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P.A.W. wants on gift giving lists

With the shelter holding more than 200 animals daily through the holidays, Director Sandy Brown wants on your Christmas giving lists.

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Brown checks in with a couple of the more than 130 dogs PAW has currently on site Friday morning.

that it used to be 10 years ago where we had 30 cats and 30 dogs and they stayed here until they died," Brown said. "We are so much more than what people think we are. We take the bullied breeds, the puppy mill dogs, the welfare dogs."

She said many people don't realize the shelter works with rescues and puppy mill dogs.

"Iowa is 3rd in the country in puppy mills, which is basically a confinement for breeding dogs and they take

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Fedler's jumper ends overtime thriller at Keokuk

Wolter misses two free-throws with no time remaining in regulation to send game to OT

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

KEOKUK - It certainly wasn't scripted that way, but an 18-foot jumper by FMHS center Jayden Fedler with :09 on the clock in overtime, gave Fort Madison it's first win of the year.

The Bloodhounds walked out of the Keokuk High School gym surviving overtime for a 61-59 win in Southeast Conference boys basketball action Friday night.

The Chiefs had a chance to win it in regulation when Fedler fouled 7-footer Alex Wolter in the

paint right before the final buzzer sounded. FMHS Head Coach Ryan Wilson had used up all his timeouts stemming from a Keokuk run in the final two minutes and couldn't ice Wolter at the line. Wolter's first shot clanked off the right side of the backboard and then the second hit the back of the rim and bounced out to send the game into overtime tied at 55.



FEDLER

FORT MADISON - In this season of giving, the P.A.W. animal shelter is asking that you keep them, and the animals in its care, in your sights.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

PCC EDITOR

P.A.W., the no-kill Protectors of Animal Welfare has had a busy and productive year, but Director Sandy Brown is asking area residents to keep in mind just how far the PAW animal shelter goes in providing services to Fort Madison and Lee County.

The City of Keokuk has its own animal control office, but Fort Madison does not, so PAW works closely with city and county officials to help mitigate animal welfare issues as well as housing animals until they are adopted, or what Brown calls "forever homes", or die from disease or age. Brown said so many people in Fort Madison are still unaware of what goes on 24/7 at the shelter.

"I think people just really think of us as the shelter

the puppies and ship them all over to pet stores across the United States."

She said what's left behind is the parents who are now 13 and have no teeth or hair and have tumors but can still make puppies for sale. When those animals are done producing or get sick, Brown said they are killed and not euthanized properly because it comes off the bottom line of the breeders. again.

Fort Madison couldn't convert on its next trip and Wolter was able to score inside to tie the game at 57. The Bloodhounds got a bucket from Parker Denning with 1:16 left, but Callum Tackes would hit a fader for Keokuk from about 12 feet to tie it again at 59 with less than a minute remaining.

Fort Madison wouldn't give up the lead in the extra

four-minute period. Senior guard Logan Rashid was

fouled driving the lane in the Hounds first possession

by sophomore Anthony Potratz. Rashid calmly slipped

the Chiefs next trip down the floor, Fedler again fouled

the two shots through the cords for a 57-55 lead. On

Wolter inside, but Wolter missed both free throws

The Hounds would get the ball across the floor into a set offense, and after about three passes around the perimeter, Fedler popped out above the free throw line

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

E. PAULINE SMIDDY FLACK

Mrs. E. Pauline Smiddy Flack, 97, of Dallas City, IL died Friday, November 30, 2018 at the Great River Klein Center in West Burlington, IA.

She was born July 27, 1921 near Dallas City, the daughter of Ralph and Millie



Robinson Jones. On October 21, 1939 she married Forrest "Bud" Smiddy in Kahoka, MO. He preceded her in death on February 8, 1995. On April 17, 1998 she married Russell Flack. He died January 9, 2006.

Pauline worked for a short time for Sylvania Electronics in Burlington and for Shellor Globe in Keokuk, IA. She was a member of the Dallas City Senior Citizens and the Pontoosuc Community Church.

Pauline enjoyed life and loved to dance. Everyone loved her chocolate chip cookies. She may have been 97, but she still had a 39 year old attitude!

