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Sheaffer museum closes due to funding

Board writes lack of financial support led to decision

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Sheaffer Pen Museum located at 627 Avenue G has announced it will be closing its doors due to lack of funding, effective immediately.

A release from the museum's board of directors this afternoon outlined the reasons for the closure.

"After seven years of showcasing the rich history and

powerful impact of the W.A. Sheaffer Pen Company locally, nationally and internationally, it is with a deep sense of sadness that we are closing the doors of the Sheaffer Pen Museum (SPM), effective immediately.

The primary reason for our closing is the lack of enough ongoing financial support. Without that support, the Museum, as a nonprofit organization, cannot afford to care for the archives and continue the exciting programs to display them as it has in the past. Several options to

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West Point still looking to sell Vets Park

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT - City officials in West Point will be subdividing a park on the city's west side after attempts to sell the park earlier this spring failed.

At Monday's West Point City Council meeting, the council voted 5-0 on a recommendation from Mayor Paul Walker to subdivide the park into three equal parcels and then take sealed bids on the properties again after the property abstract had been brought up to date.

City Administrator Gary Menke, who was absent from the meeting, had told Walker as a result of a penalty that had been put in place as part of the original bidding process at the park governing what the land would be used for, some people turned away from purchasing the property. The park currently has a fenced ball field with lights and some playground equipment and a few structures.

"We met as a committee on the park and since we didn't get any response on the last sale of it, we came up with a recommendation to divide the property into three equal lots and those will be made available for sale by sealed bid again. You can buy one, two, or three, however you want," Walker said.

He told the council if there was still no interest in the property, the city would divide it out and treat it like South Park and if someone comes in and wants to buy a lot, the city would have a price set for each parcel.

"We did ask for a trade off last time, with a penalty and that scared some people off, according to Gary," Walker said. "That was one of the things they were scared of, as well as the price of lumber skyrocketed and they didn't want to get stuck with that."

Walker said there will be a three-year abatement on any increase in value to the property.

"If you were to build say a \$180,000 house out there, you wouldn't pay any tax on that for three years," he said.

City officials were hoping that construction would take place on the property once it sells so property tax dollars would be realized after the abatement.

In other action, the council
- approved 5-0 a 5K Pajama Run for the Holy Trinity Catholic High School volleyball team from June 2 in West Point.

- approved a request to have a city-wide garage sale on June 9.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Volunteers at the Fort Madison Food Pantry sort food to be shelved for the area's neediest families on Monday. The food was collected by postal carriers with the Fort Madison Post Office as part of a national letter carrier food collection on Saturday.

Carriers deliver big for FM food pantry

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - More than a dozen volunteers at the Fort Madison Food Pantry spent their day on Monday putting away tons of food donated by the National Letter Carriers' Saturday food drive.

Area residents put out food for the carriers with the U.S. Postal service to pick up and bring back to the post office. Volunteers worked Saturday to sort and organize the food donations and then on

Monday loaded them up for the trek over to the Fort Madison Food Pantry, where cars lined up as the food was carried in both the front and back doors.

Lin Cramer, the pantry's board president, said she was amazed at the kindness of the community in helping the pantry stock for the area's neediest families.

"It chokes me up how kind everyone has been to do all of this," she said. "You think about all the

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OBITUARIES

ROBERT JOSEPH GROSSMAN

Robert Joseph Grossman, 77, of Argyle, Iowa, passed away at 1:45 a.m. Saturday, May 12, 2018 at his home in Argyle surrounded by his family.

Born on April 9, 1941 in Sharon, Iowa the son of Joseph Fredrick and Ruth Ester (Perkins) Grossman. On August 20, 1958 he married Dotty Evelyn McCarty in Savannah, Tennessee. They have been married for sixty years thereafter.



