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Local attorney has license suspended for fourth time

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A local attorney has had his license temporarily suspended by the Supreme Court of Iowa for the fourth time since 1996.

Bryan J. Humphrey of Fort Madison was suspended on Oct. 18 by the state's highest court after he failed to respond to two specific requests from an auditor with the state Client Security Commission for 'trust account books and records to facilitate completion of an audit of his trust account'.

According to a filing from the Supreme Court, Humphrey failed to respond to the requests and was issued a notice on Aug. 22 that his license would be suspended unless he cured the delinquency or filed in the office of clerk of the Supreme Court, a request for hearing to show why his license should not be suspended.

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Coffee with the Congressman

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Elliott Test Kitchen's Kumar Wickramasingha speaks with U.S. Rep. Dave Loebsack, legislative aide Jared Hershberger, and retired businessman Mike Azinger Friday at the center. Loebsack said he would share the story of the Test Kitchen and help the founder with partnerships.

Officers injured in incident at juvenile detention center

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE - Two corrections officers at the Southeast Iowa Juvenile detention center in Montrose were injured Thursday when an altercation broke out in the day room of the facility.

An argument between two correctional officers and a juvenile began before 9 a.m. and the inmates were ordered to their cells as part of lock-down procedures, but two other juveniles disobeyed the order and came back to the day room and a fight broke out between the two officers and the three juveniles.

According to South Iowa Area Crime Commission assistant director Shelly Tedrow, the Lee County Sheriff's department was called to assist at the facility and the situation was brought under control within minutes. The two facilities are located next to each other just south of Fort Madison on Hwy. 61.

"They were in a day room and one of the juveniles was interacting with the C.Os. and was disobeying. At that time they called for a lock-down and he refused to go back to his cell," Tedrow said. "The other juveniles went to their cells for the lock-down, but two other boys didn't follow instructions and came back out. They went back to the day room and that's when the altercation started."

Tedrow said one of the officers was injured and taken to the hospital and she didn't have information as to the extent of those injuries or whether the officer has returned to work. The other officer was taken with minor injuries and returned to work that day.

A 15-year old male juvenile was arrested as a result of the incident and charged with participating in a riot, 2nd-degree criminal mischief and assault on an officer with no injuries.

A second 16-year-old male juvenile was initially charged with participating in a riot, but additional charges were filed for assault on an officer with injuries. A third 14-year-old male juvenile was also charged with participating in a riot. Tedrow said two of the juveniles were being held out of Scott County and were sent back to that county's facility after the incident. She said after the juveniles face charges there, they will be sent back to Lee County to face charges associated with Thursday's incident.

Pothitakis sisters again offer gifts of warmth

PCC STAFF FORT MADISON - In 2017 Samantha and Nicole Pothitakis, twins from Fort Madison, wanted to help others during the holiday season. They decided to help to bring

some warmth to others through sharing. This year they are back again with their Share-A-Scarf, Wear-A-Scarf. The juniors from Holy Trinity Catholic High School purchased a number of scarfs and tagged them

all with a bible verse and the Share-A-Scarf, Wear-A-Scarf label and tied them around trees at Central Park in Fort Madison.

Last year they gave away over 100 scarves. "We couldn't believe the need in our community," Samantha said. What was even more exciting to the girls was the feedback from those that were able to make great use of the scarves.

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Officials at the detention center directed all comment to SIACC officials.

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Obituaries/Current-Lee

OBITUARIES

DORIS MARIE NELSON

Doris Marie Nelson, 90 years, Fort Madison, Iowa died at 6:45 am Friday, December 7, 2018 at The Madison. She was born December 20, 1927 in Missouri, a daugh-



ter of Stanley and Hesse (Daniels) Peak. On September 8, 1951, she married Richard L. Nelson in Fort Madison. He preceded her in death October 6, 2016.

Doris was a homemaker. She worked in the kitchen at the Richardson Elementary and at Sheaffer Pen. She was a great cook who enjoyed gardening and flowers, traveling with Sheaffer friends, animals and dancing. She was a big Randy Travis fan.

NELSON

She is survived by two sons, Gary Nelson (Lisa May) of Fort Worth, Texas and Greg Nelson of Fort Madison; one daughter, Debra Nelson of Naperville,

Illinois; two sisters: Bonnie Morrison of Fort Madison and Linda (Floyd) Wieland, of Rolla, Missouri; four grandchildren: Gary Jr and Donna, Heather, Kathleen, Emily and Jeremy; seven great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one son Steven, one brother Richard.

