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HTC STARTS YEAR AT NO. 1



The Holy Trinity Catholic Crusaders are the top-ranked team in the state in Class 1A preseason volleyball rankings out last week. The girls split six games at the Bondurant-Farrer Skip Anderson Classic Saturday.

CRUSADERS Last time No. 1 was 2014, when Crusaders won state championship

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

BONDURANT – The Holy Trinity Catholic volleyball team made what’s becoming an annual trip to Bondurant this weekend, as a measuring stick to see how the Crusaders stack up against some of the best big schools in the state.

Melissa Freesmeier’s perennial state contenders are ranked No. 1 for the first time since 2014 in Class 1A, the same year coincidentally, they won the the Class 1A title, and put seven returning starters on the floor at Bondurant’s Skip Anderson Volleyball Tournament Saturday.



FREESMEIER

In opening pool play, the Crusaders rolled Ames 21-16, 21-9 and then downed Woodward Granger 21-10, 21-17 before falling to Des Moines Roosevelt 19-21, 21-23 to go 2-1 into bracket play.

HTC ran into a bunch of 4A schools with an early loss to No. 15 Bondurant-Farrar 15-21, 15-18., then went three sets with No. 12 Pella 21-14, 17-21, 8-15, before knocking off No. 14 Carroll 17-21, 21-13, 15-6 to split the day 3-3.

Junior Kassi Randolph set the pace at the net for Holy

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LEE COUNTY

Treasurer’s office closed by county

BY PCC STAFF

LEE COUNTY – Effective at 2 p.m. Monday, the Lee County Treasurer’s office is temporarily closed to the public.

A release was issued by Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise on Monday saying the office is closed until further notice.

She could not give an explanation as to the closing other than to say she hopes it’s just through the week.

Fraise said people with appointments for motor vehicle services this week should be getting a call to reschedule, but couldn’t confirm when the office would reopen.

She said residents can still conduct business online, by mail, or by drop box. The drop boxes are located in the alley behind the County Office Building in Fort Madison and on Blondeau Street near the Keokuk Courthouse.

The Auditor’s Office in Fort Madison will accept property tax payments from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

STATE NEWS

Iowa employers won’t face rise in unemployment rates

DES MOINES – Iowa Workforce Development announced the unemployment insurance tax rates for Iowa employers will remain unchanged for 2021.

In June 2020, Gov. Reynolds directed \$490 million of the State’s \$1.25 billion in CARES Act Coronavirus relief funds to be deposited into the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. This deposit ensured that Iowa would remain in Tax Table 7 for 2021.

“Remaining in Tax Table 7 is key to Governor Reynolds’ overall recovery strategy. Her decision will save Iowa employers over \$400 million in unemployment insurance taxes in

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EMPTY NEST by Curt Swarm

“The Virus” is very real to area woman who lost brother

Families gotta start back getting together for Sunday dinner and family reunions... not just funerals. – Shared by Linda Pohren on Facebook.

Dressed up as Mrs. Santa Claus, Linda Pohren hugs her brother, Jim, who died from “The Virus.” I don’t want to hear again,

“Do you know anyone who ‘actually’ died of COVID 19?”—like the pandemic is some sort of conspiracy invented for political reasons.

Don’t ask Linda Pohren if she knows anyone who died of COVID 19, or you might get (a.) a weeping woman on your hands, or (b.) an out of control woman in your face.

You see, Linda Pohren’s brother, Jim Deao, died of the Coronavirus, all alone, in the Washington, Iowa hospital. “The Virus” as she calls it, is all too real.

Her brother was a resident of the Mc-Creedy Home in Washington where he

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For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

08/18/20 – 10:20 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 700 block of 34th Street.
 08/18/20 – 3:04 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 300 block of 20th Street.
 08/18/20 – 5:36 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the Fort Madison area.
 08/18/20 – 8:23 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue I.
 08/19/20 – 9:29 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Larry L. Dawson, 27, of Fort Madison, at the police department, on a two warrants. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/19/20 – 1:01 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 4000 block of Avenue O.
 08/19/20 – 3:10 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3900 block of Avenue L.
 08/19/20 – 8:13 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Joel Tyler Bell, 35, of West Point, in the 600 block of Avenue E, on a charge of driving under suspension.
 08/19/20 – 9:12 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2900 block of Bluff Road.
 08/19/20 – 9:27 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2800 block of Avenue A.
 08/20/20 – 11:52 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1300 block of Avenue H.
 08/20/20 – 2:18 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2800 block of Avenue A.
 08/20/20 – 7:51 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1200 block of 26th Street.
 08/20/20 – 5:00 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Joseph Howard Orr, 39, of Fort Madison, at the Fort Madison Police Department on warrants for 3rd-degree harassment, willfull injury, carrying weapons, and 5th degree criminal