GROSSMAN

Survivors include his wife: Dotty of Argyle, Iowa; two daughters: Debbi Swartout of Davenport, Iowa and Lori Neally of Argyle, Iowa; one son: Joe Grossman of Argyle, Iowa; six grandchildren: Justin (Michele) Neally, Ashley (Andy) Hardin, Amanda (Nate) Padget, Samantha Swartout, Kaitlyn (Tom) Miller and Zachary Grossman; ten great grandchildren; five sisters: Betty Messerschmitt of Ottumwa, Iowa, Eileen Gaylord of Keokuk, Iowa, Wynona Lucas of Magnolia, Texas, Ruth Ellen Cahill of Springfield, Ohio and Janis Lind of Leadville, Colorado. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother: Richard Grossman and one sister: Doloras Kirkpatrick.

Bob was a 1958 graduate of Donnellson High School. He spent the last sixty years of his life building a family with his wife Dotty. The two shared their love for each other while working and growing their farm. Bob was also a commercial, multi engine, instrument pilot with flight instructor rating. He was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, producing maple syrup, cattle ranching and raising, breaking and showing quarter horses. Most of all, Bob was a dedicated father and grandfather who spent all of his time building special and unique memories with all of his loved ones.

Cremation has been entrusted to Schmitz Funeral Home.

Friends may call after 12:00 noon Thursday, May 17, 2018 at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson, Iowa where the family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. A prayer service will be held at 7:00 p.m. with Pastor Jamey Stout officiating.

Burial will be at a later date at the Argyle Memorial Gardens.

Memorials have been established in his memory for the Donnellson Library or Argyle Memorial Gardens.

Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

Spring Cleaning

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For the Record/Local News

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

05/11/18 - 7:15 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1400 block of Avenue D.
 05/11/18 - 4:02 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1300 block of Avenue D.
 05/11/18 - 4:50 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1000 block of Avenue H.
 05/11/18 - 8:26 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 4400 block of Avenue O.
 05/12/18 - 6:52 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a gas drive off in the 1700 block of Avenue H.
 05/12/18 - 8:49 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 3400 block of Avenue N.
 05/13/18 - 2:49 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1500 block of Avenue G.
 05/13/18 - 7:16 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a shoplifter in

the 400 block of Avenue H.
 05/13/18 - 8:09 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1500 block of 35th Street.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

05/11/18 - 10:00 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Lori Ann Schorr, 44, of Iowa City, at the Scott County Jail on warrants for harassment -3rd degree and violation of parole. She was held in custody.
 05/11/18 - 3:42 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Laurence Wayne Kite, 44, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on judgment hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 05/11/18 - 5:46 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Maryssa Ann Hatfield, 31, of Kahoka, Mo., on a judgment hold. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and released for serving weekends.
 05/11/18 - 7:45 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited George P. Mitchell, 56, of Fort Madison, in the 2100 block of West Point Road on a charge of trespassing. He

was released upon citation.
 05/13/18 - 10:38 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jennie Marie Hamor, 37, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of disorderly conduct. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 05/13/18 - 10:40 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jeannie Sue Breashears, 33, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office on a charge of disorderly conduct. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 05/13/18 - 10:56 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jennie Marie Hamor, 37, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office on a charge of disorderly conduct. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 05/13/18 - 10:58 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jeannie Sue Breashears, 33, of Fort Madison on a charge of disorderly conduct. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 05/13/18 - 2:15 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jake Ryan Wells, 26, of Newton, at the Jasper County Jail on warrants for sexual

exploitation of a minor and exhibiting obscene material to a minor. He was held in custody, 05/13/18 - 3:00 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Mark Anthony Allen, 39, of Ottumwa, at the Wapello County Jail on a warrant for violation of probation. He was held in custody.
Those listed above are considered innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

05/11/18 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one medical call and one car accident
 05/12/18 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical calls.
 05/13/18 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to six medical calls and one burn complaint.

Seven-year run comes to end at museum

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maintain the SPM were explored, but without success.
 Over the past seven years we have enjoyed an international gathering with attendees from more than seventeen countries, several employee picnics, a 100 Year Sheaffer Centennial Celebration (1913 -2013), and sponsored a variety of Special Exhibits and Reminisce Nights. We welcomed visitors from the local area as well as from nearly all the United States and many parts of the world. We fielded questions from Sheaffer pen owners and aficionados, and posted historical information on the web. Our volunteers have been friendly, knowledgeable and dedicated. We are especially grateful to them.
 Thank you to our generous benefactors and supporters these past seven years. Your Adopt-a-Case participation, monetary donations, Sheaffer-related contributions and oral histories have made our journey together worthwhile.
 We are leaving with a heavy heart at this time, but with great pride to have been a part of the Fort Madison community and the purveyors of the legacy of the W. A. Sheaffer Pen Company in Fort Madison."
 Phone calls to the museum office after the news was released were unanswered.