Surviving are three daughters, Saundra Genck of Hamilton, IL, Barbara Graning of Dallas City and Claudia Webster of Lomax, IL, one step-son, John Flack of Dallas City, nine grandchildren, Jeff (Michelle) Genck, Joann (David) VanFleet, Janet Spencer, Shelley (Mark) Monteith, Sharon (Craig) Neuwig, Shanna (Ryan) Eddington, Kurt (Stephanie) Webster, Bradley Webster and Andrew Webster, 17 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren with 1 due in March.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, one son, Boyd Smiddy, two sisters, one brother in infancy and three son-in-laws she thought of as her sons, Jack Genck, Dick Graning and Greg Webster.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 AM Monday, December 3, 2018 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City with Rev. Lee Unger officiating. Burial will follow in the Harris Cemetery near Dallas City. The family will meet with friends Monday from 10:00 AM until time of services. Memorials may be made to the Great River Home Health and Hospice. To leave a condolence, please visit her obituary at banksandbeals.com.

OBITUARIES

ROZELLA C. FREITAG

Rozella C. Freitag, 95, of West Point, Iowa passed away at 10:21 a.m. Friday, November 30, 2018, at the West Point Care Center in West Point, Iowa. Born on February 1, 1923 in West Point, Iowa, the daughter of Dr. S. P. and Elinor

(Winnike) Holtz. On November 4, 1944, she married Alve Freitag at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point. He preceded her in death on April 12, 1993.

Survivors include two sons: Don (Becky) Freitag of Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Gary (Jolene) Freitag of Colorado Springs, Colorado; one daughter: Pat (George) Smith of St. Louis Missouri; eight grandchildren: Suzanne (Michael) Van Der Bosch, Stephen Smith, Sarah (Joe) Pupillo, David (Maria) Freitag, Elizabeth (Mark) Broders, Michael Freitag, Brandon (Rita) Freitag, and Amanda Freitag;

FREITAG

two brothers: Delmar Holtz of St. Joseph, Missouri and Carl (Rita) Holtz of West Point, Iowa; one sister: Imelda Groene of West Point; and ten great-grandchildren. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, one daughter: Judy Ann, one sister: Lucy, and one brother: Lester.

Rozella was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church and Altar & Rosary. She was a 1940 graduate of St. Mary's High School. Rozella's children and grandchildren were by far the most important thing in her life. She also enjoyed playing cards.

Friends may call after 1:00 p.m. Monday, December 3, 2018 at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point where the family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A Parish Rosary will be recited at 3:00 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point with Father Dennis Hoffman as celebrant.

Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in West Point, Iowa.

A memorial has been established to St. Mary's Catholic Church or Holy Trinity

Catholic Schools.Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements.

On-line condolences to the family may be made at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.



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From the Front/For the Record

No-kill shelter does more than walk dogs and pet cats

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She said now rescuers go to the mills and offer to take the adult puppies to a rescue. Brown said PAW has taken in more than 400 puppy mill dogs over the past five years. When the breeders make up their mind to give the animals up, you have to go get them right away because the breeders will either change their mind or kill the animal.

Brown said those dogs have to have blood work done, dental work, and other veterinary services that cost about \$500 to be ready to be adopted for \$180.

"People are upset with us because we have to charge to adopt and we have to deal with that," Brown said. "But they don't realize all the costs we have associated with just that one animal."

Lee County Sheriff's Department and the Fort Madison Police rely on PAW when they encounter neglect. Brown and her staff have been known to go into Burlington, Illinois, Missouri and other places. She currently has four full-time staffers that make close to minimum wage, and then volunteer workers.

"Sometimes people think all we do here is pet kittens and walk dogs. They do not understand what kind of needs we have. I don't even want anything from any of my kids for Christmas. If they all gave \$10 to the shelter that would be just fine with me." Brown said.

She said PAW has about 15,000 followers and said if everyone gave just \$10 for the holidays that would mean \$150,000 for the shelter. A shelter that spends more than \$200,000 annually just on veterinarian ser-



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

PAW Director Sandy Brown handles one of the many "puppy mill" dogs the animal shelter has taken in this year. Brown is asking for county residents to think about PAW when giving this holiday season.

vices. Brown said those costs don't include the costs of medicine and internal needs for the animals. She said the shelter has regular donors and benefits regularly from memorials and other contributions and the shelter pays their bills every month, but each month gets tighter and tighter.

Brown said the veterinarian costs should actually be about double, but the veterinarian the shelter uses in Hamilton works very well with the shelter as far as costs.