mischief. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/20/20 – 9:54 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Paul T. Fields, 34, of Fort Madison, in the 3300 block of Avenue N on warrants for failure to appear and possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 8/21/20 – 10:32 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3900 block of Bluff Road.
 08/21/20 – 4:55 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft on Oak Drive.
 08/21/20 – 6:00 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Joey J. Russell, 55, of Fort Madison, in the 1700 block of Avenue L, on a charge of domestic abuse assault – serious. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/21/20 – 6:00 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Taylem B. Brown, 38, of Westfield, Ma., in the 1700 block of Avenue L, on charges of disorderly conduct and 1st degree harassment. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/21/20 – 8:35 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Marty Joe Cochenour, 44, of Fort Madison, in the 3100 block of Avenue M, on a charge of domestic abuse assault. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/21/20 – 11:10 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Earl Rondell Simmons, 46, of Fort Madison in the 1500 block of Avenue G, on a warrant for failure to appear, driving under suspension. He was released on a promise to appear.
 08/21/20 – 11:56 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Christopher David Hill, 45, of Fort Madison, in the 1400 block of Avenue G, on a warrant out of Des Moines County. He was transferred to Des Moines County authorities.
 08/22/20 – 2:44 a.m. – Fort Madison Police cited John Allen Scott, 42, of Fort Madison in the 2000 block of Avenue E, on a warrant for failure to appear, and possession of controlled substance.
 08/22/20 – 12:52 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1100 block of Avenue I.
 08/22/20 – 5:28 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Arlene June Severn, 66, of Fort Madison in

the 1100 block of Avenue E, on a charge of simple assault.
 08/22/20 – 10:32 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Gene Allen Green, Jr., 59, of Fort Madison in the 1200 block of 38th Street, on a warrant for failure to appear.
 08/22/20 – 8:35 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 2700 block of Avenue L.
 08/22/20 – 8:51 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Earnest Earl Taylor, 52, of Cedar Rapids, in the 1200 block of 27th Street, on a charge of aggravated assault. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/22/20 – 9:43 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2700 block of Avenue L.
 08/23/20 – 10:31 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1500 block of Avenue G.
 08/23/20 – 8:45 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Kenyon Kyser, 21, of Fort Madison, in the 4600 block of Avenue J., on a charge of 1st-degree trespassing.
 08/23/20 – 10:15 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Jessica Linn, 40, of Fort Madison, in the 1000 block of Avenue E, on a charge of driving while license suspended..

Lee County Sheriff's Report

08/19/20 – 3:10 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Billie Joe Dee Husted, 47, of Fort Madison, in the 3300 block of 243rd Avenue in Montrose, on warrants for driving while barred and OWI-1st offense. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/19/20 – 1:19 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Robert Lee Starks, Sr., 69, of Montrose, in the 400 block of Spruce Street in Montrose, on a warrant for 3rd-degree sexual abuse. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/20/20 – 12:01 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Trevor Austin Harmon, 34, of Lomax, Ill., at the Des Moines County Jail on a warrant for manufacturing/delivery/possession of a controlled substance. He was held in custody.
 08/20/20 – 5:30 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tanya Anne Jones, 56, of Ottumway,

at the Wapello County Jail in Ottumwa on a charge of contempt of court. She was held in custody.
 08/21/20 – 2:45 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Justin Wayne Trout, 41, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/21/20 – 10:22 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Lisa Dean Donaldson, 41, of Nauvoo, Ill, in the 100 block of Main Street in Donnellson on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
 08/22/20 – 3:04 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Chance David Beach, 27, of Wever, at 190th Street and 343rd Street in Wever, on a charge of OWI. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released.
 08/22/20 – 10:06 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jacob Ryan McFarland, 25, of Keokuk, in the 400 block of 8th Street in Keokuk, on a warrant for probation violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/22/20 – 10:31 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 100 block of 5th Street in West Point. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Victor William Conrad, 87, of West Point struck a parked vehicle causing heavy damage to both vehicles. No citations or injuries were reported.
 08/22/20 – 11:19 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kathleen Elizabeth McGoogan, 58, of Selma, on Hwy. 218 near Donnellson, on a charge of OWI. She was released on a promise to appear.
 08/23/20 – 6:44 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on 160th Avenue. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Shira Kayleen Ellingson, 29, of Farmington, didn't slow for an intersection at 160th Street, when airborne crossing the intersection, lost control and flipped the vehicle coming to rest on it's wheels in the east ditch with airbags deployed. Ellingson was flown by helicopter to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics with injuries.
 08/23/20 – 5:03 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on Hwy. 61. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Zoe Kathryn Eschman, 17, of Montrose was struck by a trailer being hauled by a vehicle driven by Jacob Robert Smith, 44, of Donnellson. No citations or injuries were reported.

