seat of our car. It was quite annoying and serenity disturbing. I figured it was an Iowa mouse that had traveled with us to Yellowstone. When I got back to our cabin, I

emptied the trash and set a mousetrap. (Back in Iowa I've had quite a problem with mice in my car, so had a trap ready.) When we came back out of the cabin later in the morning, sure enough, I had caught that mouse. Only it wasn't an Iowa mouse. This one was tan with a white chest and tummy—100% Wyoming! I don't know why or how, but no matter what state I'm in, the mice seem to know how to get into my car. Grrr again.

But the mouse was soon forgotten when we visited Lewis Lake Falls and then Fishing Bridge to watch cut-throat trout spawn.

There was also horseback riding (last horse is bear bait!). Ginnie rode Frankenstein and I rode Doc Holiday. Doc liked to crowd to the head of the line, while Frankenstein was a middle of the pack kind-of-guy. I asked our guide if he had a side arm in his saddlebags. "Liberals don't like it," he said. "They'd rather be eaten."

The wildlife tour was something else. We had to meet-up at 3:30 a.m., which is real hard on Ginnie, but late for me. We headed for the Lamar Valley Ranch east of Mammoth Springs. Lamar Valley boasts the largest population of large wild animals in the United States. On our tour we saw and photographed a bear with cubs, elk, bison, deer, moose, pronghorns, golden eagles, osprey, mountain goats, pikas and, are you ready for this?—wolves in the wild feeding on a bison carcass. Yes! I never once thought in my wildest dreams that I would have the opportunity to photograph wolves in the wild. But there they were, about

half a mile away. With telescopes and zoom lenses we were able to see and get some pretty good pictures.

Not only that, but Rick McIntyre, a world famous Park Ranger, was there to give a personal history of the reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone. His soft spoken manner and laid back demeanor was refreshing. Wow! What a treat: wolves plus Rick McIntyre.

On our last day of vacation we drove into Grand Teton National Park. My wife, since her name is Ginnie, wanted to see Jenny Lake. While there we drove up to the top of Signal Mountain. What a sight! Then it was off to the Chapel of The Transfiguration, a memorial to when three Disciples witnessed Jesus conversing with Moses and Elijah, then Jesus turning a dazzling white. I got down on my knees and thanked God for a great vacation and asked for a safe return home.

So, it all had to come to an end. On our way home we stopped in Ft. Collins, Colorado to see an old friend of Ginnie's, which was a pleasant way to wind up a vacation. Stimulating conversation and good food (homemade hummus) made us want to stay there longer, also.

Yellowstone is a memory now, but we've already made cabin reservations for a return visit next year. It takes a lifetime, I'm told, to see all of Yellowstone.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, find him on Facebook, email him at curtswarm@yahoo.com, or visit his website at www.empty-nest-words-photos-and-frames.com.

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Nauvoo police find wanted man

BY PCC STAFF

NAUVOO – The Nauvoo Police Department arrested an Illinois man wanted for allegedly failing to register as a sex offender.

The Lee County Sheriff's Department has posted on social media it was looking for assistance in locating the man earlier this week.

Nauvoo Police Department Chief of Police Mike Boley reported the arrest of Charles W. Hanley, 30, of Nauvoo, on Thursday.

Hanley's arrest comes as a result of an investigation by the Nauvoo Police Department into a Child Sex Offender, with mandatory lifetime registration, unlawfully residing in Nauvoo.

Hanley is currently charged in Hancock County with one count of violating the Duty to Register as a sex offender, a Class 3 Felony.

Hanley is also charged in Lee County Iowa with Failure to Register as a Sex Offender, 2nd or Subsequent Offense.

Hanley is being held in the Hancock County, Illinois Jail awaiting his initial court appearance for the Illinois charges, and also on a \$5,000 cash only bond for the Lee County Iowa warrant.

Hanley is considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

From the Front

Good shoes keep you going

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athletic shoes I've ever had.

A good shoe is like a good friend. Right there with ya when the going is a little tough. The better the fit, the easier the going, and you don't even really notice how good they are until the hard part's over.

