



Pen City Current

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City lays out 4th plans

From City of Fort Madison

FORT MADISON – The 4th of July Fireworks celebration will be held on Thursday, July 4, 2019 at Riverview Park.

The Fort Madison Police Department would like to remind the community that on Thursday, July 4, 2019, the entrance to Riverview Park at 6th Street and Avenue H will be blocked off to all vehicles beginning at 8:00 p.m. for the Fireworks in Riverview Park.

Handicap parking spots “may” be available in the first parking lot west of the Veterans’ Memorial in Riverview Park. Vehicles with handicap placards or handicap license plates will be allowed to enter the park for access to this parking area at any time prior to the beginning of the fireworks display.

Due to the proximity of the fireworks, there will be no general public seating allowed in the parking lot at the Histori-

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City app lets residents police nuisances

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison officials want you! – in their army to help solve city nuisances.

An app that is currently available to be downloaded for free onto phones and tablets allows residents a direct line of communication to the city with nuisance issues.

City Councilman Matt Mohrfeld took Pen City Current on a drive through parts of Fort Madison Monday afternoon showcasing the value of the new app.

To get the app on your phone simply go to the Apple Store or Google Play Store and type in ‘Fort Madison.’ The city logo, the red square with the overlapping white lines will pop up as the logo for the app. Just install the app onto your phone.

When you launch the app, there is a menu at the top left corner that opens up a menu with “Service Requests” “Online Payments” – for utility billing



KROGMEIER

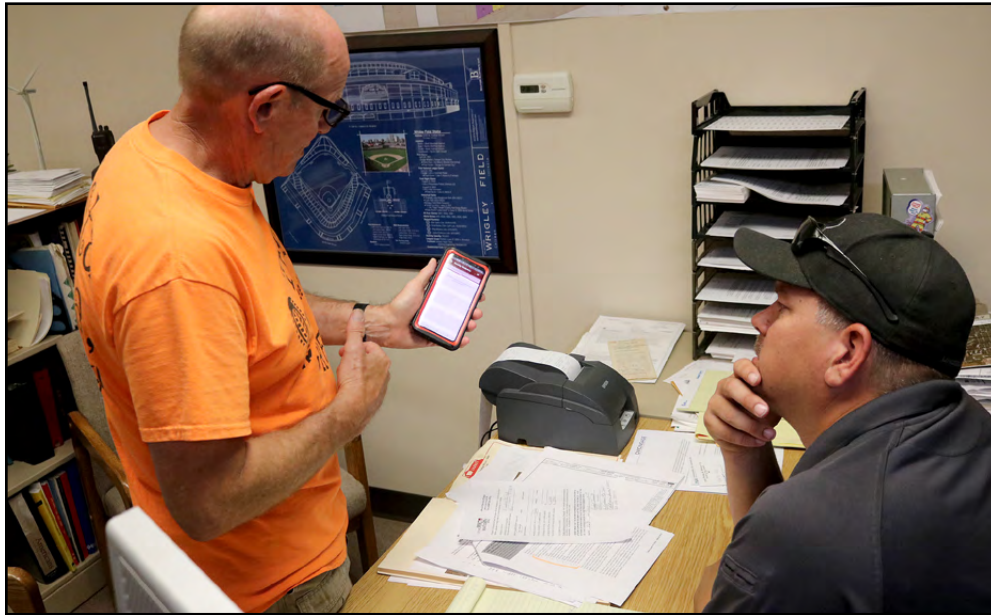


Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison Councilman Matt Mohrfeld talks with Building Director Doug Krogmeier about the city's service request app that residents can use to report nuisances.

“We've got 10,000 people in this town. I should have 3,000 or 4,000 downloads. I want everyone to use it.”

-Doug Krogmeier,
Building Director

“Social Media” – which is the city's Facebook page; and a “Settings” tab that just features the company that built the app.

Also, on first launching the app, a “Service Re-

quest” link is embedded at the bottom of the initial page. When you click the link you create a login for the account which requires an email address and password. After that

initial registration, the app then will go straight to the “Create a Request” page after you click on the “Service Request” link at the bottom.

