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Another empty home burns



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A Fort Madison firefighter is silhouetted against the orange blaze of flames from a home in the 900 block of 15th Street early Thursday morning. No one was injured in the blaze.

EARLY MORNING FIRE: Firefighters battle fully engulfed structure fire at 3:15 a.m.

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – Another abandoned home has been destroyed by fire in Fort Madison.

Fort Madison firefighters were called to the scene of the structure fully engulfed in flames at about 3:10 a.m. Thursday morning. Fort Madison firefighters and city workers were on the scene for several hours and the home was considered a loss.

The cause of the fire is remains under investigation. Fire Chief Joey Herron was unavailable for comment on the fire. It's the latest in a string of homes in the city that have been abandoned and have caught fire.

The home was sold in March by Paul Peterson to Mehrdad Tabatabaian for \$7,500, according to the Lee County Recorder's office listings. The home had changed ownership five times in the last six years.

CARES MONEY

Reynolds puts half a billion in unemployment trust fund

Move keeps employers in favorable tax table going into 2021

DES MOINES - Today, Gov. Kim Reynolds announced she has directed \$490 million of the \$1.25 billion in Coronavirus relief funds Iowa was provided through the CARES Act, to be deposited into Iowa's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. The deposit will ensure that eligible Iowans continue to receive unemployment insurance benefits, and will also enable Iowa employers to remain in Tax Table 7 for 2021.



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"As we move forward with recovery, I want to minimize the pandemic's impact on employers so they can focus on growing and reinvesting in Iowa," said Gov. Reynolds. "Iowa's employers continue to do an outstanding job during these unprecedented times and today's action will provide them greater certainty. This move also ensures that our trust fund remains healthy and in a position to weather any storm, including COVID-19."

"From the beginning of the pandemic, Iowa has not been charging employers with claims made by laid off employees to ensure employers would not see their tax rates go up because of these claims," Iowa Workforce Development Director Beth Townsend added "Keeping employers in Tax Table 7, saves them over \$400 million in unemployment taxes."

For more information about the Iowa Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, please review <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/2019-status-report-iowa-unemployment-compensation-trust-fund>

DRUG BUST

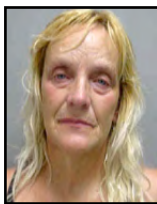
Task Force arrests Montrose couple on meth charges

MONTROSE – The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of a Montrose man and woman on Felony and Misdemeanor charges.

William Winn, 54, and Lisa Cloyed, 57, both of Montrose, Iowa were arrested on July 1st, 2020 in the 2600 Block Hwy 61 in Montrose, Iowa. Winn and Cloyed were both charged with Felony Possession of Metham-



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phetamine a Class D Felony and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia a Simple Misdemeanor. The arrest of Winn and Cloyed stems from Federal Probation and

Parole conducting a home visit on Winn at which time they located methamphetamine in Winn's possession and contacted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force to further the investigation.

The Federal Probation and Parole, Lee County Sheriff's Office, and The Lee County Attorney's Office, assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation.

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Rainy weather's mucked up local fishing holes

DES MOINES – The following is the weekly fishing report from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for the six days beginning July 2.

Big Hollow Lake

Lots and lots of rain this week made the water muddy. Not many anglers out on the lake. Largemouth Bass – Slow: Unstable weather with summer heat shuts the bass down until it evens out some. Bluegill – Fair: Most bluegills have moved off the beds and are out in 6 to 8 feet of water.

Iowa River (Columbus Junction to Mississippi River)

The Iowa River is dropping pretty fast, but isn't forecast to be below minor flood stage until the middle of next week.

Lake Belva Deer

Water temperature is 79-80 degrees. Water is green from planktonic algae bloom. Curlyleaf pondweeds have died off. Largemouth Bass – Fair: Summer patterns have set up. Try early or late in the shallows; most of the day they are out in deeper water. Bluegill – Fair: Move out to the deeper water (16 to 18 feet) out around the trees. Black Crappie – Fair: Slow trolling at the lower end of the lake early in the morning or late evening as the sun goes down.

Lake Darling

Heavy rains last weekend made the lake high and muddy. Water level has gone back down; the water is trying to clear. Water temperature is 80 degrees. Largemouth Bass – Slow: Muddy water will slow down the sight feeding fish. Bluegill – Fair: You

can still catch bluegills on worm and bobber; most have moved out to 5 to 7 feet of water. Channel Catfish – Good: When it rains, head for the wiers in the in-lake silt dams; catfish wait just off the sides for food to come through on the current. Black Crappie – Slow: Anglers are picking up a few crappies slowly drift trolling in 10 to 12 feet of water; bite will improve as the water clears.