Hancock County Sheriff's Report

08/17/20 – Frank H Ellis, age 27, of Nauvoo, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Contributing to the Delinquency. Ellis was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 08/17/20 – Kari A Bank, age 31, of Keokuk, IA was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges of Criminal Damage to Property. Bank was released after given a deferred payment and a future court date.
 08/17/20 – David L Hiland, age 51, of Augusta, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Count 1 Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault, Count 2 Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault, Count 3 Criminal Sexual Assault, and Count 4 Criminal Sexual Assault. Hiland remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.
 08/17/20 – Austin J Husted, age 24, of Stillwell, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges of Driving While License Suspended and Theft. Husted was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 08/18/20 – Andreas H Barrales, age 51, of Carthage, IL was arrested on a Indian River County, FL Warrant charging him with Driving Under the Influence Manslaughter, Driving While License Revoked – Permanently Revoked, and Driving Under the Influence – Impairment. Barrales remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting extradition to Florida.
 08/19/20 – Richard D Moulton, age 35, of St. Mary's, IL was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. Moulton remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.
 08/19/20 – Tyler L Creasy, age 33, of Plymouth, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges of Aggravated Domestic Battery. Creasy was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 08/20/20 – Simon L Cross, age 41, of Bowen, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Criminal Trespass to Real Property,

Improper Use of Registration/ Title, Operation of Uninsured Vehicle and Driving While License Revoked. Cross was given a Notice to Appear at a future court date.
 08/20/20 – Shawn D Randall, age 37, of Loraine, IL was arrested and charged with No Valid Driver's License. Randall was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 08/21/20 – Emma L Burkholder, age 18, of Keokuk, IA was arrested and charged with Resisting. Burkholder remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting her next court appearance.
 08/21/20 – Natasha A Young, age 33, of Fort Madison, IA was arrested and charged with Possession ofMethamphetamine. Young was released on her own recognizance and given a future court date.
 08/21/20 – Ethan J Walte, age 18, of Keokuk, IA was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence of Drugs and Fleeing and Eluding. Walte was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 08/21/20 – Joshua P Vantiger, age 36, of Pontoosuc, IL was arrested and charged with Aggravated Driving Under the Influence, No Valid Driver's License, and Obstructing Justice. Vantiger remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.
 08/22/20 – Joshua L Lafary, age 40, of Ipava, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Domestic Battery and Aggravated Assault. Lafary remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.
 08/23/20 – Dakota S Reed, age 25, of Kahoka, MO was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence. Reed was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

08/28/20 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to five medical calls and one false alarm.
 08/29/20 – Fort Madison firefighters reported no calls.
 08/20/20 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical call, one burn complaint and one burned outlet.



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Obituaries

RICHARD J. MARSHALL

Richard Joseph Marshall, 78, of Montrose, IA, died Thursday August 27, 2020 at the Great River Medical Center in Burlington, IA.



MARSHALL

He was born on August 1, 1942 in Keokuk, IA, the son of Albert and Eunice Newhouse Marshall. He graduated from Montrose High School in Montrose, IA with the class of 1960.

On June 30, 1961 Richard was united in marriage to Mary Virginia Comstock at the Montrose United Methodist Church. She survives.

Richard was a member of the Montrose United Methodist Church. He served as a volunteer fireman for the Montrose Fire Department for many years. He also volunteered at the Montrose Watermelon Festival and was honored to be selected as the Grand Marshall of the Watermelon Parade.

He had been employed at Roquette America in Keokuk for over 40 years.

Richard had a strong work ethic and was always reliable. He loved to be outside mowing grass and trimming trees. He grew up on the family farm and starting at the age of eight he helped on the farm and drove tractors. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and enjoyed spending time with his family. He loved his grand-dog, Rugby.

Besides his wife, Mary, he is survived by two daughters, Kimberly Thompson and her fiancé Doug Weber of Montrose, IA, Vickie (Chad) Lamborn of Donnellson, IA, one son, Timothy (Justine) Marshall of Wever, IA, eight grandchildren, Aaron Thompson, Abby Menke, Vaughan Marshall, Cade Marshall, Kayla Sanders, Jeremy Lamborn, Nicole Farmer, and Ali Lamborn, six great grandchildren, Paislee Lamborn, Tucker Holmes, Hoyt Sanders, Kamryn Farmer, Carson Cantrell, and Greg Menke, one sister, Gwen Miller of Danville, IA, one brother-in-law, Gary Bye, one sister-in-law, Maxine Marshall and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Harold, Bob, and Jim Marshall, three sisters, Lana Metzinger, Sonia Bye, and Sylvia Davis, and a brother-in-law, Leo Miller.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk. Burial will be in the Montrose Cemetery.

