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## Hawks unveil new facility



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Central Lee has opened a new weight room for the athletic department at the High School. The \$60,000 new facility is a combination of two previous rooms combined into one and has cardio equipment, video displays, and an office for AD Jerry Ireland. The school is in the midst of a \$13 million renovation.

### ILLINOIS NEWS

## Pontoosuc man arrested for firing gun in DC street

BY PCC STAFF

DALLAS CITY – Hancock County Sheriff, Scott Bentzinger, reports the arrest of Shawn L. DeHaven, age 49 of Pontoosuc, Illinois, for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon and Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm.

On Monday at about 12:30 a.m., a call was received at the Hancock County Sheriff's Office reporting a man with a gun in the middle of the street near the Circle K in Dallas City. Law enforcement arrived on scene and observed the man, Shawn DeHaven, allegedly holding the handgun and firing it while standing in the street. DeHaven and a female, Tammy Gittings, then entered Gittings residence.

A short time later, DeHaven and Gittings exited the residence and DeHaven was taken into custody without incident.

A search warrant was executed at the Gittings residence and the firearm was recovered. DeHaven is lodged in the Hancock County Jail awaiting his first appearance in court.

According to Bentzinger, DeHaven was just been released from jail on Monday, after pleading guilty to Aggravated Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Police Officer and after posting bond on an Iowa warrant.

DeHaven had been in jail on charges of fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, possession of methamphetamine and driving while license revoked since September 13. DeHaven currently has outstanding Iowa warrants.

The Dallas City Police Dept., Illinois State Police, Henderson County Sheriff's Office, Hancock County State's Attorney Office and Hancock County Sheriff's Office worked together to bring this incident to a peaceful ending. The Nauvoo Ambulance also assisted.

All subjects are to be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

## More details released in Wednesday ice rescue

**WHY ON SLOUGH:** Officials think man may have been gotten disoriented in mishap

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – More details were released this morning following a daring rescue of a man who had been partially submerged in a slough in southwest Fort Madison.

According to a press release issued this morning, the man, who has not been identified at this point, had been in the water for approximately an hour before he was able to make verbal contact with someone on the shore, and had been yelling for help.

Fire Chief Joey Herren said the man may have been experiencing some mental issues and got disoriented in the dark. Fort Madison Police Chief Mark Rohloff concurred saying family may have been concerned about his where-

abouts.

The vehicle was approximately 600 feet from any viable rescue location, in the middle of the slough, and firefighters had to use GPS location to find the safest place to launch a rescue operation.

After traveling down a railroad access road south of 33rd Street about a mile, firefighters Justin Cain and Alex Meierotto donned water gear and began walking with a sled and a rope secured at the shore, toward the vehicle.

About 100 feet from the vehicle, the ice broke, but Cain continued toward the vehicle in the water, while Meierotto staged at the point of the break. Cain found one person conscious in the back seat of the truck and was able to get a harness around him and extract him.

While transferring the man to the ice

sled, the victim slipped under the water and Cain entered the water to pull him back up onto the sled. Meierotto moved through the water to assist at that point and the two were able to get the man on the sled and pushed him to safety, while firefighters on shore pulled from their side.

There has been no update on the man's condition, and due to federal HIPAA guidelines that information may not be made available at this time.

He was taken to the Fort Madison Community Hospital by way of Lee County EMS. Fort Madison Police, Lee County Sheriff's deputies also assisted with the rescue.

Fire officials said that despite the frigid temperatures are ice thickness on county waterways varies regularly and present dangerous conditions.

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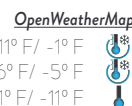
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### WEATHER

**FRI 12 Feb**.....Frigid with Light Snow, 11° F/ -1° F  
**SAT 13 Feb**.....Frigid with Light Snow, 6° F/ -5° F  
**SUN 14 Feb**.....Frigid, 1° F/ -11° F



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## For the Record/Scene Around the Area

### For the Record

#### Fort Madison Police Report

02/10/21 – 8:53 a.m.  
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2000 block of the Avenue H.  
 02/10/21 – 10:05 a.m.  
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 1200 block of Avenue F.  
 02/10/21 – 11:25 a.m.  
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1500 block of Avenue B.  
 02/10/21 – 6:03 p.m.  
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 300

block of 22nd Street.