Visitation will be held from 10:30 - 11:30 am Monday, December 10, 2018 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. A funeral service will follow and begin at 11:30 am Monday, December 10, 2018 at the funeral home, with Pastor Dean Graber officiating. Burial will be at Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison. A memorial has been established, contributions may be made at the Barr Memorial Chapel. Online condolences to the Nelson family may be made at the Barr Memorial Chapel website, <u>www.barrmemorialchapel.com</u>.

Pen City Current obituary policy

The Current runs obituaries 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.



Tree of Love Gatherinas

Lee County Health Department would like to invite 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

CURRENT-LEE

Winter Spectacular

The Fort Madison High School Winter Spectacular will take place on Sunday, Dec. 9 with doors open at 1:30 p.m. and the show beginning at 2 p.m. Free admission, but preferred seating is available for a donation. Refreshments will be provided. Contact FMHS at 372-1862 for more information.

LCHD Senior Health Clinic

The Lee County Health Department will be holding two senior health clinics this week. The first will be from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Mississippi Terrace in Keokuk on Dec. 11 and another on Dec. 12 at the Hillview Village in Fort Madison from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

FMCH Health Education Series

Fort Madison Community Hospital will be hosting the first in a monthly community health education series on Dec. 11 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at FMCH in the Business Center Conference Rooms. Dr. Yadira Garcia will lead the discussion. Light refreshments will be served.

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. 12 and 19th from 2 to 3 p.m. at 3 John Bennett Drive in Fort Madison.

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.

Santa at the FM YMCA

The Fort Madison YMCA will be hosting a Cookies and Cocoa with Santa on Saturday Dec. 15 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Be ready to play some Reindeer Games, too.

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. 15 and 22, with visits with Santa from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Pen City Current will list your event in this highly visible CURRENT-LEE section in increments of 25 words for \$15. Add a photo for \$5. Non-profit organizations are eligible for the reduced rate of \$10 per 25 words and \$3 per photo. To place your listing, click here or call Lee at (319)371.4125.

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Celebrations/From the Front

Humphrey has license suspended

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The order stipulates that Humphrey's license to practice law is suspended until the commission certifies that he has fully complied with the requests.

As of this morning, the state had not released his license. The court also indicated that it may become necessary to appoint a trustee to protect the interests of any pending Humphrey clients.

The suspension follows a similar March 2012 action where documents claim Humphrey failed to put an agreement in writing with a client in an insurance settlement case. Those documents also said he failed to respond to repeated inquiries from the client and at least two inquiries from the Iowa Supreme Court Attorney Discipline Board after the clients filed a complaint.

He was reinstated in September of that year.

In December of 1994, Humphrey was reprimanded by the Iowa State Bar Association's Committee on Professional Ethics and Conduct for failure to respond to at

least three requests from the committee following a complaint. The committee recommended a 30-day suspension, however the Supreme Court bumped the suspension to no less than 60 days. in February of 1995.

In July 1996, Humphrey was suspended again by the state Supreme Court, but this time for three years after another complaint was filed in November of 1995 involving Humphrey's documented failures to resolve a real estate title problem. The suspension affidavit also said he failed to properly represent an inmate on an appeal of a denial of post conviction relief and committed and "numerous acts of unprofessional and unethical conduct in district court cases he was handling".

His license was reinstated on Dec. 14, 2000 after he complete 90 hours of legal education including six devoted to legal ethics.

Attempts to reach Humphrey by phone Friday were unsuccessful.

Houston, Vance to marry in Jan. 2019

FORT MADISON - Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Houston of Fort Madison announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Leigh, to Ross Mathew Vance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Vance of Fairfield.

Amanda is a 2012 graduate of Fort Madison High School and obtained her Associate of Science degree in Business Administration from Southeastern Community College. She is a licensed cosmetologist and is the owner/stylist at Style by



Design in Burlington. Ross is a 2009 graduate of Fort Madison High School and obtained his Associate of Arts degree at Iowa Central Community College. He is

employed by the City of Fairfield Wastewater Department.

The couple will be married on January 19, 2019, at Madison Baptist Church in Fort Madison.





Great River Regional Waste Authority would like to remind you not to recycle Christmas Wrapping Paper as some of the materials used in the making of it are not recyclable. Please dispose of any wrapping materials in your regular trash cans. Any curbside bins containing these materials can potentially compromise an entire load.

