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## King Kat headed back

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FORT MADISON - For the first time in more than three years, Fort Madison will play host to a national fishing tournament.

The Cabela's King Kat Tournament Trail will stop on Fort Madison's river banks Aug. 11-12 for one of the tournament's four Super events. The tournament was in Fort Madison nine years ago when the group held its year-end championship at Pool 19 on the Mississippi.

Tournament Director Jeremy Coe said his group is thrilled to bring the tournament back to Fort Madison.

"We had one of our first ever classics there 8 or 9 years ago. The reason we like the Fort Madison area is because the fisherman like it," Coe said. "You've got all the amenities.. food, hotel, everything they want when they are off the water. On the water, it's probably one of the best fisheries there is from there north. Primarily a channel cat fishery and that fishing is tremendous right there in the pool. Probably the best in the country. At that time of the year you might pull some flat heads out of there, too."

Fort Madison Partners Executive Director Tim Gobble said the event cost the city about \$10,000 to bring the tournament in, but the tournament handles everything from set up to tear down and handles all the staffing.

Boulders Inn & Suites is the host hotel for the event and Comfort Inn & Suites is the site for the tournament seminar and registrations. As part

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## Boulders eyes summer expansion

Hotel to add on 20,000 sq. ft.; expand parking

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The third year in Fort Madison will be a big...or even bigger year for Boulder's Inn & Suites in Fort Madison.

The specialty hotel located on Fort Madison's west side, which popped up in September of 2014 is now planning on almost doubling its size this summer.

Construction crews, now at the mercy of winter weather, have already begun grading and preparing the ground for the expansion that General Manager Julie Hellman hopes to have completed by mid June.

"We hope to have that open in the middle of June or as soon as we can, but our progress is dictated by the weather. Right now they're getting the ground ready to pour concrete," Hellman said.

Crews were working the past two weeks surveying the ground and leveling for the new add-on, which will feature a large community meeting room and other improvements. Company officials said



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### Adding on

Julie Hellman, general manager of Boulders Inn & Suites points to the north section of the current hotel where a 20,000-foot expansion will begin to take place this spring. To the right and back is where the new addition will be built..

the project will be about 20,000 square feet adding up to 40 total rooms and additional parking.

"We're gonna have an enlarged workout area and enlarged lobby with a better breakfast area and we'll be adding suites, and also a jacuzzi suite which we didn't have before," she said. "We're very excited and can't wait to get out on the Internet and start letting people know about our new facility."

The expansion will connect to the back north facing of the building and will go straight back to the north. Hellman said the new structure will be two stories and will end

*"We're gonna have an enlarged workout area and enlarged lobby and breakfast area. We'll also be adding suites including a jacuzzi which we haven't had before"*

-Julie Hellman, Boulders GM

close to even with the current Eagles building. Plans also include an expanded parking lot with electrical hookups for boaters who come to the area to take advantage of the Mississippi River and the national fishing contests that come to the area such as Cabela's King Kat Tournament Trail, which will be making a stop in Fort Madison in August.

Hellman said the additional parking will make it much easier for semi-trailers and boat trailers to get in and out of the facility. She also said the company and contractors, who

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## Wilson wins Pigskin Pick 'Em Contest

BY PEN CITY STAFF

FORT MADISON - Ryan Wilson, on the heels of a perfect week 1, was picked out of three contestants who beat our editor in the Pigskin Pick 'Em contest over the past three weeks.

Wilson, along with John Goetz and Davis Rung, all had more wins than editor Chuck Vandenberg. The three names were put into a hat and Wilson's name was drawn. That should be no surprise to the people that know Wilson, because he's been known to win most drawings.

Goetz finished with 12 correct picks out of the 21 games, Wilson finished with 10 correct picks out of the

21 total games picked and Rung had 9 correct picks. Considering Davis is one year old, that's pretty darned good. Vandenberg finished with just 8 correctly picked games. Two weeks he only got two games right. Other contestants in the Pick 'Em, were Sonya Sirois and John Vandenberg with 8 correct pics tying the editor, but you had to beat him. Sara Sandburg had seven correct, Tim Wondra had five, Jason Rung, Jimmy Ross, Mike Gulick and Travis Painter all had 4 correct picks and Todd McGhghy had two correct.

Wilson will receive his choice of a \$50 gift card or \$50 in Chamber bucks. The Pen City Current would like to thank all the contestants for participating in the event.