Visitation will be held prior to the service on Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home with the family meeting with friends at that time.

Social distancing requirements will be in place and attendees may be limited according to those requirements. Masks are strongly encouraged.

Memorials may be made to the Montrose River Front Inc (MRI).

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

SHIRLEY A. THOMPSON

Shirley Anne Thompson, 88, of Keokuk, IA died Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at River Hills Village in Keokuk.



THOMPSON

She was born on September 27, 1931 in Des Moines County, IA, the daughter of Robert Harmon and Virginia Dorothy Belle Fleming. She graduated from Meredosia Illinois High School with the class of 1949. Shirley completed three years of nursing training at Burlington Hospital School of Nursing in Burlington, IA.

On September 6, 1953 Shirley was united in marriage to Kenneth Edward Thompson in Burlington. He preceded her in death on September 10, 2000.

As a registered nurse, Shirley specialized in Pediatrics and Premature Births. She worked at Graham Hospital for six years as an R.N. and also in private nursing duty. Shirley worked and ran the Blood Pressure Clinic at the American Legion for 30 years. She was the co-owner of Keokuk Abstract and Title Company with her husband Ken.

She was a member of Trinity Methodist Church in Keokuk and The Women's Circle. She was an active member at the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 41. Shirley had been a member of the BPW in Keokuk since 1966 and held several positions in the district and state offices. She received the BPW Women of Achievement Award in 1980. She was a charter member of the Soroptimist Club. Shirley had volunteered at the Bloodmobile for many years.

Shirley enjoyed reading and she especially enjoyed her town of Keokuk. She loved her grandchildren and cherished spending time with them. Her love for her family and friends did not go unnoticed.

She is survived by her daughter, Karen Anne (Tony) Douglas of Chatham, IL, three granddaughters, Jennifer Anne (Nathan) Kandis of Waterloo, WI, Megan Emily Douglas (Andy Ellis) of Richardson, TX, Sara Elizabeth Douglas (Noah Anderson) of San Jose, CA, one brother, Joseph M. Fleming (Diana) of Madison, WI, a sister-in-law, Eileen Fleming of Glenwood, IA, one step-sister, Mary Lou (Loren) Schultz, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband, Shirley was preceded in death by one brother, William R. Fleming and two step-brothers, William J. Fleming and David L. Fleming.

Funeral Services will be held 11 a.m. on Friday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with Pastor John White officiating.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home with the family meeting with friends at that time.

Social distancing requirements will be in place and attendees may be limited according to those requirements. Masks are strongly encouraged.

Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church or The American Legion Auxiliary in Keokuk.

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



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Sports/Iowa News

Top ranking puts bullseye on HTC

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Trinity with 72-79 hitting and 30 kills. Randolph also had a team high assists tied with senior Bailey Hellweg with 42 each. Randolph was also 37-37 serving with one ace and had eight blocks.

Senior libero Maria Rauenbuehler had 54 digs to lead HTC and was 46-47 serving with two aces. Senior Claire Pothitakis was 58-69 hitting with 24 kills. Freshman Mary Kate Bendlage was 40-52 hitting with 14 kills in her first varsity action.



POTHITAKIS

Seniors Katie Denning and Hellweg combined for 25 kills and sophomore Brooke Mueller had 10. Mueller led the Crusaders with 10 aces on the day.

Freesmeier said the lofty preseason status is a reflection of how hard the girls worked to shake off a rough start and return to the state tournament in 2019.



RANDOLPH

The Crusaders bounced 2nd seed Council Bluffs St. Albert in four games in the first round at the U.S. Cellular Center and then fell to Wapsie Valley in three games the next night. Wapsie Valley would lose in four in the championship match to Sidney.



RAUENBUEHLER

Pothitakis was named to the Class 1A All-Tournament team and 1st team all-State. Randolph was 2nd team All-State last year in 2019 and 1st Team all district along with Pothitakis and Rauenbuehler.

“We finished strong last year, Freesmeier said of the No. 1 ranking.

“Our kids stepped up at the end of the year and seven of those kids are coming back on the court and I think that was a big thing. They saw that we are a deeper team this year.”

With the coronavirus bugging everyone’s preseason, the Crusaders were able to get back in the gym, after holding several masked practices outside, on Monday, again in masks.

Randolph said the extra precautions have made things a bit more difficult, but the culture of the Crusaders program wasn’t affected.

“Everyday we come into the gym, hold everyone accountable and work as hard as we can to reach our ultimate goal,” she said.

“It’s a bit different – harder and hotter, but we have

to come into the gym like we’re gonna play the whole season.”