Lost Grove Lake

Water temperatures are around 80 degrees. Water clarity is still good with a little green color; weed beds are dying back. Largemouth Bass – Fair: Bass fishing has slowed a bit; most fish are heading to deeper water for the summer. Bluegill – Good: A majority of the bluegills have moved off into 10-15 feet of water. Try small jigs tipped with waxworms or red wigglers. Some bluegills have finished spawning; find them in the flooded timber out in deeper water.

Skunk River (Rose Hill to Coppock)

The water level in the Skunk River dropped this week with it returning to just above half-bank full. Channel Catfish – Fair: Bite should pick up as the water level gets more stable. Don't forget to fish under any mulberries that you find hanging over the river.

For more information on the above lakes, call the Lake Darling Fisheries Office at 319-694-2430.

Coralville Reservoir

The lake level crested at 702.4 feet on 7/01 (normal summer pool is 683 feet) and is predicted to start falling. Mehaffey Bridge ramp is the only open ramp.

Diamond Lake

All facilities are open. Black Crappie – Fair: Most fish are 8-12 feet down in deeper water around brush or suspended in open water. Try small jigs for these 8-9 inch fish. Bluegill – Fair: Most fish have moved off the bank after the spawn and are being caught a bit deeper on small jigs or worms. Channel Catfish – Good: Try stinkbait or crawlers. After rain events has been best.

Lake Macbride

The 10 hp outboard maximum limit is in effect. Wiper (Hybrid Striped Bass) – Fair: Look for surface activity towards sunset; try plastics or topwater baits. Wall-eye – Slow: Troll crankbaits and live bait rigs in 7-13 feet of water. Largemouth Bass – Fair: Target shallow cover for post-spawn fish. Bluegill – Fair: Try small jigs or worms in rock islands or rock reefs. Channel Catfish – Fair: Live bait works best. Some fish are spawning around shallow rock.

Otter Creek Lake

Docks are in; the bathroom at the ramp is open. The fish cleaning station is open. Bluegill – Good: Try small jigs or worms around brush piles. Yellow Bass – Good: Use small jigs, spinners or live bait. Channel Catfish – Fair: Look for spawning fish near rocky shores. Black Crappie – Fair: Most fish are small.

Pleasant Creek Lake

Walleye – Slow: Use crawlers or plastics fished towards evening. Bluegill – Fair: Most fish have moved a bit deeper. Try small worms or jigs. Channel Catfish – Fair: Typical baits such as stinkbait or crawlers work well. Some spawning fish are in the shallow rocks. Wiper (Hybrid Striped Bass) – Slow: Target windblown areas or look for surface activity in the evening. Muskellunge – Fair: Cloudy or rainy days have had the fish active.


Sand Lake

This is the quarry on the east side of Marshalltown. Channel Catfish – Good. Wiper (Hybrid Striped Bass) – Fair.

For more information, contact the Lake Macbride Fisheries Station at 319-624-3615.

It Takes a Community


- Wash your hands frequently with soap & water - 20 seconds or more
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Opinion/For the Record

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Councilwoman says everyone has a role to play

Dear Editor:

Fort Madison has a great many things going for it, history being one. Old Fort Madison has suffered greatly during the floods and even vandalism through the years. What can help it recover and attract even more outside guests? Volunteers and local support. Call Dr. Watkins and ask what you can do to help. When family visits from out of town, invite them to tour. Every dollar helps and those can include local dollars.

The Old ISP is not in a position to offer public tours. If an outside investor can be found then that story may change. (I refer interested parties to the Historic Structures Report written by Mead Hunt that describes the facility conditions and investment needed for development.) The City is not in a position to acquire that property or operate it as a tourism draw.

Our streets are slowly being addressed. In a perfect world they could all be done in one season. But that is not practical for construction, transportation or financial sake. However, the City has allocated an additional \$150,000 towards street projects. Not to include the separate funds used for business 61 projects. Things are moving forward. Patience is required.

The FMAAA operates independently of the City control. Many cities across the state have successful art galleries. The FMAAA Board will need to make a decision to either change direction or stay the course.