#### Lee County Sheriff's Report

02/10/21 – 2:46 p.m.-  
 Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kurstin Joan Malone, 29, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for probation violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on bond.  
 02/10/21 – 3:37 p.m.  
 – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Shawn Lee Cockrell, 54, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a warrants for judgment holds.  
 02/11/21 – 1:10 a.m.  
 – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Nicholas Ryan Queen,

42, of Burlington, at the Des Moines County Jail on warrants for failure to appear and probation violation.

*Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

#### Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

02/08/21 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to a five mdcial calls,  
 02/09/21 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical calls, and one sprinkler head break.  
 02/10/21 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to a one car accident, an ice rescue, two medical calls, and one assist.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Central Lee Superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier gets his COVID-19 vaccine on Thursday from a staffer at the Lee County Health Department. The LCHD has been working through Tier 1 of Phase 1B of the state's rollout schedule. The county slipped into single digits for a 7-day positivity rate at 9.6%. Seven new cases were reported in the 24-hour period ending Thursday at 3 p.m. The county will go back to vaccinating off the 65 and over list next week.

### State jobless rate back on the rise

DES MOINES - The number of initial unemployment claims in Iowa, filed between Sunday, Jan. 31, and Saturday, Feb. 6, was 6,173, an increase of 395 from last week's adjusted numbers. There were 5,594 initial claims by individuals who work and live in Iowa, and 579 claims by individuals who work in Iowa and live in another state. The number of continuing weekly unemployment claims was 48,701, an increase of 2,898 from the previous week. November through February are typically the months IWD sees the most unemployment claims, driven by increased claims in construction, agriculture, landscaping and manufacturing due to seasonal layoffs. For the week ending Feb. 6, 2021, nearly 67.5% of claimants indicated their claims were not COVID-19 related, which is an increase from 63.5% the previous week.

The U.S. Department of Labor adjusted last week's initial claim number to 5,778 (a decrease of 160) and continuing claims to 45,803 (a decrease of 905 for a total decrease of 1,065 overall). 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.



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## Obituaries/Iowa News

# Gov. Reynolds rolls out new manufacturing initiative

DES MOINES - Gov. Kim Reynolds, along with the Iowa Economic Development Authority and the Iowa Innovation Council, today announced the state's Manufacturing 4.0 plan, a roadmap to help Iowa manufacturers remain globally competitive through a fourth industrial revolution that emphasizes automation and smart technology.

"The state's Manufacturing 4.0 plan recognizes that Iowa's manufacturing sector supplies global markets with everything from food products to aerospace electronics," said Gov. Kim Reynolds. "To maintain our leadership role, Iowa businesses are already thinking outside the box to adapt to the ever-changing demands of the 21st century economy. This roadmap will outline new strategies to support their efforts and ensure Iowa's future prosperity is widespread, reaching all people in all parts of Iowa."

The fourth industrial revolution, or Industry 4.0, includes the Internet of Things, additive manufacturing, advanced robotics, augmented reality, cybersecurity and more. These digital technologies may not replace jobs, but they will transform how work is performed, including how products are designed, fabricated, consumed, and serviced.

The IEDA formed an industry-led Manufacturing 4.0 initiative in 2020 with the goal of creating a strategic plan to take on the Industry 4.0 challenges of adopting technology, increasing productivity, competing for talent and ongoing globalization.

"Manufacturers are embracing industrial automation, and yet this transition represents a significant challenge, especially for small- to medium-sized manufacturers who must make expensive purchases, integrate technology into their operations and retrain workers," said Hank Norem, president and CEO of Ramco Innovations and co-chair of the IIC's Advanced Manufacturing Work Group. "The strategies outlined in the Manufacturing 4.0 plan will support manufacturers through this critical transition."