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Sports

HTC's Robu qualifies for second round golf regionals

BY PCC STAFF

NEW LONDON - Holy Trinity Catholic's Ali Robu carded a 96 Monday at Deerwood Golf Course in New London to advance to the second round of regional in girls high school golf action.

The 96 was good enough for 7th place on the day with the top 8 moving onto the next round.

Robu started with a 52 on the first nine, but settled in a for 44 the second time around.

New London's Casey Noble and Addie Pry were medalist and runner-up at the tournament with a 79 and 83.

Robu will play in round 2 on Monday at a site to be determined.

THURSDAY SOCCER SCORES

Hounds hounded by Fairfield

BY PCC STAFF

FAIRFIELD - The Fort Madison boys soccer team was shut out Thursday night by Fairfield 10-0 with the game-ending goal coming at the 18-minute mark in the second half.

The Trojans scored five goals in each half. Javier Trejo tended goal in the first half and had four saves. Carson Donaldson had four saves in the second half before the 10th goal.

The Hounds fall to 3-9 overall and 2-6 in the Southeast Conference and played at Burlington Friday night.

FMHS also lost the junior varsity game 7-1 with the lone goal coming from Will Larson on an assist by Gage Fullenkamp. Chance Decker had three saves. Fairfield scored four goals in the first half and three in the second half.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FMHS's Will Larson tries to center a kick during the boys 2-0 loss to Danville Monday night at the Baxter Sports Complex. The Hounds trailed just 1-0 with less than 10 minutes remaining in the game.

Danville shuts out struggling Hounds

Hounds can't put together winning drive in final minutes

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - A late-match offensive push by the Bloodhounds wasn't enough to avoid a shutout as Danville beat

Fort Madison Monday night 2-0 at the Baxter Sports Complex.

The Hounds were down 1-0 with about 10 minutes left in the second half, but Danville was able to get

the ball past goalie Javier Trejo behind Fort Madison's defense at about the 9 minute mark to stretch the lead to 2-0.

The Hounds tried to get the ball downfield to Brody Rung and Rueben Eid in the waning minutes of the game, but Danville was able to clear the ball on several occasions as

time expired.

Eid and AJ Nolting each had two shots on goal for the Hounds. Nolting had six of the Hounds 16 shots on the night. Trejo had two saves on the night.

The Hounds fall to 3-11 on the season and 2-6 in the Southeast Conference with the loss and travel to Mediapolis on Tuesday.

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Sports

HTC girls rout Wapello on Senior Night

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT - Each of Holy Trinity Catholic High School's three seniors put up a goal Monday night as the lady Crusaders cruised past Wapello 10-0 on Senior Night at South Park.

The match was teased with rain through most of the first half after play was started 15 minutes late due to lightning in the area. But the HTC offense was the only storm in the area as they scored quick and often. Freshman Claire Pothitakis scored twice in the first five minutes and pitched junior Taylor Boeding an assist in between the two goals as HTC raced out to a 3-0 lead at 35:33.

With just over 29 minutes left in the first half, Pothitakis took a pass down the left side the field and sailed it over to Boeding again who scored on a running header into the right side of the net and the rout was on.

Senior Madison Mohrfeld got her score into the top right side of the net at the 24:32 mark and then senior Kayleigh Biegler scored just :40 later with a low kick that skidded under Wapello's keeper. Senior Maya Rashid got her goal with a sharp kick from about 13 feet out in the box on the right side of the field.

On the night, Pothitakis, Boeding, and Elle Rashid each had two goals for Fort Madison, Elyse Pothitakis scored once as did Mohrfeld, Rashid and Biegler. Sophomore Sam Pothitakis pitched the shut out tending for the Crusaders.