In July, the shelter was able to negotiate a land pur-

chase with Hoenig Dairy Farm to the north. The Shelter has always leased the property from the Hoenigs, but are now close to starting to pay on the land. Brown said the PAW board wants to build a new shelter on land to the north and then convert the other buildings into usable space for the shelter.

Brown said the shelter is in decent shape with money coming in for the building fund at Connection Bank, but that money can't be used for operations. The shelter has to begin paying the \$127,500 on the new property in January under terms reached with the Hoenig family.

"They have been absolutely wonderful to us. They come down and plow our driveway and they just have been wonderful to work with," Brown said.

"I just want somehow for people to be aware that even though we're tucked way back here in the middle of nowhere, we still need the communities' help. You'd think that everyone would know what we do here, but they don't. They just know I'm the nasty lady in the "WOOF" hat," Brown laughed. "We're more a service to the community than people realize and these efforts carry costs. I'm a firm believer that to this point God has taken care of this shelter, and me, and these dogs out here."

But in lieu of God's intervention, she's asking the community to find a couple bucks this year to donate to the shelter as they continue to grow and provide services. Donations can be made through the PAW facebook page at <u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> PAW-Fort-Madison-Animal-Shelter-179648212052707.

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Fort Madison Police report

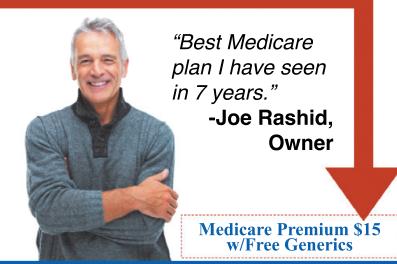
11/29/18 - 9:46 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 5400 block of Avenue O. 11/30/18 - 12:05 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L. 11/30/18 - 5:00 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Renee Lynn Lynch, 35, of Donnellson, in the 3400 block of Avenue L, on a charge of driving under suspension. She was released upon citation.

Lee County Sheriff's report 11/29/18 - 8:07 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Zachary Ryan Sherman, 29, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant. He was taken to

on a warrant. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 11/29/18 - 10:21 a.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jamie Lawrence Gutting, 48, of St. Paul, in the 1700 block of Hwy. 218 on warrants for manufacturing marijuana, possession with intent

to deliver and a charge of no valid driver's license. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 11/30/18 - 5:03 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on Hwy. 218 northbound near Hwy. 16. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Jose Alejandro Martinez, 30, of Anamosa, lost control due to weather conditions and entered the east ditch where the vehicle overturned. Martinez declined medical treatment at the scene and no citations were reported at the scene.

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Sports/Weather

Holy Trinity girls just miss in Mediapolis upset bid

Box ties game up at 60 with just nine seconds remaining

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Holy Trinity wiped out a six point deficit at the end of the third quarter but fell just :04 seconds short of knocking off visiting Mediapolis Saturday night at Shottenkirk Gymnasium in a 61-60 loss in girls high school basketball action.

Crusaders senior Emily Box hit a short jumper in heavy traffic with :09 remaining in the game to tie it at 60. Mediapolis got the ball down the floor quickly behind the Crusaders press and junior Ashlynn



Haas had to foul sharp-shooting Maya Johnson to stop a layup. Johnson, who finished with 32 points, including six 3-balls, missed the front end of the double bonus, but hit the next in what would be the game winning shot. Mediapolis would call a timeout to

set up a defense for the final four sec-

onds and came out in a full-court zone press. Senior Taylor Boeding got tied up on the inbounds pass and a four-second scramble ensued resulting in a tie up with no time remaining.

HTC Head Coach Tony Johnson said he was happy with the girls' full-game effort.

"They went maximum effort in the fourth quarter and that's really all you can do," he said.

"We wanted to get the ball to a runner across the

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middle and try to get a breakaway down the middle on that last play."

The Bulldogs kept Holy Trinity at a five-to seven point deficit for most of the night, with the Crusaders making timely runs, the first of which came on a 6-0 run in the first quarter down 6-2. Senior Mya Lawlor drove in from the right side and got hacked in the act, converting the front end of the two freebies. Mediapolis would commit back-to-back turnovers before Boeding lofted a shot from the left baseline that missed. Box was there to clean it up and then Boeding hit a 3-pointer on the next trip to give the Crusaders an 8-6 lead at 5:14 in the first period.