I caution everyone against rumors. There are no grand conspiratorial 'powers that be' that have decided tourism is not worth the investment. Rather there are are numerous entities that affect the success of our city:

City Council, associated Boards (Parks, Airport, etc), the county, how they spend the tax dollars they collect from our residents, downtown businesses, other groups such as FM Partners, non-profits and Lee County Historical Society play a role in our overall town success. I encourage anyone/everyone to reach out to the City to offer to serve on a board or commission or the Partner's group to volunteer/donate and shop downtown!

The time to wait for others to solve our problems is over. We, as

residents of our community, all need to take pride and help out. If you cannot volunteer city wide, how about cleaning up your city block? Are weeds trimmed? Is garbage picked up? Are trees/shrubs cut back from being overgrown? Every effort makes a difference.

I am always available for discussion, call 371-7753, text, email or through my Facebook page. Reach out.

Let's do this! #fort-madisonstrong

Rebecca Bowker
FM City Council
First Ward

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

06/30/20 – 6:16 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 400 block of 7th Street.

06/30/20 – 5:00 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2400 block of Avenue E.

06/30/20 – 6:32 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 400 block of Avenue H.

06/30/20 – 9:02 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited and released Michelle Lynn Litty, 44, of Fort Madison in the 800 block of Avenue E, on a charge of driving under suspension.

06/30/20 – 9:21 p.m.

– Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1800 block of Avenue J.

06/30/20 – 11:48 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited and

released Andrew Leroy Decker, 57, of Fort Madison, in the 4800 block of Avenue L, on a charge of driving under suspension.

07/01/20 – 5:48 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Joshua Edwin James Hartman, 35, of Fort Madison in the 1400 block of Avenue J, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was released on a promise to appear.

07/01/20 – 10:13 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1200 block of 19th Street.

07/01/20 – 11:54 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue G.

07/01/20 – 10:19 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Christ Othalee Osborn-Bey, 37, of Burlington, in the 700 block of 10th Street on a charge of OWI. He

was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

07/01/20 – 2:26 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Lisa Ann Cloyed, 57, of Fort Madison in the 2600 block of 253rd Street in Montrose, on charges of possession of methamphetamine less than 5 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

06/30/20 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to one false alarm, one assist, three medical calls, and one mutual aid for a vehicle accident.

07/01/20 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls, two burn complaints, and one structure fire.

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Sports

FM girls get pitching gems in doubleheader sweep

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MT. PLEASANT – The Fort Madison Lady Hounds got two sparkling pitching efforts from Neeley Rehm and Lauryn Helmick in a sweep of Mt. Pleasant Thursday night in a game that got moved from Fort Madison to Mt. Pleasant due to field conditions.

In the opener Rehm went all seven innings, giving up just four hits of shutout ball in a 7-0 win. Helmick went the distance in the nightcap, giving up five hits and three runs, all in the third inning, as the Hounds invoked the 10-run rule after five innings with a 13-3 nightcap win.

Fort Madison got on the board quickly in the first game when Ivy Geerdes sacrificed Logan Johnson who reached on an error to open the inning. Dalyn Wondra would ground out to third to end the inning.

Rehm would get the Panthers 1-2-3 in the second. Then with two outs in the bottom of the second, Helmick would single and Emily Steffensmeier would reach on a bobbled grounder at third. Johnson would get hit by a pitch and Kylee Cashman would suffer the same fate, but get an RBI for wearing it as Helmick would be pushed across home.

Then Lexi Whaley ripped a line drive right over the head of pitcher Sydni Coleman who stabbed the drive right out of her follow through to save the inning with the bases loaded.

Rehm would again get the Panthers to go in order. On the second pitch of the inning, Emma Starr hit a grounder that got past McKenna Cashman at first, but Geerdes backing up the play was able to scoop it up and flip it back to Cashman in time for the out.

“I thought the fielding was really good tonight,” Rehm said after the game. “We only had one error and that one ended up in an out at third.”

She said that kind of defense helps her pitching duties.

“I feel like I had more confidence in this game and more confidence this year. I know I didn’t do well last year and I wanted to make a change.”

In the bottom of the third, Fort Madison would put up two more runs on a Rehm single to left that drove in Geerdes and Wondra before Coleman could rein in the inning.