"It was a nice solid performance by all members of the team tonight," head coach Michael Sheerin said. "Maya Rashid is getting back to match fitness after her injury and should be 90-100% by post season play."

The Crusaders fall to 6-8 on the season and play Fort Madison in a cross-town tussle on Friday at the Baxter Sports Complex in Fort Madison.

On Friday the Crusaders team slipped with a 6-2 loss to Burlington on Friday at South Park.

Rashid, a large part of the Crusaders offensive scheme and scoring mechanism, had been sidelined for the past six matches with an injury. Rashid returned on Friday and scored a goal just five seconds off a kick off to set the final score.

Sheerin said the squad started out well and had the Grayhounds pinned in HTC scoring territory for the first 10 to 15 minutes of the game. The Crusaders had several scoring opportunities, but couldn't get anything to drop in the net.

The Grayhounds scored multiple goals on breaks past the Crusaders' offensive pressure. Sam Pothitakis has four saves on the night, but couldn't do much about the outside runs behind the Crusaders defense.

Junior Emily Box had a long throw in to Claire Pothitakis who was able to slip the ball past the Burlington goal tender to close the gap to 3-1. The Hounds countered quickly to make it 4-1.

Sheerin said Junior Taylor Boeding had a great match with several shots going off the crossbar and posts and had several crossing passes into the box.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

HTC junior Taylor Boeding gets a running header into the net as the Crusaders took a 3-0 lead with less than 10 minutes gone in the game. Freshman Claire Pothitakis sent the assist in Boeding's direction and the Crusaders raced to a 10-0 win.

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3. The City of Fort Madison will inspect the sidewalk prior to approval of your application, prior to removal and prior to placement of the new sidewalk. The Fort Madison Ready Mixed Concrete Co. will bill the City for the concrete used and the City of Fort Madison will pay for the concrete directly to the supplier. The City will not pay for the additional Saturday delivery charge. If the property owner wishes to have the delivery on Saturday the bill for the delivery will be sent to the property owner. No payments will be made directly to the property owner. The concrete can be ordered by the property owner or your contractor from:

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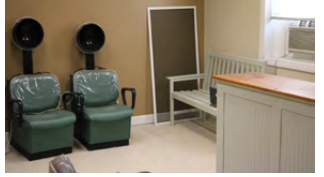
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From the Front/Weather

Food pantry funding, inventory improving



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Former Fort Madison Food Pantry volunteer George Gaudette, right, helps load food onto a pickup truck for delivery from the Fort Madison Post Office Monday morning. The food pantry was struggling with inventory and funding in March, but officials say the situation is better going into the summer.

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houses and the families that have contributed... whatever they could. It's amazing to see this level of kindness," Cramer said.

Former board president George Gaudette said this year's donation of food was similar to the past year and should help stock the shelves for two to three months.

Cramer said it will take a room full of volunteers most of the day to sort, organize, and shelve do-

nations that were mostly canned and dry foods including peanut butter, cereal, pickles, soups, crackers, and other non-perishable items.

More than 10 letter cages were used to store the food over the weekend. The racks were then rolled onto the docks where volunteers worked for over an hour to load baskets and boxes into vehicles.

"We're working, hopefully we'll get most of it done today, but we have volunteers coming tomorrow to finish it up."

In February, the pantry put out a call for help as supplies and funds became dangerously low. Cramer said the outlook is a bit brighter now thanks to the outpouring of support from the community and businesses.

"It's going better -

much much better," Cramer said.

"We made some changes in what we order and we've had a lot of donations. Memorials are coming in, and Mike Wellman, who would have been here helping us, passed away. He's probably still with us, but his memorial has brought in some and that's fairly substantial. Lee County Bank also gave us an early \$2,500 donation. So things are looking better."

Anyone wishing to make donations can send them to PO Box 273, Fort Madison, IA 52627 or donations may be dropped off at the Pantry located at 3421 Avenue L, Fort Madison, IA.

For more information you can visit <https://www.facebook.com/Fort-Madison-Food-Pantry-1554159578212844/>.

Holiday schedule released for city services

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