## Rump certified

**PEN CITY STAFF**  
BURLINGTON - CFRE International has named Rebecca S. Rump as a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE).



RUMP  
Executive Director, Institutional Advancement for South-eastern

Community College joins over 5,500 professionals around the world who hold the

CFRE designation. Individuals granted the CFRE credential have met a series of standards set by CFRE International, which include tenure in the profession, education, demonstrated fundraising achievement and a commitment to service to not-for-profit organizations. They have also passed a rigorous written examination testing the knowledge, skills, and abilities required of a fundraising executive, and have agreed to uphold Accountability Standards and the Donor Bill of

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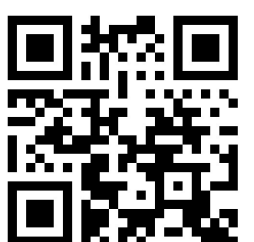
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## From the front/Business/Local News

# Boulders expanding

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### Construction zone

Julie Hellman, general manager of Boulders Inn & Suites stands just in front of where the hotel's expanded parking lot will be constructed. A 20,000 square foot addition is planned to be open by mid-June.

built the facility were very smart in making the building very adaptable on the north side.

"They built it in a such a way that all the connections are in place to join the structures. They were very smart that way."

She said the addition is a win for the company and for the community.

"We're gonna be just about doubling our staff. We'll need people working in the meeting space which will be available for the community. We'll also have double the rooms which have been running full," she said. "This is good for the economy and good for the area."

Fort Madison Partners Executive Director Tim Gobble said the expansion is good for the city and for tourism efforts.

"It's great for the economy and will build tourism dollars and that obviously helps our tourism."

The Boulders franchise is also opening its first hotel outside the state of Iowa in Maryville, Missouri this year.

Hellman said in the short two years the Fort Madison hotel has been open it has seen sustained business and strong growth. Social media and the Nauvoo Mormon festivals have also been good for business.

"We opened up in 2014 just a few days before the (Tri-State) rodeo with 40 rooms. The fertilizer plant was going gang busters and we were just full out of the gate. Got our name out there with nationwide travel groups and our base has been very good."

"We realized that very first summer what happened at Nauvoo every year. We had a guest who rated us as "Mormon clean" and that post went crazy and we've been hearing of people pulling off the interstate to come and stay here. That was one of the best things that could have happened for us."

The hotel is located at 4901 Avenue O and can be reached by calling 319-246-1401.



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### For the Record

#### Lee County Sheriff's Report

01/03/2017 - 12:35 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Joseph Edward Krumeck III, 26, of Keokuk at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a charge of fugitive from justice. He was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed.  
01/03/2017 - 2:40 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies

arrested Jerry Myer Caviness, 43, of Alexandria, MO, at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a charge of court order hold. He was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed.  
01/04/2017 - 8:49 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kevin Greg Cahoon, Jr., 33, of Audubon, IA at the Polk County Jail on a charge of contempt. He was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed.

01/05/2017 - 6:47 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Taj Michael Kite, 27, of Donnellson in the 2900 block of 180th Avenue, Argyle on charges of simple assault and serious assault. No disposition was provided. It should be noted a criminal charge is merely an accusation and those charged in the above listings are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

### Wondra honored

Lauri Wondra, right, was honored at Wednesday's FM Parks, Recreation and Dock board meeting for 10 years of service on the board. Wondra resigned from the board in November. Pictured with Wondra is board Chairwoman Tara Johnson.

## Rump earns CFRE credential

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Rights.

"The CFRE credential was created to identify for the public and employers those individuals who possess the knowledge, skills and commitment to perform fundraising duties in an effective and ethical manner," states Jim Caldarola, CFRE, Past Chair of CFRE International.

"As the certification is a voluntary achievement, the CFRE credential demonstrates a high level of commitment on the part of Rebecca to herself, the fundraising profes-

sion, and, the donors who are served"

CFRE recipients are awarded certification for a three-year period. In order to maintain certification status certificants must demonstrate on-going fundraising employment and fundraising results, and continue with their professional education. Employers and donors who work with CFRE's know they are getting a professional who is committed to the best outcomes for their organization and has the requisite knowledge and

skills.

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**Sports**

# Washington stays on top of Hounds

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Bloodhounds found themselves squared up against a veteran Washington Demon squad Thursday night at the Hound dome.