The first drop down window is a Select a Report Type which includes such nuisances as ‘Abandoned vehicle’, ‘Illegal burning’, ‘Garbage missed’, ‘Overgrown property’, ‘Unfenced Pool’, ‘Pothole’, ‘Rundown Structure’. It also includes some Fort Madison Library book and

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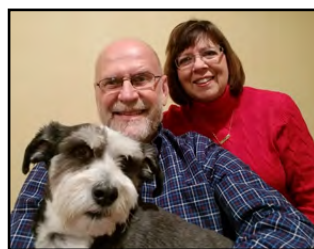
“Staycations” are looking better year after year

Ginnie calls it a “staycation.” Instead of going on a summer vacation, we stay at home and get things done—staycation. It's fine with me. I've always been a home body (boy). I love our home, our two-and-a-half acres of Empty Nest Farm. Everything I could want is right here—my art, my writing, our garden, the comfort of our own bed, the love of my life. Why leave?

We had planned on going to Israel and Jordan,

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



the Holy Land, with our church group in March. It was going to be the trip of a lifetime for us, to see the birthplace of our Savior. But the trip fell through because we couldn't find enough people for the travel package. After getting our hopes all up for the Holy Land, I just

couldn't get excited about going anywhere else. I'm an all or nothing kind of guy.

Oh, we've made a couple of overnight stays to other places, and that seems to satisfy my wanderlust desires. A one-night excursion requires almost as much

planning and packing as a week-long excursion—like a move across town requires about as much packing and planning as a move across country. When we load down the car, people drop by and ask, “How long you going to be gone, a month?” “Naw,” we say. “Just overnight.” Then when we get home, we feel all worn out, like we really were gone a month.

When Ginnie and I were married, we went on a honeymoon to England, Ireland and Scotland. My

favorite stop was Stonehenge. I wanted to spend the night in a sleeping bag to see what spirits I might encounter. It's probably a good thing the Neolithic Monument closed for the evening.

It seems like summer vacations always fall just when the garden is hitting its peak. Here we've spent all this time planting, weeding and looking forward to nice succulent sweetcorn, tomatoes, string beans and peas,

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Obituaries/Local News

OBITUARIES

WANDA JANE WILKENS

Wanda Jane Wilken, 78, of Burlington, Iowa, passed away at 8:55 p.m. Saturday, June 29, 2019 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa.

Born on May 25, 1941 in rural Farmington, Iowa, the daughter of Carl Daniel and Irene (Shoemaker) Haffner.



WILKENS

Survivors include her daughter: Deb Wilken of Fort Madison, Iowa; two grandsons: Daniel (Kayla) Dravis of Denmark and Tristan Reida of Fort Madison, Iowa; two sisters: Geraldine Watkins of Farmington, Iowa and Ramona Mills of Colorado; two brothers: Daniel Haffner of Farmington, Iowa and Joseph (Linda) Haffner of Farmington, Iowa; and two brothers-in-law: Guy Mills and Don Gibbs. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her parents; sisters: Winona Mills, Larita Gibbs, and Jeanie Haffner; brothers-in-law: Lyle Mills and Wendall Watkins; and dear friend: Cindy Troutman Allen.

Wanda enjoyed horse racing, cooking, gardening, reading, cross stitching, and antiques. She loved her grandchildren and taking pictures of her family.

Friends may call after 12:00 noon Friday, July 5, 2019 at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson, Iowa where the family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Following the visitation, her body will be cremated.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 6, 2019 at Sharon Presbyterian Church in rural Farmington, Iowa with Reverend Doctor Mary Ann Welch.

Burial will be at Sharon Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in her memory to the Sharon Presbyterian Church.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com. Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson, Iowa is assisting the family with arrangements.

Pen City Current obituary policy

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

FM Library partners with Putnam Museum for passes

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Public Library, in partnership with the Putnam Museum in Davenport, has begun offering a “Museum Pass” for checkout. Anyone from the library’s service area with a library card in good standing, and who has had their library card for at least 3 months can check out a Museum Pass, which will provide free admission for up to five people to the Putnam Museum. The GIANT Screen Theater or Blockbuster Exhibit are not included. The Museum Passes will checkout for one week. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so reservations are not allowed.