The IIC is an advisory group made up of state business leaders who work with representatives from Iowa's community colleges, universities and government to advise IEDA on programs to support commercialization and entrepreneurship. The IIC's Advanced Manufacturing Work Group led the Manufacturing 4.0 initiative with support from TEconomy Partners, manufacturing leaders across the state and IEDA.

"Iowa has honored its legacy in manufacturing by recognizing the need for state and industry leaders to work together to ensure our state remains competitive in this critical industry," said Kevin Gaul, director of operations for Pella Corp. and co-chair of the IIC's Advanced Manufacturing Work Group. "Public-private partnerships like the Manufacturing 4.0 initiative fuel innovation and ensure success for generations to come."

### OBITUARIES

## ROSEMARY L. BOYER

Rosemary Louise Boyer, 87, of Franklin, Iowa, passed away at 7:00 a.m. Thursday, February 11, 2021 at the Kensington in Fort Madison, Iowa.

She was born on March 3, 1933, in Donnellson, Iowa, the daughter of Fred and Mary (Lake) Kramer. On November 13, 1954 she married Robert Glenn Boyer at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point, Iowa. He preceded her in death on December 27, 1999.



BOYER

She is survived by three sons: Richard Lee (Lori) Boyer of Argyle, Iowa, Gregory Dee of Farmington, Iowa and Eric Jon (Amy) of Franklin, Iowa; two daughters: Debra Ann (Kenneth) Martinson of Franklin, Iowa and Brenda Sue Boyer (Jim Kempker) of Fort Madison, Iowa; nine grandchildren; seventeen great grandchildren; one sister: Marcella (Erwin) Rippenkroeger of Fort Madison, Iowa; one sister-in-law: Lorinne Boyer of the Kensington and one brother-in-law: Dale (Sadie) Boyer of Virginia. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sons: Douglas and Christopher Boyer; one grandson: Levi Martinson; one daughter-in-law: Rita Boyer; three brothers and five sisters.

Rosie was a graduate of Donnellson High School. She worked for Sheaffer Pen in Fort Madison. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Point and the Altar and Rosary Society of the church. She loved her flowers and enjoyed traveling and going out to eat.

Friends may call between 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. Sunday, February 14, 2021, at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point.

A Private Family Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, February 15, 2021, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Point with Father Dennis Hoffman as celebrant. Mass will be lived streamed on the church Facebook page and posted on her obituary Tribute Wall on our website following the service at: [www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com).

Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in West Point.

A memorial has been established in her memory for Calvary Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com). Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements.

#### 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.

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# Sports

## PCC SPORTS ROUND-UP

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### Four qualify for youth state wrestling meet

LEE COUNTY – Four area youth wrestlers qualified for the state wrestling tournament set for Feb. 26th and 27th at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines.

In the 5th and 6th grade division. Wyatt Day took first place in the qualifying event and Beau Wagner took 4th, both advancing to Des Moines. James Fuller and Ren Watson just missed qualifying with 5th place finishes.

In the 7th and 8th grade division. Logan Pennock took first place and Gavyn Siemens earned 3rd to qualify for state. Gavin Callahan placed fifth and Aaron Warner also competed.



### Hawk 8th grade boys fall

WEST BURLINGTON – Central Lee’s 8th grade boys team lost 32-17 Tuesday night at West Burlington

Chase Johnson had 15 in the loss. Hunter Edlin had the other two points.

The boys are home Friday against Cardinal and Tuesday, Feb. 16th against Danville.

In the 7th grade game, Central Lee (5-2) won 33-32 in a squeaker. Owen Swan had 14 points and a couple assists, while Will Hayes had seven points and eight boards for the Hawks. Brant Kraciun had six points, while Ward Fraise, Caleb Larson and Colton Taft each scored two points on the night.