I have a friend like that. I'm going to see him and his family in a few weeks. We'll play some golf and catch up. We're going into Milwaukee for a Saturday Reds/Brewers game. Some of you reading this know this guy from Fort Madison High School.

He used to work for me when I ran the KFC in the early 2000s. He was one of Allen Chapman's right hand guys during dinner theater. He used to play a pretty decent hand of Euchre. I'm sure I would own him in a best 2 of 3 husband/wife square off.

Noah Jenkins dropped everything and ran to my side when we lost Kelsey 16 months ago. He hardly said a word, just quietly doing what a friend does at those times. Support. A perfect fit at a time when things are going to be a bit rough.

I dragged him around to Iowa City to help pack things up and then bring them home. I dragged him to meet with close and extended family. Some he knew, some he didn't. yet he sat next to me and listened to the conversations. I could tell he wasn't really listening to them, but watching me without looking, for any sign of a crack in the facade.

His children mean more to me now. They were always a fun part of visits. We would chase each other around the outside of his house playing hide and seek. I consider his family mine and the visit in two weeks will be a bit more emotional. I haven't seen his wife and son and daughter in about three years, but I look forward to that time.

I don't waste much time getting comfortable with the kids. My role is to make them laugh as much as

possible in the short time I'm with them. If that doesn't work, I'm not above buying their love with some gifts from Uncle Chuck.

But the real gift will be time spent with a dude I consider a brother. Not many get in that inner circle. I have three brothers, but it always seems that guys with close ties to their brothers always have that one friend that becomes an honorary one.

The strange thing is that we're about 18 years apart in age. Trust me when I say that equates just as much to my immaturity as it does to his maturity. And he's smiling at that comment right now. He likes it when I bring my "A" game to our outings. Trying to make people laugh on the fly is part of my modus operandi - As Eminem spits, "When it's good it's great, but when it's bad it's awful."

We are who we are. We grow roots with the people we come to love and those roots are what keep us standing in the storm.

But our shoes are what keep us running.

And this is one run to Wisconsin I'm eager to make. Whether it's in the new Brooks or old Nikes, the real support is waiting there.

Oh, and just in case you're not aware, I'm a pie guy and I've been tinkering with the perfect pie for a couple years now. Last week, and again Saturday, my wife threw some strawberries in a store pie crust, boils some gelatin and pudding together on the stove, let's it sit for a few minutes and then dumps it over the damn berries. Twenty minutes you've got a perfectly congealed pie filling that looks and smells like you got it at a bakery.

Whatever...show-off. But that's Beside the Point.

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Lee County close to filling staff for EMS

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board at the North Lee County location.

Harlow said at a previous meeting that gun violence is still prevalent in the country and he thought it was not as safe for supervisors to meet in Fort Madison, and the sheriff's office in Montrose was a safer location.

However, members of the public who want to attend the meetings at the sheriff's office have to be buzzed into back office space to attend the meetings if they show up after the meeting starts.

Other supervisors have pointed to the added armed security at the North Lee County office building where a full-time security officer checks everyone entering the building before they reach county service counters. However, checks aren't made on those who enter the supervisors meeting room.

In other action:

- supervisors will be considering the hiring of the final EMT for the new ambulance service that officially begins service on June 30.

- consider replacing a records clerk in the Treasurer's office.