The Putnam Museum offers unique, immersive, hands-on learning experiences to 140,000 visitors each year. With a mission to inspire ideas, dialogue and interaction among people of all ages through entertaining experiences that connect them to history, cultures, nature and the environment. In April 2014, the Putnam Museum opened a Science Center, with more than 45 hands-on experiences such as the Pull-Yourself-Up Pulley, Laser Fog, an interactive bi-lingual robot and more. Current exhibits feature Ancient Egypt, a look back at the history of the Quad Cities and a virtual reality dinosaur experience. Visit www.putnam.org to plan your visit today.

For additional information about this program, contact Sarah Clendineng, (319) 372-5721, SarahClen@fortmadison.lib.ia.us at the Fort Madison Public Library

Live Healthy boxes pick up dates set

Submitted article

LEE COUNTY - Live Healthy Lee County will be at the Fort Madison Farmers Market from 5:30-6:00pm on Monday, July 8th and July 22nd to pick-up any donated produce for their Produce Box Project. Anyone with donations is welcome to bring them to the market, and LHLC will take the donations to one of the participating sites.

If you can't make it to the market, and have a donation feel free to drop it off in the yellow produce boxes at one of the following locations Southview Apartments (Donnellson), Heritage Center (Keokuk), Hillview Village (Fort Madison), Mississippi Terrace (Keokuk), Newberry Center (Fort Madison), Park View Apartments (West Point), and River Terrace (Keokuk). Denmark Star Park also has a community table.

For more information on the Produce Box Project contact Emily Biddenstadt, Lee County Health Department Outreach Coordinator, at (319)372-5225.



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For the Record

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Fort Madison Police Report

06/28/19 – 10:48 a.m.
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1800 block of Avenue H. 06/28/19 – 2:34 p.m.
 – Fort Madison Police arrested Bradford James Rutan, 58, of Fort Madison, in the 2700 block of Avenue N, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 06/28/19 – 6:01 p.m.
 – Fort Madison Police arrested Jeremy Randall Boe, 30, of Fort Madison in the 1700 block of Avenue L, on a charge of serious domestic assault. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 06/29/19 – 10:06 a.m.
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2300 block of Avenue L. 06/29/19 – 2:49 p.m.
 – Fort Madison Police

responded to a report of vandalism in the 600 block of Avenue G. 06/30/19 – 7:55 a.m.
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3000 block of Avenue N. 06/30/19 – 8:51 a.m.
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3100 block of Avenue K. 06/30/19 – 11:37 a.m.
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2800 block of Avenue K. 06/30/19 – 12:15 p.m.
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 100 block of Crescent Lane. 06/30/19 – 2:32 p.m.
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue L. 06/30/19 – 5:46 p.m.
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2100

block of Avenue C. 06/30/19 – 7:02 p.m.
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 2100 block of Avenue B. 06/30/19 – 9:03 p.m.
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 1600 block of Avenue H. 06/30/19 – 9:08 p.m.
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 3100 block of Avenue N. 06/30/19 – 9:48 p.m.
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3000 block of Avenue N. 07/01/19 – 12:57 a.m.
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1900 block of Avenue I. 07/01/19 – 8:46 a.m.
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 5400 block of Avenue O. 06/30/19 – 1:34 p.m.

– Fort Madison Police arrested Danny David Black, 57, of Fort Madison in the 4800 block of Bluff Road on a warrants for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

06/29/19 – 4:34 a.m.
 – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Clayton Chauncey Brecount, 20, of Fort Madison at 190th Street and Hwy. 61 in Wever, on a charge of OWI. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear. 06/30/19 – 3:13 a.m.
 – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested David Douglas Hayes, 30, of Fort Madison in the 1600 block of Avenue C, on a charge of OWI. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on his recognizance.