Rehm would give one of her three hits in the fourth, a two-



Lexi Whaley (40) gets mobbed by her teammates after a 3-run bomb put the Hounds up 7-0 in game 1.

out double to Samantha Broeker, but a fly out to center in the next at bat left the Panthers down 4-0. Both teams would go scoreless in the fifth and Rehm would work a three-up, three-down top of the sixth.

The Lady Hounds would get some insurance runs in the bottom of the sixth with Johnson and Cashman both reaching on singles. Whaley would then deposit the first offering from Coleman in the trees in left field for a three-run home run, her sixth on the year, for a 7-0 lead that would hold up.

Rehm would give up a single to start the seventh, but then settled in to get the next three hitters and the win.

Jared Rehm said he was pleased with the defensive effort of the Hounds.

“We kinda gave up a bunch of errors in the first game at



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison’s Neeley Rehm lets go with a pitch in the seventh inning of Thursday’s opening game win in Mt. Pleasant.

Fairfield and that put us behind. Then it boiled over in to the second game. So I’m happy with the way we played defensively,” he said.

Rehm moved to 5-3 on the year with the win.

“Obviously having that kind of defense at her back helps her a ton, because the more we give up, the more she has to throw,” he said.

Rehm, Cashman, and Whaley all had multiple hits in the opener. Johnson, Helmick, Maycee Featheringill, Geerdes, and Wondra each had a hit as well. Whaley led the Hounds with 3 RBI.

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Sports

Hounds can't get by distractions in losses at MP

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MT. PLEASANT – There were fireworks of sorts at the MapleLeaf Complex on Thursday night. Bang-bangs were going off outside in the neighborhoods and inside on the Mt. Pleasant Panthers' baseball diamond.

About a dozen challenged rulings, argued calls, and bang-bang plays on the base paths highlighted a 4-1, 8-5 sweep of the Fort Madison Bloodhounds by the Panthers leaving the Hounds now in a dog fight for the Southeast Iowa Conference title.

With just two more games left for the Hounds in conference play, a double header with Burlington at home Monday night, Fort Madison finds itself now in a tie with the Panthers, both at 6-2 in the conference. Burlington is 3-1 in loop play and Washington is 4-3 after sweeping Fairfield Thursday night.

"There's still a lot to play for," Head Coach Ron Walker said after Thursday's losses. "We're still right there, we control our own destiny."

In the nightcap, the Panthers got on the board first in the top of the third. The Panthers were the visiting team because the games were scheduled for Fort Madison, but had to be moved to Mt. Pleasant after about an hour of rain pounded the FMHS field.

Sophomore Reiburn Turnbull gave a walk and then an RBI double to center by the Panthers' Corbin Broeker to start the inning for Fort Madison. Rylan Seberg would send a sacrifice fly to center scoring Corbin Broeker before Turnbull would get a strikeout and Landon Williams would layout and make a diving catch of a fly ball to left to close out the inning.

Fort Madison would get on the board in the bottom half of the third. With two outs, Jason Thurman lined to center and would steal second on Jaxon Hoyle's second pitch. Hoyle would then try to catch Thurman on a pick off at second, but the throw would go into the outfield and Thurman headed for third. The throw to third was in front of Thurman, but got past the Panthers' defense and into the



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Reiburn Turnbull delivers early in the second game of Thursday's doubleheader loss to Mt. Pleasant 4-1, 8-5.

dugout for a free pass to home.

The Panthers would get another run in the third when Jack Johnson singled to center scoring Hoyle from second. Turnbull would plunk the next hitter, but got Broeker to fly out to Williams for the third out.

Fort Madison would go in order in its half of four, and Turnbull would get out unscathed in the fifth. The Hounds again couldn't get a base runner in the fifth and Mt. Pleasant would blow things open in the sixth with four runs.

With one out and two on, Jason Thurman, who'd come on in relief of Turnbull, surrendered back-to-back hits with the second being a 2 RBI double by Chase Williams to right. Thurman would get the next hitter, but then gave up a walk to Seberg and another double to Clayton Lowery to left center for a 7-1 lead.

The Hounds started with a bang in the bottom of the sixth with five straight hits from Thurman, Brandon Reichelt, Vasin Thurman, Tate Johnson, and Turnbull. Vasin Thurman doubled in two runs and then Turnbull brought Vasin Thurman around to score with a single to right for a 7-4 game.