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Sports

Balanced scoring keeps HTC in the win column

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

BURLINGTON - The Holy Trinity girls continue to get balanced scoring and strong inside defense to help keep them in the win column.

The Crusaders held off a third quarter rally from a Burlington Notre Dame squad for a 52-38 win Friday night in Southeast Iowa Superconference girls basketball action.

Junior Ashlyn Haas and senior Eryn Anderson led the ladies in blue with 11 points each. But Holy Trinity on any given night can have five or six different players score in double figures. Emily Box and Mya Lawlor both had eight points for Holy Trinity.

Head Coach Tony Johnson shifted point guard duties from Lawlor to Haas last week and has opened up shooting opportunities for Haas. The junior put up 18 against New London earlier this week.

"I like it because I can start the offense and see the open girls and let things develop in front of me," Haas said.

The downside of the adjustment may be controlling turnovers. The Crusaders committed 20 on the night including a stretch of 2:05 toward the end of the second quarter where they committed eight. Johnson said the two guards accounted for 11 of the miscues.

"I've gotta look at turnovers and see where we're at. Between (Ashlynn) and Lawlor they had 11 of our 20 turnovers," Johnson said.

But whatever Johnson said at halftime had an impact because Holy Trinity committed just four in the second half when he was regularly seen telling the girls to slow down.

Holy Trinity jumped out to a quick 6-0 lead and pushed the advantage to 15-4 with just over a minute remaining in the first period. Junior Avery Hopper





Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Holy Trinity won their fourth game of the season Friday night downing Burlington Notre Dame on the road.

and Box synced up on the left low post for back-toback buckets. Hopper was able to get Box the ball on the block in two straight possessions. Box is averaging about 13 points per game despite shooting less than 40% from the field.

Boeding got the scoring started in the second period with a 3-ball from the right elbow. Junior Alyssa Trail countered for the Lady Nikes after Box committed her second foul of the game just starting the second period. Anderson and Hopper would score inside on consecutive possessions forcing a Notre Dame time out. Lawlor would score out of the time out. Sophomore Katie Denning, filling in for Anderson who had three fouls, fouled the Nikes' junior Taylor Ackerman, who missed the front end of her one-and-one, but Rylie Todd would get a put back underneath.

The streaky Boeding would convert her second



3-pointer for a 31-12 lead, and then HTC couldn't find the handle on the ball the rest of the quarter. The Nikes weren't able to capitalize on the miscues and only scored three points during the stretch, trailing 31-19 at the break.

Box quickly picked up her third foul in the opening seconds of the 2nd half leaving the Crusaders with both post players in foul trouble starting the 3rd quarter. Johnson slowed the pace down in the third period in hopes of reducing the errors. HTC got off just nine shots in the quarter, converting five including a 3-pointer from Haas with 5:05 left in the period. Todd got hot for the Nikes with nine points in the period to help Notre Dame close the gap to six at 38-32 when she hit from about 22 feet on the left side in front of the Nike homecoming fans.

Anderson would score for HTC to give the Crusad-See **BALANCED**, page 9



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Senior Emily Box looks to score inside in the second half of Friday's 52-38 win over Burlington Notre Dame.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON **CITY COUNCIL** 12/04/2018

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, December 4, 2018, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Pro Tem Greenwald presided with Council Members Morawitz, Andrews, Lair and Cangas present (Cangas arrived at 5:33 P.M.)

Greenwald noted Item #4, a resolution setting cemetery fees was being pulled from the agenda. On motion, Council approved the agenda with Item #4 removed as noted. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 11/20/2018; and Payment of Claims.

On motion, Council approved Ordinance No. D-50, amending Title 7, Police, by adding a new Chapter 12, Fireworks. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2018-62, accepting the submitted plat of survey and waiving subdivision requirements (Title 11 - Subdivision Requirements) for the Clarence F Grossman Estate for property located across from 1882-295th Avenue.

On motion, Council approved Council meeting dates in 2019. On motion, Council approved the purchase of two Dodge Durango police vehicles for a cost of \$57,786 to replace two police vehicles.

At 5:47 P.M. on motion, Council adjourned until December 18, 2018, at 5:30 P.M.

/s/ Chris Greenwald, Mayor Pro Tem ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L.