06/30/19 – 5:56 p.m.
 – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Larry Gene Burtlow, Sr., at the Wapello County Jail in Ottumwa on a charge of failure to appear. He was held in custody. 06/30/19 – 7:08 p.m.
 – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Andrew Christopher Mena, 30, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 06/30/19 – 9:47 p.m.
 – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Anthony LeRoy Bernard, 29, of Donnellson in the 2300 block of 220th Street in Donnellson on a charges of false imprisonment, driving under suspension, reckless driving, unsafe backing and use of electronic controlled device while driving. *Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty*

in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue
 06/28/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls, one power line arcing, and one lift assist. 06/29/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to six medical calls. 06/30/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to a downed power line, and one medical call.

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Saturday Sports Recap

Lady Hounds go 1-2 at Goose Lake tourney Saturday

Temperatures hover at 100 as girls play three games at Northeast High School

BY PCC STAFF

GOOSELAKE – The Fort Madison Lady Hounds salvaged the middle game of a three-game outing Saturday as part of the Northeast High School tournament in Goose Lake, Iowa.

The win came against Calamus-Wheatland in the second game of the day where the Lady Hounds put up six runs in the bottom of the fourth. Five of those runs came before C-W could register an out.

Katie Dennis, Neeley Rehm, Emily Steffensmeier, Vanessa Golowach, Olivia Williams, and Alyson Helmick strung together six straight singles to start the bottom half of the fourth. Golowach and Williams both had RBIs in the stretch. Dennis stole home for the first run of the inning.

Maycee Featheringill would pop out in the infield for the first out and then Dalyn Wondra would reach on a fielder's choice on a grounder between short and third that left everyone safe as Calamus-Wheatland couldn't catch Helmick racing home.

Cassie Power would walk and then Dennis, in her second at bat of the inning would ground into a fielder's choice that forced Wondra out at third. Rehm would then fly out to end the inning with Dennis, Rehm, Steffensmeier, Golowach, Helmick and Williams all coming home to set Dennis with a 7-1

lead going into the fifth.

Dennis would slip through the fifth unscathed despite giving up a double. But the Warriors would make a game of it in the top of the sixth when Alyssa McElmeel would single to open the frame. Dennis would get the next two hitters on a ground-out and strike out-throw down.

But an error and a walk loaded the bases with two outs. The Warrior's Addy Widel would reach on an error at short, that allowed McElmeel to come around to score. Grace Elvert would then single to right plating another run making it 7-4 with two on and tying run at the plate. But Dennis would get Kaylie Wilhelm to ground out to Williams at short to end the threat and the game 7-5.

Golowach went 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored to lead Fort Madison at the plate. Rehm, Williams, and Helmick also had two-hit nights for Fort Madison. Dennis got the win going the distance surrendering six hits and four runs, two earned while striking out five.

The FMHS girls were blanked in the opener 12-0 by Maquoketa. Fort Madison trailed just 2-0 going into the fifth inning. Powers would give up two more runs in the fifth inning and with the Hounds down 4-0, would give way to Dennis in the 6th. Dennis surrendered two runs in her top half of the sixth, but would give up six runs all coming with two outs in the top half of the sevenths to ice it for the Cardinals.

Fort Madison would manage just four hits in the game, all in separate innings and couldn't mount any kind of offense. Golowach again led the girls going 2-for-2. Powers took the loss giving up four runs all earned on 11 hits against three strikeouts. Dennis gave up eight runs in two innings of work.

In the final game of the day, played in temps over 100 degrees on the field, the Hounds and Monticello were knotted up at 2 forcing extra innings. Each team plated a run in the eights forcing a 9th inning and the floodgates opened for Monticello who plated nine hitters, eight of whom scored after Fort Madison had recorded two outs.

Fort Madison could only manage two in the bottom and took the loss. Logan Johnson was 2-for-4 at the plate with an RBI and three runs scored to lead the Bloodhound offense. Williams went 3-for-4 with a run scored in the loss. Golowach was again 2 for 2 at the plate.

Rehm took the loss giving up a run in the top of the ninth before Dennis came in with the Hounds down 4-3. Rehm gave up four runs all earned on seven hits. Dennis would surrender eight runs in relief.

The Hounds fall to 11-16 on the year and play host to Keokuk tonight.