Pothitakis said the No. 1 ranking is both good and bad.

“It makes team shoot for us, but we just keep working hard practicing and don’t really think about it that much.”

Freesmeier said it’s nice for the seniors to have that recognition coming into the season, but she said at the end of the night, you’ve to score more points than your opponent.

“You gotta target on your back for sure, but the way we started and the way we finished, it’s a big tribute to them. Their hard work paid off and they’re being noticed,” Freesmeier said.

With the Iowa High School Girls Athletic Union cancelling soccer, where most of the girls stay conditioned for the upcoming summer and fall sports season, Freesmeier said there was an anxiousness to get back on the floor, even twice a day.

“They couldn’t wait to get into practice and no one’s complaining about early morning practices. I see each one of them digging and digging and digging deeper each day to get better,” she said.

Freesmeier is in her 29th year of coaching and has taken 18 teams to the state tournament with titles in 1996 at Marquette and 2014 at HTC.

The Crusaders again will look to Rauenbuehler to anchor the back line defensively as libero along with senior Taylor Crabtree and junior Anna Sobczak.

“Anna saw a lot of time last year for different reasons. But those three will be the defense and the glue that keeps us together,” Freesmeier said.

With Pothitakis and Randolph up front will be a rotation of juniors Hellweg and Katie Denning, along with sophomores Mueller and Kayla Box, and freshman Bendlage and Natalie Randolph.

“Those two freshman are looking to get on the court and that’s what makes it fun,” Freesmeier said.

Southeast Iowa should be a one of the better regions for volleyball this year with New London ranked No. 4 in Class 1A. Freesmeier said West Burlington, Burlington Notre Dame and Danville will all be teams to recon with during the year.

“That’s great because we have to go in every night and we have to compete. You can’t have a bad night, you have to go.”

State employers stay in same tax table for 2021

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2021 and significantly reduce the impact of the pandemic on employers,” said Director Beth Townsend, Iowa Workforce Development.

“Additionally, she made the decision at the beginning of the pandemic not to charge employers’ accounts with unemployment claims. Under Governor Reynolds’ leadership, Iowa employers will not face higher taxes due to having to lay off employees during the pandemic.”

Iowa Law requires Iowa Workforce Development to establish the tax table that determines the unemployment insurance tax rate for eligible employers each year.

EMpThe unemployment insurance rate table trigger formula is primarily based on the trust fund balance on either June 30th or August 15th each year, whichever balance is higher. The formula is designed to enable the trust fund to keep pace with potential liabilities as covered unemployment and wages grow. Based on this formula, the contribution rate table will remain in table 7 of 8 possible tables in 2021.

Iowa Workforce Development is the state agency charged with collecting unemployment insurance taxes from employers and operating Iowa’s unemployment insurance payment program for workers. Through a network of IowaWORKS centers, the agency also connects job seekers with opportunities and employers with workforce solutions.

Reynolds puts \$5M in fund for employer innovation

DES MOINES - Gov. Kim Reynolds announced \$5 million in funding from the Corona Virus Relief Fund to support the Future Ready IowaEmployer Innovation Fund. Grant applications open today and will provide funding opportunities for employers, employer consortiums, community organizations and nonprofits, to provide training, books, tools and wrap around support for Iowans engaged in training programs in high-demand careers. The grant program will focus on Iowans whose jobs have been affected or eliminated because of the pandemic. The application process opens on Wednesday, August 26th and will be open until September 16th. Recipients will be notified of awards by September 23rd, 2020. No

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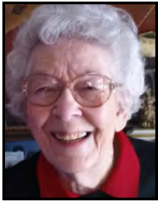
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Obituaries/Classifieds

OBITUARIES

FRANCES M. HILPERT

Frances Marie Hilpert, 99 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died at 2:32 am Friday, August 28, 2020 at the Great River Hospice House, West Burlington, Iowa. She was born November 20, 1920 at Bloomfield, Iowa, a daughter of William Wendell and Frances Hazel (Wells) Newton. On June 18, 1938, she married John Roby Hilpert at Bloomfield, Iowa. He preceded her in death on July 23, 2002.



HILPERT

She is survived by two daughters, Elaine Anne Ploss of Windsor, Colorado and Mary Catherine "Cathy" (Craig) Blanchard of Charles City, Iowa; three grandchildren: Michelle, Laura and Andrea; two great granddaughters, Krystal and Evelyn. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one daughter Frances Roberta Witte, and one granddaughter Dianne.

Per her wishes her body has been cremated. Private family arrangements are being planned for a later date. [Barrhttp://www.barrmemorialchapel.com/](http://www.barrmemorialchapel.com/) Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Hilpert family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

The Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes.