Mediapolis would then shut the Crusaders down for about three minutes going on a 9-1 run capped by a Ruthie Jahn jumper from about 13 feet on the right side. At 17-9, Boeding squared up from outside the 3-point arc and was knocked over on the shot by the Bulldogs' Mackenzie Springsteen and cooly laced three freebies in a row to cut the lead to five. Mediapolis would push the lead to 22-14 at the end of the first period when Helaina Hillyard hit a five-foot runner at the buzzer.

Holy Trinity would outscore Mediapolis 14-11 in the second quarter highlighted by senior Eryn Anderson's five points. Lawlor cut the lead to four at 26-30 when she crept inside the lane and pulled down an offensive rebound after Boeding and Haas both missed. Lawlor was fouled on the play and hit one of the two free throws.

Johnson would convert a 3-pointer to push the lead back to 33-26. Anderson would answer on a driving layup in the lane in transition for a 28-33 halftime score.

Boeding would score nine points on three-3-pointers in the third period as the Crusaders went 5-of-9 from the field in the period but couldn't cut the lead any closer than three at 43-46.

With 4:15 left in the game, Anderson missed on a drive, but Box was there to clean it up and was fouled by freshman Catie Cross on the play. Box missed the free throw, but the lead was cut to 51-53. Anderson committed her fifth foul on a Maya Johnson drive. Johnson hit the back end of the free throws to give the Bulldogs a three point lead, but Haas would bury a three pointer in front of the Crusaders' fans on the left side to tie the game at 54.

Johnson would get free on the next trip down the

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Game was in Keokuk's hands with no time remaining

Sports

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after setting a pick and calmly stroked the jumper that would give the Hounds the win. Denning applied some man pressure on the inbound and was able to strip the ball from the Chiefs, where Logan Rashid picked it up and and lofted a backward pass into the air to the Hounds side where time expired.

"It was one of those you hold your breath as it goes up and leaves the hand and once it goes in your happy about it," Wilson said of the game-winning shot.

"He's a great kid and works hard and he likes to shoot the ball. We told him for us to be successful he has to dominate inside and he's come out in these first two games and played great inside and that's opened up some things for us outside."

Fort Madison had a 43-39 with less than four minutes remaining in regulation, but Keokuk got a couple of threes, one from Potratz from the left side and another from Tyjai Mueller as part of an 8-0 run that turned the tables giving the Chiefs a fourpoint lead with 3:18 left in the game.

Mueller would get whistled for a foul on the Hounds next trip on an inside bucket by Fedler who sank the free throw to cut the lead to one. Keokuk would then stretch the lead back to five at 51-46 capped by a Potratz driving layup from the left side.

Keokuk suffered two quick fouls called on Potratz and junior Braylon Martinez that resulted in Fort Madison getting 3-of-4 from the free throw line with no time running off the clock.

Wolter would then convert underneath on the Chiefs next trip down the floor, but freshman Dayton Davis would answer with a driving scoop layup as he drew a foul off Wolter with 1:01 left in the 4th cutting the lead to 1 at 53-52. Martinez was whistled for another foul on Denning in the next transition, but Denning would only make the front end of the bonus two shots.

Rashid then fouled Martinez coming up the floor and Martinez netted both his freebies to put Keokuk up 55-53. Denning drove to the basket on the next trip down the floor for the Bloodhounds and enticed Wolter into a foul, and Denning made both this time with just :18 seconds left to knot it at 55.

Keokuk held for the final shot moving the ball around the perimeter and then inside to Wolter who got the foul from Fedler with no time left.

The two squads battled to a 22-22 first half tie as well. The Bloodhounds shot 48% from the field in the first half led by Denning with six and freshman Dayton Davis with five.

Davis finished with 13 points including the key 3-point play toward the end of regulation. Wilson said he has faith in the freshman's ability to contribute at any point in the game.

"He wouldn't be out there if I didn't have confidence in him," Wilson said. "He's so smooth and doesn't let things bother him. He had that huge 3-point play late in regulation against the big kid, he went right at him and wasn't scared. You sure like to see that in a freshman."

Fedler, who played with about a six-inch height disadvantage against Wolter, said his philosophy was to stay engaged each trip down the floor on both ends.

"I went into the game obviously knowing I had a height disadvantage, but I figured if I played my hardest and left everything out on the floor it would work out," Fedler said

"We went in wanting to win from the get-go. We wanted this one bad, so we fought back and got it to overtime and then we stayed calm and did our thing."

Wilson said he hopes the win shows the Hounds they have the ability to play through the tough and tight games.