Blind, City Clerk

EXPENDITURES		REVENUES	11/15-11/30/2018
General	\$ 24,001.48	General	\$ 13,394.22
Special Rev.	1,561.66	Sp. Rev.	418,055.97
Road Use	8,582.07	Road Use	124,208.17
Capital	3,968.50	Debt	1,264.86
Water	22,591.30	Capital	9,784.11
Sewer	83,359.86	Water	191,867.81
Solid Waste/IW	8,682.96	Sewer	304,792.18
SW Utility	270.52	Solid Waste, IW	55,964.13
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PAYROLL	11/21/2018		
General	\$192,201.48		
Spec. Revenues	10,459.87		
Road Use	26,659.89		
Water	29,506.22		
Sewer	40,982.80		
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PUBLIC NOTICE **Board Meeting Agenda Great Prairie Area Education Agency December 11, 2018** 5:00 PM - Dinner 5:30 PM - Regular Board Meeting - Executive Conference Room Fairfield Arts &

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I recommend approval of the second reading as presented.

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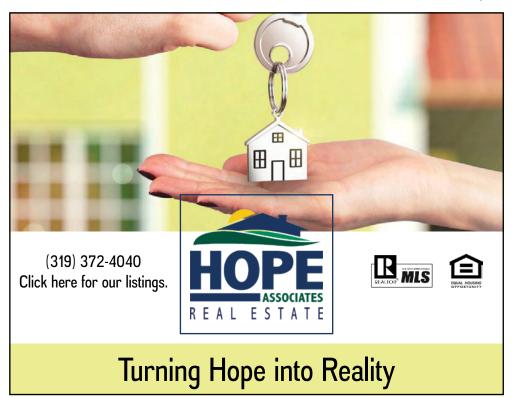
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Sports/Weather

Nikes race past Holy Trinity boys

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

BURLINGTON - The Nikes put up 81 points for the second time this season in an 81-48 win over Holy Trinity Catholic on Homecoming Night Friday in Southeast Iowa Superconference boys basketball action.

Holy Trinity had one lead in the game, when junior Reed Fehseke hit a three pointer with just over a minute gone to start the game for a 3-2 advantage. After that point it was all Nike basketball and one play in particular set the tone.

Nike senior Gavin Kies took a pass from the wing, took a step toward the basket, and jumped to dunk the ball. The ball went off the back of the rim, straight up about 10 feet in the air and came down through the hoop. In addition to defying some physics, the bucket put the Nikes up 21-6 with about a minute left in the quarter.

The Crusaders were getting good looks, but the lanky Nike squad kept Holy Trinity's squad off balance. The Crusaders converted on just two of 11 shots in the period with juniors Hellige and Fehseke with three each



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Crusader Adam Rauenbuehler tried to score inside Friday as Notre Dame's Nick Skerik (23) tries to take a charge and Sam Brueck (4) looks on.



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Holy Trinity junior Quentin Schneider takes out Notre Dame's Mitchell Brent (2) trying to get to the bucket in the first half of Friday's loss to Notre Dame.

Nike Senior Riley Koenig and Kies each had six in the period. Holy Trinity also committed eight turnovers in the period.

Head Coach John Hellige said the Crusaders have come out flat in the last couple of games against two of the top teams in 1A in the area.

"The last two games we've just come in with an air of being defeated before we even start. You just can't go into games that way," Hellige said.

Notre Dame junior Nick Skerik hit a couple 3-pointers including one with 2:30 left in the half to push Notre Dame's lead to 41-17. The Nikes had been working the inside game with Koenig, Kies, and Axel Tjaden, and then Skerik started hitting from deep. Hellige and Fehseke each had six in the second period. Brant Holtkamp started a small 6-2 run with buckets sandwiching a baseline layup from the left by junior Quentin Schneider.

The Crusaders struggled in the opening half getting the ball past half court clean. The Nikes press allowed the inbound pass, but then collapsed into zone traps

that gave HTC some fits in the early going.

"We made some bad decisions in the press and committed some turnovers and got ourselves into a hole early," Hellige said.

Hellige, who's been struggling in the Crusaders' first five games getting opportunities underneath facing taller opponents, scored quick to start the third period. Notre Dame countered and then Holtkamp hit a 3-pointer to close the gap to 49-28, but then Holy Trinity would miss its next six shots until Fehseke broke the dry spell with a 3-ball from deep at the top of the arch.

Notre Dame would then go on an 11-5 run to end the quarter up 64-31. Fehseke would put up five more points in the final period to finish with 20 on the night. Hellige ended with 15. Brant Holtkamp had seven points, Blake Crabtree had four, and Vasin Thurman had two points to round out the scoring for HTC.