Tate Johnson then tripled on a liner to center that skipped over the glove of a diving Williamson. Turnbull

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Note: The bid opening for this project will be held by conference call only. No facilities will be available for an in-person meeting. Interested parties may call in to the following number to listen to the bid opening:

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The Department shall comply with all public improvement procurement laws, as outlined in the plans and specifications and including but not limited to: Iowa Code chapter 26 related to public construction bidding; Iowa Code chapter 73 related to preferences; Iowa Code chapter 573 related

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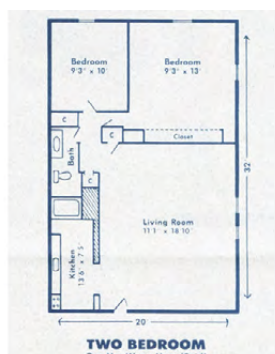
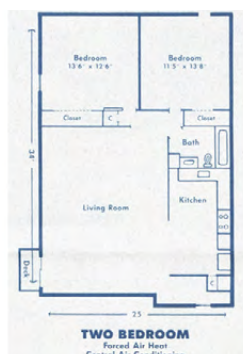
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Sports



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Fort Madison's Kylee Cashman tumbled into second after her cleat got caught in the dirt sliding into the base in the first game of the Hounds' sweep Thursday in Mt. Pleasant.

Lady Hounds finish up regular season next week

GIRLS - Continued from Page 4

In the opener, Helmick breezed through the first two innings, but found a little trouble in the third with Fort Madison up 4-0. Two singles sandwiched around a sacrifice bunt put runners at 1st and 3rd with one out. Broeker would then double to left scoring two and Savana Walls would follow with a single back at Wondra to score another run to cut the lead to 4-3. Helmick would work a fly ball out and strike out to end the threat.

The Lady Hounds would respond with seven runs in the bottom half sparked by Johnson's 2-run homer to left. Helmick would hit a two-out double on a 2-0 pitch into center to score Whaley and Geerdes for an 11-3 lead.

Helmick would work a perfect fourth and fifth inning to get the win. Kendall Beebe would wrap things up in the bottom when the Hounds hit the 10-run rule on a Panther error that allowed Featheringill to come in with the winning run.

Johnson, Helmick, Wondra, and Whaley each had two hits in the second game. Allyson Helmick, Geerdes, Featheringill, Beebe, and Cashman all had hits.

The Lady Hounds improve to 8-5 overall and 6-2 in loop play. They take on Burlington in a double header Monday to wrap up conference action.

Hounds still in conference hunt

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came around to score on the play, but was ruled out for not touching home plate on an appeal from the Panthers for the first out.

With the speedy Johnson at third, Walker called for the squeeze and Kane Williams sent a nifty bunt down third that Broeker fielded coming off the mound and flipped to the catcher in time to get Johnson on the head first slide at the plate.

Broeker would coax a ground out from Jace Burgher for the third out with Fort Madison down 7-4.

Mt. Pleasant would tack on another run in the top of the 7th and Fort Madison would go back to work in the bottom trailing 8-4.

Garrett Hannum beat out an infield hit to second and Landes Williams singled to left. Jason Thurman would then lace the first pitch he saw into the right center gap scoring Hannum from second with no outs. But Reichelt would fly out to left and Vasin Thurman would hit into a force at second moving Williams to third. Reiburn Turnbull, representing the tying run, would ground out to short to end the game.

Walker said he was proud of how the kids played through the distractions on and off the field, and having the game moved from Fort Madison.

"We had to play through it. We got down 7-1 and then fought back to 7-4 and had a couple things that didn't go our way, but we went back out in the 7th down four and put together some at bats," he said.

"We were in a position to win it at the end."

He said the squeeze was a called play because the Hounds had success bunting against the Panthers during their last visit to the MapleLeaf complex in June.

"The first time up here we had five bunt base hits in the seventh inning and they couldn't defend them. Tate does a great job reading down angle and got a perfect read," Walker said.

"Can't fault the effort tonight. They played hard and you know a couple plays we've been making don't go our way, but it doesn't change the ball game."

Thurman went 3-for-4 at the plate with an RBI and two runs scored to lead Fort Madison in the second game. Turnbull was 2-for-4 with an RBI. Johnson, Reichelt, Landes Williams, and Hannum all had hits for the Hounds.

In the opener Fort Madison didn't get on the board until the sixth inning down 2-0. Colten Engman, courtesy running for Reichelt who doubled to center to start the inning, would come around to score on a Vasin Thurman sac fly to right. Turnbull would ground out and Johnson would fan to end the inning.

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