OBITUARIES

JOHN C.P. DAUGHERTY

John Charles Paul Daugherty, 81, of Argyle, IA, died Saturday, August 15, 2020 at his home. He was born on June 5, 1939 in Burlington, IA, the son of William Jessie and Mary Bernice Simms Daugherty.



DAUGHERTY

John was a veteran of the United States Navy.

On October 14, 1962, John was united in marriage to Edith Bugg in West Burlington, IA. She survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Tamara Yaley of Fort Madison, IA, Brenda Burris of Peoria, AZ, one son, Kevin Daugherty of Argyle, IA, grandchildren, Brandon Sandoval, Jordan Koesters, Taylor Koesters, Courtney Yaley-Brown (Cory), Alex Yaley, Joshua Smith, Jarriet & Jacob Smith, Jaci Smith, Joseph Smith, and Thane Burris, six great-grandchildren, Kade Cresswell, Kaysen Cresswell, Koen Brown, Kullen Brown, Reagan Sandoval and Raina Sandoval. He is also survived by one sister, Joanne Morgan-Boyle (Steve) of Burlington, IA and seven nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister Jeanne Callaway.

John had been employed at Griffin Wheel in Keokuk. As a crane operator, he helped build the Griffin Wheel plant and then continued to work there for twenty-seven years, retiring in 2003. He was a member of the Glass Molders Pottery, Plastics and Allied Workers International Union Local 9B. John had excellent computer skills which he learned on his own. He was able to use his skills to build his own computers. He enjoyed playing backgammon and computer games. Services for John will be at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association. The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk is assisting the family with arrangements.

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

PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 8/18/2020

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Bowker, Morawitz, Andrews, Lair, Rink, Miller and Cangas present. Cangas participated electronically.

This meeting was held with Council, staff and some members of the public present but was also available electronically (pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8) due to social distancing issues because of COVID-19.

On motion, Council approved the agenda. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 8/4/2020; Payroll of 8/14/2020; Claims dated 8/13/2020, Manual Claims dated 7/31/2020 and July Financial Report; 14-Day Liquor License: Holy Trinity Catholic Schools for Tri-State Rodeo, effective 9/2/2020; Outdoor Service Extension for Faeth's 832 Avenue G, effective 9/12/2020; Liquor License Renewals: Fort Madison Sports Complex, effective 8/10/2020 and Tena's, effective 9/8/2020.

At 6:20 P.M., the Mayor opened the public hearing concerning PIP 2020-04, Henry Laydn Drive Sewer Relocation. With no written or oral comments,

at 6:21 P.M., the Mayor closed the public hearing. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-47, approving plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for PIP 2020-04, Henry Laydn Drive Sewer Relocation. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-48, awarding construction contract in the amount of \$329,043.75 to Meyers Driveway & Septic Service of Keokuk, Iowa, and approving contract and bonds of Meyers Driveway & Septic Service, pending receipt of the documents.

At 6:22 P.M., the Mayor opened the public hearing concerning PIP 2019-03, Connecting Fort Madison! Phase 3 Hospital Connector. With no written or oral comments, at 6:23 P.M., the Mayor closed the public hearing. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-49, approving plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for PIP 2019-03, Connecting Fort Madison! Phase 3 Hospital Connector. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-50, awarding construction contract in the amount of \$332,500 to Jones Contracting Corp. of West Point, Iowa, and approving contract and bonds of Jones Contracting Corp., pending receipt of the documents.

On motion, Council approved the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 7, Police, Title 2,

Misdemeanors, Section 21, Disorderly Conduct, to revise language defining noise and public urination violations. On motion, Council suspended the statutory rules so as to pass an ordinance amending Title 2, Boards and Commissions, by amending Chapter 1, General Provisions, Section 1, Terms and Term Limits, Paragraph B; adding a new Title 2, Boards and Commissions, Title 11, Construction Board of Appeals and amending Title 3, Building, by adding a new Chapter 8, Appeals, on it's third reading. On motion, Council approved Ordinance No. D-065, amending Title 2, Boards and Commissions, by amending Chapter 1, General Provisions, Section 1, Terms and Term Limits, Paragraph B; adding a new Title 2, Boards and Commissions, Title 11, Construction Board of Appeals and amending Title 3, Building, by adding a new Chapter 8, Appeals. On motion, Council approved the second reading of an ordinance amending Title 1, Administration, Chapter 13, Employees; Benefits; Regulations and Residence Requirements; Section 3, Residence Requirements. On motion, Council approved Ordinance D-066, amending Title 8, Public Ways and Property, Chapter 4, Sidewalks.

On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-51, requesting reimbursement for eligi-

ble costs related to the COVID-19 public health emergency from the Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief Fund.