The Hounds were battling from behind in most matches in the 54-18 loss.

“Washington’s a veteran, battle-tested team. As a dual meet team they are a top-10 team in the state. “We’re taking some growing pains. We don’t have any seniors and I think they had 7 seniors,” said FM head coach Ryan Smith.

Diego Lozano, and Ryan, Harlan and Aaron Steffensmeier had the wins for the Hounds.

Lozano, 182 lbs., had an exciting come-from-behind win in the waning moments of the third period of his match with Washington’s Collin Murphy. Lozano who had been trailing for most of the match escaped for 2 points in the final 24 seconds before rushing Collin and catching him in a toss for another 2 points for the win with under 10 seconds left. At the Hound tourney before the break Lozano won in similar fashion.

“We’d like to see him have that en-

ergy throughout the whole match and not wait til the last minute. But he did get the job done and he didn’t give up,” Smith said.

Ryan Steffensmeier, 113 lbs., held on for a 3-1 decision in his match and Harlan Steffensmeier, ranked 3rd in the state, put Washington’s Andrew Waite in a cradle at the 3:06 mark for his 19th pin in 21 matches.

“So far my season’s been pretty good. One loss to the number one ranked kid in the state. I went out and fought but didn’t wrestle my match. I looked at tape over the break and worked on my technique. I think the 2nd season’s going to be a good half,” Steffensmeier said.

“That kid’s tough, he was a very solid opponent. Harlan’s doing a great job and beating good wrestlers,” Smith said.

In other action

Jarrett Settles, 160, was pinned at 1:14; Danen Settles, 195, was pinned at the 1:25 mark; Alex Lauber, 220, was pinned at the 3:54 mark, Heath Hoenig, 285, was pinned at the :34 mark, Elton Kruse, 106, lost by technical fall 18-1, Nathan Steffensmeier, 120, lost 14-2, Skylar Schau, 126, was pinned at 2:52, Dalton Woolever, 132, lost 8-1, and Aaron Steffensmeier won by injury default.

# Kids can join in the fun

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of the tourney there is also a free kids fishing rodeo Saturday at Lake Wilson west of Fort Madison. Coe said there is no pre-registration required for the kid’s rodeo.

“They come out and fish with us and we give away some prizes. At end end of the year we draw six- \$1000 scholarships and everyone that fishes in the rodeo gets entered into those drawings,” Coe said. “So far we’ve given out \$348,000 in scholarships. So just show up from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Lake Wilson and we’ll get you signed up and go from there.”

The tourney itself has a guaranteed purse of \$10,000 with less than 50 boats, but at 50 the purse goes up, which Coe said he believes will happen.

“It’s guaranteed at \$10,000 and pay-back based on numbers. At 50 boats is where it starts going up. I think it will be higher than that. Fort Madison is as good a fishing as there is anywhere in the country,” he said.

“The last time the tournament was in town it was an end of the year tourna-

ment that was for everyone that qualified throughout the year. But we had a lot of boats there. This year it’s one of four of our Super events. It’s a two-day tournament with the winner having the combined heaviest stringer over the tournament. And then we have the Big Fish pot, and that pot goes to whatever the biggest fish is.”



According to tournament data compiled as an average of the tournament’s last four Super

events, the event stands to bring in about \$270,000 figuring the money spent by those staffing and participating in the tournament for 2 days plus an average of 1.5 days in the city prior to the event by teams exploring the river prior to the tournament.

Those wishing to participate in the event may do so by calling 502-384-5924, sign up on the website at [www.kingkatusa.com](http://www.kingkatusa.com), or mail in the entry to 220 Mohawk Ave., Louisville, KY 40209.

Tournament rules and regulations can be found at the Cabela’s King Kat Tournament Trail website at [http://www.kingkatusa.com/tournament\\_trail.cfm](http://www.kingkatusa.com/tournament_trail.cfm).



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## Comeback win

FMHS’s Diego Lozano records a takedown in the final seconds of his match Thursday night. The referee signals the winning two points as cameras flash...and Happy Birthday Kyle! Lozano, and Harlan and Ryan Steffensmeier had the wins in the dual meet vs. Washington.

## Skating rink opens

PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON -



LUNA

City of Fort Madison Management Analyst John Luna has announced

the Kuhlmeier Ice Skating Rink is now open and available to the public. “Luckily the weather has cooperated and we are able to have ice for everyone who has the inclination to do so,” he said.

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