The Crusaders take on 2-2 Van Buren on Tuesday night in girls/boys double header at Shottenkirk Gym in Fort Madison.



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Pen City Current will not publish an e-Edition Sunday, December 23 through Tuesday, January 1. Our special 2018 Recap editions will publish Wednesday, January 2 through Tuesday, January 8. Breaking news will continue to be published on our website 24/7.

As we enjoy the holidays with family and friends. we thank you for your support and patronage and wish you all a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!



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Sports/From the Front

DNR weekly fishing report for week ending Dec. 12

LEE COUNTY - The following is the weekly fishing report from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for the week ending Dec. 12.

Big Hollow Lake

The lake is pretty much open water as of midweek. Muskellunge - Slow: Report of a 37-inch muskie caught from shore down below the campground recently.

Lake Belva Deer

Last weekend's rains and warmer weather this week, so far, has opened up a good portion of the lake.

Lake Darling

Last weekend's rain and wind broke up the ice. Warm temperatures and a NW wind yesterday took the ice off most of the middle of the lake. Campground arm and most areas out of the wind remain iced over.

Lost Grove Lake

Mix of open water and very thin ice. West boat ramp is mostly ice in, as well as most of the more sheltered bays. The gate is closed for the winter for the parking lot by the dam.

Foul trouble hampers HTC in second half at Notre Dame

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ers some breathing room. After freshman Katy Stephens put up a runner in the lane to cut the margin to eight, Anderson scored after a scrum where a loose ball bounced off about six players at the HTC end. Lawlor ended up scooping up the ball and hitting Anderson with a bounce pass underneath, who scored and was fouled for a 3-point play before time expired in the quarter with Holy Trinity up 45-34.

Todd would hit a 3-ball again off another Cruaders' turnover to cut the lead to eight, but both teams would go cold from the field and Notre Dame would commit five turnovers in the first four minutes keeping the hosts to just one more point in the game on a free throw as Holy Trinity went on a 7-1 run to end the game.

Johnson said the foul trouble hurt Holy Trinity in the second half as sophomores Denning and Claire Pothitakis came in to take some minutes off the clock with Anderson and Box nursing fouls on the bench. Box would eventually foul out as Johnson alternated using the seniors in the post instead of having both working the lane at the same time. Box finished with five blocks on the night.

"Eryn and Emily getting in foul trouble in the second half hurt us and we had to go to sophomores. They did a decent job, but they don't have that experience and we have to work on our depth off the bench."

He said he's still pleased with the balanced scoring he's getting from the 4-2 Crusaders, whose two losses have been by less than a combined dozen points.

"With the offense we run, it should be pretty balanced every night either inside or out. They're going to have close in on the post or guard outside. When you got two good shooters like Taylor (Boeding) and Ashlynn, and you got two girls inside that score, and then add in Avery who can go either inside or out, that's the biggest thing for us," Johnson said.

Haas said the team has struggled with turnovers and pace in the last two games, but played well against Mediapolis last week.

"We're playing pretty well to this point. The last two games were pretty slow, but I think we'll pick it up."

Boeding finished with six points on the night, Hopper had four, and Pothitakis had two to round out the scoring for HTC.

Tuesday the girls play host to 5-1 Van Buren at Shottenkirk Gym. The Lady Warriors bring in junior Taryn Scheuermann, who's averaging close to 26 points per game and is already verbally committed to Northern Iowa University. The Warriors only loss came in a 5-point loss to Central Lee on Tuesday.

Pothitakis sisters again share gifts of warmth

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"Some used them as gifts to those in need, some used them for friends that needed a scarf, and some used them for kids they knew that could use some extra warmth for the cold winter season", Nicole said.

"The scarfs are there for anyone that needs one or knows someone that

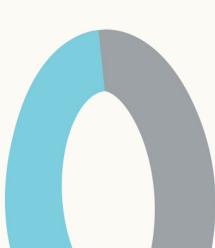


needs one. Just stop by and pick a color and grab one. It's perfect for those that may not have enough warm winter wear." Samantha indicated that they check in on the park to see if the scarfs are getting low as they like to try to put more up when needed and when the scarfs get low.

> Samantha and Nicole Pothitakis tie scarves around trees in Central Park again this year. Last year more than 100 scarves were given as part of the Sharing program.

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