Lee County Conservation gave a presentation regarding a proposed Pool 19 National Wildlife Refuge. On motion, Council adopted Resolution 2020-52, encouraging Iowa's elected officials to advocate for a National Wildlife Refuge in Pool 19.

On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on an Agreement for Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Federal-aid Swap Project with the Iowa Department of Transportation for PIP 2020-05, Reconstruction of Old Hwy. 61 - 6th to 10th Streets. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a Contract for Services with Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission for grant administration services for PIP 2020-05, Reconstruction of Old Hwy. 61 - 6th to 10th Streets, in an amount not to exceed \$6,000. On motion, Council approved the purchase of a 2021 Freightliner garbage truck in the amount of \$149,945.81 from Elliott Equipment of Davenport, Iowa. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on an Iowa Department of Transportation - Utility Reimbursement Agreement for the relocation of the sanitary sewer along Southbound U.S. 61.

On motion, Council

approved the Mayor's appointment of the following persons to the Construction Board of Appeals: Kristi Roach, term expiring 9/30/2020; Thomas Schulz and Glenda "Pebbles" Schneider, terms expiring 9/30/2021; and Ronald Walker and

Doug Kenel, terms expiring 9/30/2022.

At 7:08 P.M., the meeting adjourned until September 1, 2020, at 5:30 P.M.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor
ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

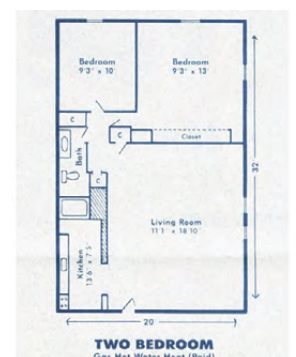
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General	\$174,205.90	General	\$41,416.69
Marina	632.99	Special Revenue	105,489.90
Old Fort	4,644.30	Road Use	40,543.74
Road Use	25,912.33	Capital	332,897.86
Tourism	1,314.50	Water	34,546.12
Water	29,460.29	Sewer	27,883.79
Sewer	39,768.11	Solid Waste/IWC	17,487.80
Solid Waste	12,075.11	SW Utility	146.00
Airport	469.15		\$600,411.90
Storm Water Util.	3,734.51		
	\$292,217.19	REVENUES	8/15/2020
		General	\$2,173.00
		Special Rev.	2,592.15
			\$4,765.15

CLAIMS - 8/18/2020
 ALEXIS FIRE EQUIPMENT CO, SERVICE CALL TRUCK #2186330.00
 ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC.....2,115.21
 ALTORFER INC., PARTS188.06
 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, GLOVES..439.40
 AMERICANA SOUVENIRS AND GIFTS, RESALE ITEMS ...724.95
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SWERING SERVICE188.00
 ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, UNIFORM621.10
 BEACH & ENKE TRUCKING, MISCHARGE/CORRECTION8,631.92
 BROWN SUPPLY CO. INC., UNION/DRILL & TAP1,270.00
 BUILDING MATERIALS INC, MATERIALS ...72.80
 BURLINGTON MUNI WATER, BACTERIA

SAMPLES.....85.00
 CARSON KUESEL, TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT22.40
 CENTRAL PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT, COMPUTER REPAIR/REPLACE789.85
 CENTRE STATE INTL TRUCKS, MISCALCULATION1,889.49
 CESSFORD CONSTRUCTION CO., HIGH PERFORMANCE1,518.15
 CITY OF FORT MADISON, DISCHARGE LEACHATE1,611.13
 CRAZY CROW TRADING POST, RESALE ITEMS882.10
 CULLEN PEST CONTROL, PEST CONTROL635.00
 CURE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, MONTHLY AGREEMENT....3,141.25
 DAILY DEMOCRAT, POSTINGS PROCEEDINGS.....349.79
 DATA SUPPORT COMPANY, MICROFIBER PADS732.80
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CLEAN STONE/ROADSTONE4,056.96
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 FORT MADISON COMM. HOSPITAL, COLLECTION SITE2,964.00
 GEM ELECTRONICS, BELT CLIP200.00
 GREAT RIVER REGIONAL WASTE, TRASH14,397.65
 GREENWOOD CLEANING SYSTEM, CLEANER/HAND SOAP ..143.87
 GREG HOWARD, NUISANCE740.00
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 HELLIGE LAWN CARE, HEADSTONE TRIMMING2,975.00
 HOPE ASSOC REAL ESTATE, EVAL @ 1927 AVE L.....200.00
 HOWARD R GREEN COMPANY, PROF FEE - AVE H 2-6.....33,216.30
 HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE, REPAIR BIKE RACK.....311.94
 HUMBURD'S AUTO SERVICE, TIRES FOR SKID LOADER ..1,355.83