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6/30 EVENING
8 5 6



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Sports/Weather

Featheringill homers to lead Lady Hounds in sweep

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – Maycee Featheringill lifted a solo home run to lead off the sixth inning in the opening game of a doubleheader Monday night as Fort Madison swept Keokuk 10-0 and 5-4 at home.

Featheringill had been fooled on a couple pitches into the at-bat, but took a 2-2 fastball over the left field fence to give Fort Madison a 9-0 lead with no outs in the sixth in game one.

Cassie Powers followed with a single between short-stop and third to put the 10-run mercy rule runner on 1st base. Logan Johnson would then ground out to third moving courtesy runner Taylor Barnes to second. Vanessa Golowach followed with an infield single that sent Barnes to third.

Head Coach Jarod Rehm then got sneaky and pulled a squeeze bunt with Kylee Cashman laying one down the first base side, but Keokuk was able to get Barnes tagged out at home for the second out.

Alyson Helmick then came through with a single off the glove of Keokuk's Abby Arrowood that skipped into short right field allowing Golowach to come around from second for the game-winning run.

Powers got the win for Fort Madison going the distance in the shutout surrendering just two hits. The Chiefs had two other base runners reach on throwing errors. Keokuk's Erika Kruse took the loss giving up eight runs, four earned on eight hits.

Helmick led the crimson and black with 3-of-4 hitting with two RBI and two runs scored. Featheringill, Cashman and Powers all had multiple hit nights for Fort Madison in the opener.

Arrowood and Rylie Matlock had the only hits for Keokuk.

The Lady Hounds a tougher run of things from the 3-25 Chiefs in the second game.

Neely Rehm started in the circle for the Hounds in the nightcap and quickly got two outs in the first inning, but a single, a hit batsman and dropped third strike loaded the bases with two outs. Kayde Martin popped out to Powers at first to end the threat.

Fort Madison then jumped all over Keokuk's Kruse, with Cashman singling at the lead off spot. Olivia Williams and Ivy Geerdes both wore a pitch to load the bases, and then Featheringill singled straight up the middle to score Cashman without an out recorded.

Williams would come around to score on an infield throwing error that also moved Geerdes and Featherin-



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FMHS Head softball coach Jarod Rehm congratulates Maycee Featheringill on her sixth-inning home run that put Fort Madison up 9-0 in the opener of the Lady Hounds sweep of Keokuk Monday at home.

gill up. Powers would then drive one to center to score Geerdes and Logan Johnson would lace a single to center to score Featheringill for a 4-0 lead with one out.

Rehm would pop out to Kruse and Bass would fan to end the inning.

Keokuk would get two back in the top of the second. With one out, Matlock would work a walk, and

Kayleigh Zanger would get a single to move Matlock up. Gracie Koeber would get plunked by Rehm to load the pads.

Mahayla Arrowood would hit into a fielder's choice and the Hounds' Williams gunned down Matlock at home, but the bases were still loaded with two outs. Abby Arrowood would find grass behind second base for a two-run single that cut the lead to 4-2. Kruse would ground out to Williams to end the inning.

Neither team would score in the third inning, but the Chiefs knotted the score in the top half of the fourth. Mahayla and Abby Arrowood would both reach and Kruse reached on a walk before Abby Thompson and Martin would drive in the Arrowoods with ground outs before Rehm could wrap up the inning.

Fort Madison would respond with what would prove to be the game-winning run in the bottom of the fourth. Johnson popped out to start the bottom half, but Dennis, pinch hitting for Rehm, singled and swiped second. The freshman then advanced to third on an error and came around to score on a wild pitch.

Golowach would single and Cashman wore a 2-2 pitch, but the Hounds couldn't bring the two around to score as Williams popped out to first and Geerdes hit into a fielder's choice cutting Golowach down at third.

Dennis would come in to clean things up in 5th-7th to put the game away.