### HTC boys sweep Van Buren County

HARMONY – Luke Hellige had 13 points as the Holy Trinity 8th graders downed Harmony 27-22 Tuesday night. HTC had four point lead in the first wiped out and were tied at 10 at halftime. Hellige had 11 of his points in the second half as the Crusaders pulled away. Adam Sobczak had eight, Brayton Schneider scored four and Tate Green had a bucket for HTC.

Isaac Loeffler had 14 for Van Buren.

In the 7th grade game, the Crusaders won 26-13. Layne Rung had 16 in the win. Jameson Denning had eight points and Nathan Box had a bucket for Holy Trinity.

## HTC girls end year with loss at WMU

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP  
PCC SPORTS

WINFIELD — The Holy Trinity girls basketball season ended on Thursday night, but not before the Crusaders threw a scare into one of the top teams in Class 1A.

Holy Trinity stayed within striking distance of No. 9 Winfield-Mount Union all night before the Lady Wolves took a 53-42 win in a 1A regional first-round game.

Winfield-Mount Union (17-0) will play Calamus-Wheatland on Tuesday night in the quarterfinals.

Holy Trinity finished with a 5-17 record, but the building blocks to the Crusaders’ future played key roles in the final game.

Freshman Natalie Randolph led the Crusaders with 13 points. Sophomore Brooke Mueller had 12. Freshman Mary Kate Bendlage had eight points.

Four of the five players who started this game will be back next season. The Crusaders lose seniors Bailey Hellweg, Maria Rauenbuehler and Ali Robu.

“I’m so excited about the future,” Johnson said. “I love the seniors this year, I hate to always see seniors go. But you look out on the floor and you’ve got two or three sophomores out there, and three freshmen.”

The Crusaders never let the Lady Wolves get away. They trailed 10-7 at the end of the first quarter and 26-21 at halftime, the last points coming when Hellweg’s desperation 3-pointer as the clock was winding down was ruled good because of goaltending when a W-MU player pulled on the net.

Winfield-Mount Union had a 15-4 run to start the third quarter, but the Crusaders closed the quarter with an 8-2 run.

“The effort was there on both ends of the court,” Johnson said. “We just missed a few rebounds here and there, and that was the difference in the game, in my opinion.

“We were in the game the whole night. But, offensively, it was a struggle all year. We would have spurts where the offense ran great, and there were spurts when we couldn’t get out of our own way.

It wasn’t for a lack of effort.”

Farrah Nelson led Winfield-Mount Union with 14 points. Kyndal Townsley had 12.

The Crusaders won back-to-back games twice this season, but also had losing streaks of eight and seven games.

“There were some games where we took it, some games where we were right in there with some pretty good teams,” Johnson said. “But we’ve just got to find a balance. We’ve got to play the same for a whole game. We would just go on scoring droughts. We’ll go 3-4 minutes without getting a basket. We’ll play great defense, hold them to one shot, and then can’t do anything on the other end.”

The key will be if the Crusaders can work during the summer, something they couldn’t do last summer because of COVID-19 restrictions.

“I told the girls, if we put some work in this summer, we’ll be way better,” Johnson said. “We’ll take a huge leap.

“The young ones really came a long way this year. The underclassmen, we’ve got something. We’ll get there.”

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6:30 p.m. In addition to Mayor Walker, the following indicated Council Members were present: Joe Loving; Brian Meierotto; Will Stuekerjungen; Dan Waters; and, Bruce Wellman. Absent: None. Tentative agenda was approved by consensus. On motion opened public hearing on maximum property tax levy for FYE22. On motion closed public hearing on maximum property tax levy for FYE22. On motion adopted Resolution No. 802-21 approving FYE22 maximum property tax dollars levy. Upon invitation, Mike Norris representing SEIRPC presented Mayor Walker with the Leland McCosh Memorial Award. Upon invitation Street Superintendent Flavian Boeding presented the Public Works report. Upon