"It's our first road win, our first win and first conference win. A the end of the night we got the victory. It wasn't pretty, but they all aren't pretty. The kids did a great job of running their stuff and eventually slowing down and settling into their game," he said.

Denning finished with an even dozen points on the night. Logan Rashid added 10. Brandon Keester scored five and Mike Mosena hit a couple free throws in the second half to end with two, rounding out the scoring for the Hounds.

Potratz finished with 16 points and Mueller had 14 to lead the 0-2 Chiefs. Fort Madison hosts Iowa City High in a junior varsity/varsity matchup beginning



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FMHS junior Parker Denning gets caught under the tree that is 7-footer Alex Wolter during the Hounds' 61-59 overtime win over the Keokuk Chiefs on Friday night on the road. It was the Bloodhounds first win of the year.

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PUBLIC NOTICE **ORDINANCE NO. D-49** AMENDING TITLE 1 -**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Section 1: The following is a brief summary of Ordinance No. D-49, with changes to Title 1, Administrative and Title 8, Public Ways, Chapter 10, Cemeteries:

1. Recognizing the electronic version of the City Code.

2. Acknowledging the electronic version of the City Code may be brought up to date sooner than the printed version.

3. Updating the timeline of printing City Code amendments by the City's Codifier for insertion into the printed Code.

4. Removing the requirement to meet on the "second secular day of January."

5. Inserting language regarding the use of purchase orders and presentation of claims to reflect current practice.

6. Removing language to "Mayor's Working Time" since the Mayor is no longer a full-time Mayor and does not receive a paid vacation.

7. Naming the City Clerk as being the custodian of the City Seal.

8. Recognizing the City Treasurer shall prepare for an annual audit.

9. Removing duties from the City Clerk's responsibilities that are currently performed by the City Treasurer

10. Updating language concerning "Employee Benefits and Regulations and Residence Requirements".

11. Recognizing the "Official City Map" as legally defining the City's Corporate Limits.

seal" to "City Seal". 13. Removing the specific date for Census Day.

14. Includes changes made by the Iowa Legislature regarding Elections.

A complete copy of Ordinance D-049 is available for review at City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Monday through Friday (with the exception of scheduled holidays) from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is also available at the City of Fort Madison website: fortmadison-ia.com.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or constitutional.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND AP-PROVED by the City Council this 5th day of November, 2018.

/s/Chris Greenwald, Mayor Pro Tem City of Fort Madison,

Iowa ATTEST:

/s/Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE Lee County, Iowa **Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting** Agenda DATE: TUESDAY, **December 4, 2018** MEETING **CONVENING TIME:** 9:00 A.M. LOCATION: **Correctional Center** 2530 255th Street, Montrose, IA AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance Approve Agenda Consider Approval of-November 27, 2018 Board Minutes

Consider Approval of Claims

Public Input

Consider Awarding Contract for Project #BROS-SWAP-C056(98)-SEJ-56 Bridge

Replacement on Abel Road

Consider Approval for Flex Benefit Fee Proposal from Midwest Group Benefits

Consider Approval of **Resolution Supporting** Keokuk Parks Foundation in Applying for CAT Grant And Appropriating \$3500 from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund to Construct Pickleball Courts

Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolution Personnel Action: Step Increase -Health Department (1) Reports: A.Commission of Veterans Affairs Minutes of Meeting Commission or Committee Reports Adjourn

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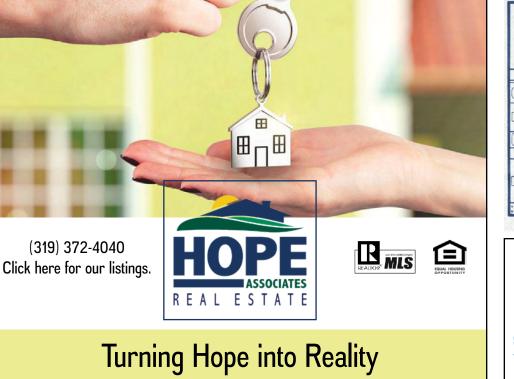


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Old Fort Genealogical meeting

Father Mark Spring will be the featured speaker at the Old Fort Genealogical Society meeting on Monday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Fort Madison Public Library Father Spring will share his own life story. The meeting is open to the public. Anyone interested in learning more about family history research is welcome to attend and should speak to any member about joining the group.