Featheringill, Powers, and Johnson all went 1-for-2 in the game with an RBI. Dennis had two hits for Fort Madison who moves to 13-16 on the year and is off until Monday when they travel to West Burlington.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

TUE 02 July

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High- 85.0° F | Low - 73.3° F

WED 03 July

Rain
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THU 04 July

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Light Up the Sky 4th of July

Fundraising for fireworks getting close to goal

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison fireworks will take place on Thursday, July 4th starting when it's dark (usually around 9:45) and once again be shot off from Riverview Park over the Mississippi River. Avenue H, from 5th to 10th street, will be closed so spectators can enjoy the fireworks safely without issues of traffic. Rain date is Friday, July 5th. "We are just under our goal, but I have hopes a few more contributions will come in to make sure our show is spectacular as usual", stated Tim Gobble, Fort Madison Partners Director.



Scotts MiracleGro Company continues their support for community events. Pictured is Leslie Malinski, Scotts Miracle Gro Liquids Director and Tim Gobble Fort Madison Partners.



Thank you Dr. Mark Pothitakis Family Dentistry for the continued support for this community event. Pictured is Dr. Mark Pothitakis and Tim Gobble, Fort Madison Partners.



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Submitted photo

Betty Fox Cline of Taloga, OK submitted this photo to Pen City Current for help in identifying some of the people pictured here. This picture is from Clay Grove Iowa on May 28, 1898 at the Old Soldiers 'decoration day'. Her great grandfather John Dixon "Jack" Pickard is in the picture along with Henry Richers. Anyone with additional information can send it to bpbigfish@yahoo.com or the Current.

Celebrations

AYCOCK

FORT MADISON – Lauren Grellk and Dustin Aycock are proud to announce the birth of their son Jasper Thomas Aycock on June 23, 2019 at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Jasper is joined at home by brother Jacksin Aycock and sister Joie Aycock.

Grandparents are Teresa and Gary Manning of Fort Madison; Jason and Amanda Grellk of Carthage, Ill.; and Debbie Aycock and Joseph Aycock (deceased) of Fort Madison.

Pen City Current congratulates the family on this wonderful news.

KEMPER

MONTROSE – Anna Calvert and Austin Kemper, of Montrose, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Savannah Jo Kemper on June 24, 2019 at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Savannah is joined at home by Keeley and Baylor Calvert.

Grandparents are Shad and Sonya Marshall of Donnellson; Frank Kaelber of Springfield, Ill.; and Jon and Denise Kemper of Montrose.

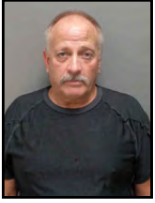
Great grandparents are Linda and Kyle Knight of Fort Madison; Luann and Bob Kaelber of Vermont, Ill.; Christine Brotherton of Argyle; and John and Linda Kemper of Montrose.

Pen City Current congratulates the family on this wonderful news.

Task force arrests Keokuk man

BY PCC STAFF

KEOKUK – Russell Lynn Hymes, 61, of Keokuk, Iowa was arrested on June 24th, 2019 in Ft. Madison IA, on felony drug charges.



Hymes is charged with delivery of less than five grams of methamphet-

amine a class C felony. The arrest of Hymes stems from an investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force into allegations that he was involved in the distribution of illegal drugs in the Lee County area.

The Lee County Attorney's Office, the Lee County Sheriff's Office, Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, assisted the Lee County Narcotics

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PRIZES: The winner will receive a crown, sash, and the free ride tickets. They are also invited to ride on the float with the Queen in the parade on Sunday of the festival. Please include child's name, West Point Sweet Corn Festival Princess Contest, and any other information you are comfortable with on their decorated jar.

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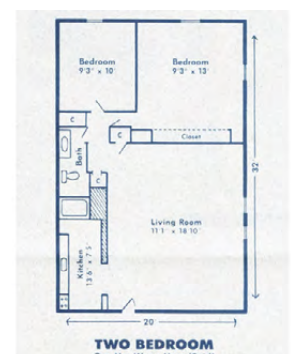
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confidential, as well as including photos of the nuisance.

City Building Director Doug Krogmeier said the app has only been downloaded about 330 times and the city has received just under 532 reports, but he said about 90% of those were uploaded by city staff. He also said some of the reports are for the same issue, and same property or nuisance.

"In the last 30 days I've had 12 downloads of the app and all-time I've got over 500. We've got 10,000 people in this town. I should have 3,000 or 4,000 downloads. I want everyone to use it," Krogmeier said.