invitation Police Chief Brad Roberts presented the Police Department report. Mayor reported on the following: meeting date and time for meetings of Library Board; the upcoming Municipal Utility Board; and, next regular Council Meeting on March 8, 2021. Upon invitation Dennis McGregor presented the City Administrator's report. Upon invitation Councilor Loving reported discussions with various groups continue regarding a bike path at South Park. On motion set notice of public hearing on budget amendment for FYE21 for March 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. and for publication of notice in the Daily Democrat. On motion set notice of public hearing for proposed budget estimate for FYE22 for March 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. and for publi-

cation of notice in the Daily Democrat. On motion approved urban revitalization tax exemption for Bernie and Ann Abolt at 102 Avenue D. On motion adopted Resolution No. 803-21 authorizing property owners outside city limits to connect to the sewer system. On motion adopted Resolution No. 804-21 amending investment policy. On motion approved liquor license application for TurnBOWL with outside service. On motion minutes of prior regular Council Meeting of January 11, 2021 were approved as presented. On motion Treasurer's Report for January 2021 was approved as presented. On motion warrants payable for February 2021 were approved as presented. On motion meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m., February 8, 2021.

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 City of Mediapolis, dues ..... 10.00  
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 Delta Dental, premiums ..... 101.02  
 Demco Inc, supplies ..... 185.97  
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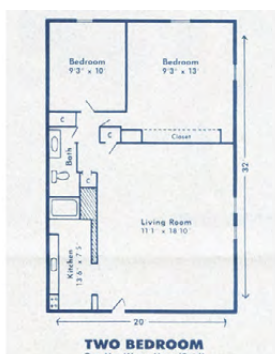
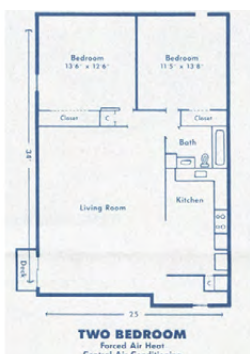
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Scene Around the Area/Business News

# Scooters to hold grand opening Friday in FM

FORT MADISON – Scooter’s Coffee, best known for its convenient drive-thru specialty coffee and baked-from-scratch pastries, added a new location at 1804 Avenue H in Fort Madison, Iowa. To celebrate, the drive-thru coffee location will be hosting a Grand Opening on Friday, February 12, where customers can earn 50 bonus Smiles when they pay the Scooter’s mobile app.

With the app, customers earn 3 “Smiles” for every dollar spent, and once they reach 180 Smiles, they earn a free drink. All customers start in the Scooter Doodle status level, with perks that include a free drink on their birthday and surprise rewards, exclusive to the mobile app only. After earning 500 Smiles, customers move into the Caramelicious® status level with additional perks.

To pay with the app, customers simply need to link a credit card and tap “Pay in Stores” from the home screen. Then, if they choose to tip, they can select a custom amount or percentage prior to scanning their app. Customers also have the option to pay with cash or a gift card and still earn loyalty through the app by using the “Scan to Earn Loyalty” Only QR code.

The drive-thru location is owned by Jeremy Music. Music also recently opened a new Scooter’s location in the neighboring city of Keokuk.

Scooter’s Coffee is a drive-thru franchise that has been serving world-class coffee for more than 20 years and has over 300 locations in 20 states across the nation. With commitments to build new stores in 24 states, the company plans to open many additional locations in 2021. Its signature drink is the Caramelicious™, and the menu features an array of specialty espresso beverages, single-origin coffee, fruit smoothies, Red Bull Infusions, Cold Brew, baked-from-scratch pastries, and savory breakfast options. Scooter’s also recently released

its first-ever ready-to-drink canned flavored lattes!

Connect with Scooter’s Coffee via Facebook, Instagram or Twitter and share your favorite moments by tagging @scooterscoffee using the hashtag #BeAmazing.



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Mike Norris, Executive Director of the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission presents West Point Mayor Paul Walker with the Leland McCosh Memorial Award for 27 years as West Point’s Mayor Monday night.



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