Community Blood Drives

The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will be holding a blood drive on Dec. 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m at Holy Trinity Catholic's Shottenkirk Gymnasium; Dec. 7 at FMHS from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Dec. 8 at Cultural Hall-2193 Old Denmark Road from 8-10:30 a.m.

Tree of Love Gatherings

The Lee County Health Department is hosting a series of gatherings to help with holiday healing after a loss. The events are on Wednesday Dec. 5, 12, and 19th from 2 to 3 p.m. at 3 John Bennett Drive in Fort Madison.

You-Time Yuletide

The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce's Business Women Connect will hold a You-Time, Yuletide at Harvestville Farm at 1977 Hwy 2 near Donnellson. The event will be held on Dec. 6th from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. will feature hors d'oeuvres, drinks and fund. RSVP to the chamber at <u>chamber@fortmadison.com</u>.

Journaling Workshop

The Fort Madison Public Library will be hosting a journaling workshop on Dec. 6 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the library.

Downtown Enchanted Forest

The Fort Madison downtown Enchanted Forest will be open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lee County Bank Building at 803 Avenue G on Dec. 8, 15, and 22, with visits with Santa from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Senior Community BINGO at The Kensington

Each month on the second Wednesday of the month, The Kensington hosts Senior Community BINGO at 2 p.m. in their dining room at 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. All seniors are welcome and cash prizes are awarded. December's BINGO games will be held Wednesday, December 12.

Caregivers Connection at The Kensington

The Kensington hosts this monthly gathering to help educate attendees about all dementia types. Held at noon the 4th Tuesday of every month in The Kensington's private dining room, 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. Call 319-372-4233 to RSVP or for more information.



Soft second half dooms HTC boys to 0-3

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Holy Trinity's young basketball season seemed to be taking shape for the boys in the first half Saturday night, but somebody put a lid on the Crusaders' hoop in the second half as the HTC boys fell to visiting Mediapolis 60-49 in Southeast Iowa Superconference basketball action.

Bulldog senior Nick Ensminger threw up 10 points in the first four minutes as Mediapolis raced out to a 17-7 first period lead with three minutes remaining. Holy Trinity went 1 for 4 during the stretch from the floor with a Brant Holtkamp 3-pointer being the only conversion the Crusaders had until Matt Hellige scored inside at the 3:24 mark.

But Hellige's bucket would be a springboard for an 11-0 run that was capped by another Holtkamp 3-pointer from the left baseline that just got off the senior guard's fingertips before the buzzer sounded to give Holy Trinity an 18-17 lead and had the Bulldogs on their heels. Mediapolis was coming off a double-overtime loss to Highland-Riverside on Friday night.

Junior Quentin Schneider extended the Crusaders' lead to three with a baseline drive from the right where he sliced between 6'5" Ben Wolgemuth and 6'4" Javon Lacy. Wolgemuth would



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Holy Trinity junior Quentin Schneider flies to the hoop in the second quarter against Mediapolis' Javon Lacy, right, and Ben Wolgemuth, left.

counter with an inside move of his own at the other end to cut the lead to one. Hellige would misfire in the lane on HTC's next possession after encountering a collapsing Bulldog defense that had two and sometimes three defenders in the paint.

Ensminger would hit a 3-ball from the right baseline on the next trip down to regain the lead for the Bulldogs. HTC's Blake Crabtree, who was swinging the HTC perimeter passing game from the top of the arc most of the night, squared up and hit a three of his own to put HTC back on top 23-22. Wolgemuth would take advantage of the shorter Crusaders underneath and score inside on the next possession as the lead went back and forth.

Senior Kyle Bredemeyer got a nifty assist from junior Reed Fehseke off a dribble drive from the free throw line and converted on the layup to put HTC back on top. But Mediapolis' longrange prowess began to wear down the Crusaders with Ensminger and junior Owen Timmerman hitting back-to-back three pointers to give the Bulldogs a 30-25 lead, one they would not relinquish the rest of the night. Hellige would score

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you to a series of gatherings that will take place in LCHD's lobby along with our annual Tree of Love which will be making it's first debut in its' new home.