HY-VEE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, PAPER PRODUCTS/MEDICINE79.39
 JL TIME & ATTENDANCE COMPANY, MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION...408.70
 JONES CONTRACTING CORP, PAY ESTIMATE292,731.63
 KLINGNER & ASSOCIATES, P.C, PROF FEE - DEPOT6,157.83
 LISCO, PHONES2,137.37
 LYNCH DALLAS P.C., PROF FEE.....5,898.00
 MADISON TURF & TIMBER, TRIMHEAD5.90
 MASTERCARD, TRAINING/TOTES5,757.74
 MCFARLAND, LOCKERS1,764.40
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INGTON, SUPPLIES168.36
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 WINDSTREAM, INTERNET/PHONE.....249.48
 TOTAL537,117.66
 GENERAL32,159.97
 SPECIAL REVENUES103,452.23
 ROAD USE26,157.12
 CAPITAL PROJECTS332,832.85

WATER17,221.81
 WASTEWATER7,811.19
 SOLID WASTE16,738.74
 AIRPORT.....597.75
 STORM WATER...146.00
 TOTAL537,117.66

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 CENTURY LINK, PHONE70.01
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 WEX BANK, FUEL USAGE JUNE 20207,954.78
 TOTALS63,294.24
 GENERAL9,256.72
 SPECIAL REVENUE1,369.91
 ROAD USE.....14,386.62
 CAPITAL PROJECT65.01
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From the Front

MPs Rosell running virtual Boston Marathon Labor Day

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contracted "The Virus." He died on Tuesday, March 30, 2020. Linda called him everyday to see how he was doing. On the Friday before he died, Jim didn't answer the phone. On Saturday, Linda called the nursing station and was told her brother was out of the room. Linda thought that was strange because Jim was in quarantine. Meals were taken into him. She was told Jim would call her later. Linda sensed that something was wrong. Her niece called her Saturday evening and told Linda that her brother, Jim, was in the hospital with "The Virus." She could not be with him. She could not say good bye to him. There was no closure. Because of her own heart condition and recent recovery from cancer, she couldn't attend the little funeral for her brother. The risk of her becoming exposed to "The Virus" was too great.

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



Linda and her family grew up on a farm outside of Lockridge. Her brother, Jim, was the oldest. Linda was nine years younger than Jim. They worked hard on the farm. Their father didn't believe in hired hands. He had kids. At three or four years old, Linda drove the tractor while the boys picked up bales. She couldn't reach the brake when they hollered, "Ho!" so she just reached down and shut the tractor off. Jim's strong arms tossed the bales high on the wagon. Those strong arms will no longer hug Linda.

Before "The Virus," Linda visited Jim in the nursing home. She would take him candy, which he loved. He would quickly toss the candy in his dresser drawer so the nurse wouldn't see it and take it away from him. At Christmas, Linda dressed up like Mrs. Santa Claus to surprise Jim.

In the not too distant past, Linda's husband passed away, as did another brother. "We just have to take it," she says. "But it's hard. I never thought once life would be like this. We take too much for granted. We need to appreciate every minute and love'm while we can."

Don't ask Linda if she knows anyone who died of COVID 19.

On another note: Luis Rosell of Mt. Pleasant will be running a "Virtual Boston Marathon" on Labor Day, September 7. There's a one-mile loop on the Old Threshers ground that he'll run 26 times. Care to join him for support? Luis will start early in the morning before it gets hot. At the "Mid-west Old Threshers" website, there's a Facebook link to Luis Rosell's fundraiser. People can give there or send money to the Old Threshers Foundation.

Have a happy and safe Labor Day.

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

First Iowa funds come from federal CARES Act

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matching funds will be required from applicants and the maximum available award will be \$100,000 per applicant.

"The Employer Innovation Fund empowers employers and communities to find creative ways to help workers most affected by the pandemic by identifying local workforce needs and then creating programs that will quickly get people into and out of training to meet those needs," said Director Beth Townsend, Iowa Workforce Development. "As Iowa's businesses reopen, the grants will help Iowans gain credentials in high-demand jobs that support a good quality of life for themselves and their families. It is a tremendous investment in our workers and our recovery."

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- Household trash
- Food waste & liquids
- Disposable plates, cups, cutlery
- Styrofoam in any form
- Plastic bags and film wrap, bubble wrap
- Wrapping paper & gift bags
- Dishes, windows, ceramic, crystal, bakeware, car glass, etc.

If you're uncertain as to whether something is recyclable, please call our office to inquire.



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Employees have been tested and all came back negative!

Our building has been professionally sanitized and we are back open for business. Our lobby will remain closed for our staff's protection. We are continuing to follow procedures like seat and steering wheel covers, wiping down door handles, gear shifters, and keys.

Call to schedule an appointment and learn about our drop off and pick up procedures.

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