"As people send things in we see how many people are using it and it's not that many."

He said if people submit an issue then the incident gets issued a service order instantly, but if Krogmeier has to check everything himself, he usually waits until he gets at least 10 complaints so it's worth the time to leave and check them all at one time.

"It's not that I don't want to, but if they submit it and we can tell what property it is, we just issue it. It's done - just like that. It's instant. That's the goal. If they call me and say 'Hey, it's a mess out here,' then I have to go out and take a picture of it, make sure it is actually a mess, and then issue it (for service)," he said.

On private property nuisances, the city has to publish their intent to remedy the situation. He said the city will usually give 30 days on abandoned autos, but for trash, junk, and overgrown the city gives about 10 days notice to the property owner and then publish its intent to remedy.

Mohrfeld said the city may end up getting more complaints if the app is used, but he said that could prompt the city to hire more staff to deal with the problems.

"I can do video, photos, and I can keep it confidential. I can tell it more details and then I just hit submit and it's off to the right place. Not only can residents download

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Not only can residents download this, but what we're trying to do is encourage everybody to use it.”

-Matt Mohrfeld,
FM City Councilman

this, but what we're trying to do is encourage everybody to use it. As you know, when we get on Facebook, the No. 1 thing we see is everybody complaining about pot holes. I get it. I get it," Mohrfeld said after submitting two pothole complaints in the 1900 block of Avenue L.

"But now download the app, walk out and take a picture. We're gonna come back in a week to these exact spots and we'll see whether this app worked or not."

A video of Mohrfeld using the app can be found by clicking here: <https://youtu.be/00uFnywupkE>.

He said issues like junk in yards, abandoned vehicles in the right of way, overgrown properties, missing street signs and burnt out street lights can all be reported via the app. When residents use the app and hit submit, the submissions goes into automatic work orders.

"They feed into the system and go where they are supposed to. There's a possibility that we're not the only ones doing this and this could already be on the list, but when it pops up the city can say, 'Let's go fix it'.

Mohrfeld said the whole other side is looking at distressed properties and unmowed yards and it creates awareness for the condition of the city.

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Vacations have always been stressful at some level

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then, boom, we're not here to enjoy it. We have to tell the neighbors to come by and help themselves, which they zealously do. Then we get these disturbing texts while we're gone saying, "Hey, deer have been in your sweetcorn and tomatoes. They're all smashed down!" Grr.



I've always found vacations to be sort of stressful—rush here, see that, do this. There are crowds of cranky people all bent on seeing and doing the same things. The motels are crammed, the food is iffy, and we fall off our diet and exercise program. Vacations are supposed to be a time of relaxation, reflection, and rejuvenation. Instead, for me, they can be stressful, worrisome and anxious.

It's been my experience that, without fail, something bad usually happens when I'm on vacation. Back in my working days, vacations would be the time that management decided to clean house and fire the people I had working for me; what I wanted done while I was gone, didn't get done; and a whole corporate reorganization took place during my absence. It was like they were waiting for me to leave—punishment for going on vacation.

My dad was a great one for staying home during vacations and getting things done. He would build a sidewalk, replace the wooden bed in his pick up truck, or build an extension onto the garage to accommodate the longer Buick. After a week of puttering, he would return to work rested, well fed, and nothing bad had happened. I am my father's son.

To make up for our lack of a vacation this year, we're doing double duty next year. We're replanning the trip to the Holy Land, and, in addition, we're also going to Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons with our cousins.

After all that, I may never leave home again.

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-frmes.com.

City closing Riverview Park, parts of Ave. H after 8 p.m. on 4th of July

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cal Center at 10th and Avenue H.

Again, no motor vehicles (without handicap placard or license plates), motorcycles, vehicles pulling boats, or any other vehicles will be allowed in the park beginning at 8:00 p.m. and until after the conclusion of the fireworks display. All persons wishing to launch their boats must enter Riverview Park prior to 8:00 p.m. or use Willow Patch or other sites.

We are asking spectators to watch the fireworks show on Avenue H from 6th to 10th Street. At 8:00 p.m., we will close this portion of the road in order to allow seating on the street and sidewalk areas.

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