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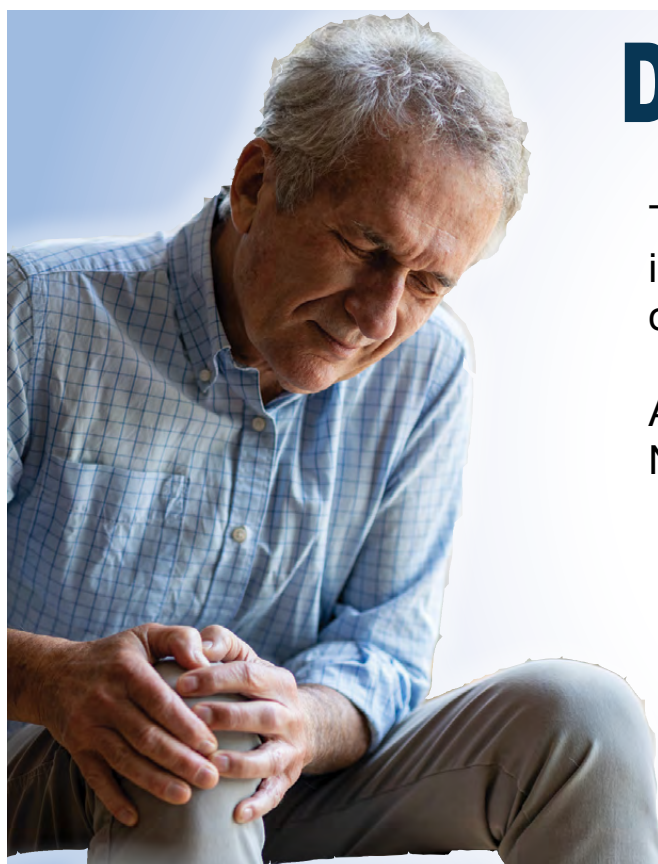
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Board of Supervisors
Agenda

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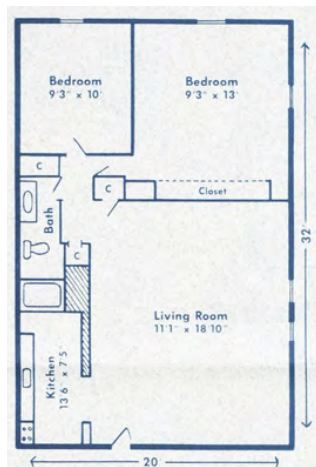
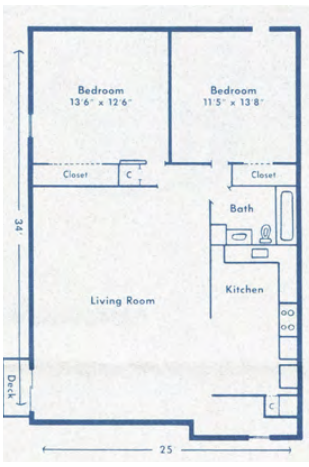
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Sports

Whaley's two homers not enough for Lady Hounds

BY PCC STAFF

MARION – Fort Madison had a 6-0 lead going into the bottom of the third against host Linn-Mar on Friday, but ended up dropping a heartbreaker on the final play.

Playing in the Linn-Mar/Alburnette tourney on Friday, the Hounds got home runs from freshman Lexi Whaley, a solo in the second, and a three-run liner to left in the third that gave Fort Madison the 6-0 lead, only to have that lead washed away for a 7-6 loss.

Linn-Mar would get one run in the bottom half of the third on a bases-loaded wild pitch. Bloodhound hurler Neeley Rehm would get out of the inning on the next two hitters, but the Lions would get to Rehm in the fifth for five runs all with no outs before a rain delay settled things down. Out of the delay Rehm would get the Lions 1-2-3, to end the inning, but not before a sac fly drove in the fifth run to tie things up at 6.

The seventh inning started with runners at 2nd base for both teams in the tournament play rules.

Emily Steffensmeier was placed at 2nd for Fort Madison in the top half. Rehm would then single to short center holding Steffensmeier at the bag. Logan Johnson then grounded to third to force Steffensmeier. Courtesy runner Aija Jenkins moved to second and Johnson reached on the fielder's choice.

Erika Kruse then grounded out back to the pitcher to end the threat leaving two stranded.

Kaylece Morgan was placed at 2nd for the Lions in the bottom half, and then a dropped third strike allowed her to advance. The throw down from Whaley to first got away allowing Morgan to come all the way around for the game-winning run.

The Lions moved to 21-7 with the win. Fort Madison fell to 6-14 with the loss. The second game of the night with Center Point was called in the first inning due to rain.

Whaley went 2-for-3 with the two homers and had 4 RBI and two runs scored. Kylee Cashman also had two hits and the other RBI for Fort Madison.

Rehm gave up six runs all earned on seven hits, while fanning four and walking six in the loss.

The Hounds (6-14, 3-7) are scheduled to take on Fairfield in a Southeast Conference doubleheader in Fort Madison Monday night.



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