These sessions are being offered to help bring people together during the holidays & to support those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. You are welcome to join any or all gatherings. Light refreshments will be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Lee County Health Department. 3 John Bennett Drive, Fort Madison (319) 372.5225





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Sports

Crusaders get "maximum effort' in Saturday loss

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floor on the right side to counter with a 3-ball. HTC missed on its next two attempts and Johnson got to 31 points with another 3-pointer. With the Crusaders down 54-60 Box got the ball inside and rimmed one off the back, but sophomore Claire Pothitakis grabbed the board on the left side and pitched it back up against the glass for the bucket getting fouled on the play. She missed the free throw and Tony Johnson called a time out.

HTC was able to stop Mepo on the next trip down the floor and Lawlor converted in transition on the way back down to cut the lead to two at 58-60, where Box would tie it up on the next trip.

Box led the Crusaders with 18 points on the night, followed by Boeding with 15 and Anderson 13. Lawlor and Ashlynn Haas each had six points for HTC and Pothitakis had two.

Anderson said the team is coming together earlier this year than in year's past as state volleyball cuts about a week out of practices.

"That takes about a week of practice time and we always have that slump at the beginning of the season, but this year we did some two-a-day workouts and that has helped.," she said.

Johnson said he was happy with the balanced scoring and the problems that can cause for opposing teams.

"That's pretty much been that way so far this year. Really there's not one girl you can guard and that's what we're looking to do," he said. "I'd rather have four girls with 15 than one girl that can put up 35."

He said ball control has been much improved over last year with the experience being gained over the years by Boeding, Haas, and Lawlor.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

HTC sophomore Claire Pothitakis drives the left side of the lane on Saturday night against Mediapolis. The Crusaders fell 61-60 after losing a tie up ball as time expired in the fourth quarter .

"I've got two senior guards and a junior guard that have pretty much been playing since they were freshmen and they've been doing a pretty good job. We're limiting our turnovers, and that experience is showing."

Holy Trinity falls to 2-2 on the year, but have lost the two games by a total of 11 points. They host New London on Tuesday night.

HTC boys shooting goes cold in second half

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again after getting Wolgemuth off his feet in the lane on the next drive. The Bulldogs would committ three straight personal fouls, but HTC's Holtkamp and Bredemeyer would each hit one of two to cut the lead to one at 30-29, but the Mediapolis junior Dawson Wirt would score on the other end to set the half at 32-29.

HTC Head Coach John Hellige said it was probably the best first half the Crusaders have played thus far.

"We've had three games this week and we've had some sickness on the team, but I think we played super basketball for two quarters and six minutes and then we just really got mentally and physically exhausted and forced some shots that weren't really in our game plan," Hellige said after the game.

"Mepo took Highland to double overtime in a loss yesterday, so they really are one of the better teams in the north."

The Bulldogs showed why they are one of the better teams in the conference at 2-1 in the second half when the put up a 9-2 run spanning the first five minutes of the third period as HTC went ice cold from the field, missing their first six shots. Mediapolis built a 41-31 advantage before Matt Hellige could end the drought with a couple of free throws. Fehseke would convert a 3-pointer with 1:54 left in the period, the first bucket the Crusaders would score in almost nine minutes of play. Mediapolis junior Drew Schroeder and Wolgemuth would score unanswered buckets to end the period with the Bulldogs up by 13, 49-36. The shooting woes didn't get any better in the final period as HTC went just 5 of 14 from the field with Fehseke hitting three of the buckets. Wolgemuth would tack on four more points in the latter half of the final period to help seal the win for the Bulldogs.





Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC Above, HTC's Reed Fehseke (4) drives off a Blake Crabtree (11) pick as Owen Timmerman gets pinched in the second quarter of the Crusaders' 60-49 loss to Mediapolis on Saturday at Shottenkirk Gym. At left, junior Matt Hellige tries to score inside agains the Bulldogs.

Holy Trinity relies on the perimeter game and spot-up shooting off screens to open up the middle, but Hellige finished with three baskets inside the paint and four free throws for 10 points.

"We were trying to spread the ball a little bit and work off the screens but it is what it is," Hellige said. "We don't really have a true post threat and we're trying to play a little more of a perimeter game. I would like to have seen him have a few more touches."

Fehseke led the Crusaders with 17 points on the night, hitting on four 3-pointers. Holtkamp had 12, Bredemeyer had five points, Blake Crabtree had three, and Schneider had two to round out the scoring for HTC.

The Crusaders (0-3) face another stiff test on Tuesday when the high-octane New London Tigers come to Fort Madison. The Tigers are just 1-0 on the season but put an 81-38 beating on the Central Lee Hawks on Tuesday night at Donnellson.