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## LCEDG earns international "human capital" award

BY PCC STAFF

KEOKUK - The Lee County Economic Development Group won a Gold Excellence in Economic Development Award for Grow Lee, a project in the category of Human Capital of the International Economic Development Council (IEDC).

The honor was presented at an awards ceremony on Tuesday, during the IEDC Annual Conference, which was held Sept. 17 - 20, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.



FRAISE

"On behalf of the IEDC board of directors and Excellence in Economic Development Awards Advisory Committee, congratulations to the Lee County Economic Development Group. Not only did they work to provide a necessary service to their community; but also, their participation in the awards program sheds light on their stellar projects which other communities can now use as a benchmark." -

Michael Langley, FM, CEO of GREATER MSP, Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN, and 2017 IEDC Board Chair.

Grow Lee is a workforce and business retention/expansion project focused on growing and increasing the quality of Lee County's workforce. Developed by the Lee County EDG, Grow Lee has continued to provide innovative programs and solutions for our workforce issues. Grow Lee programs include,

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

### Elks donate to K9 program

The Fort Madison Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks received a \$1,500 grant from the Elks National Foundation in honor of the group's 150th Anniversary about two weeks ago. The local chapter donated \$500 of the grant to the Lee County K9 Association to help fund the Lee County Sheriff's Department K9 program. Bob Britton, a member of the Fort Madison Elks, said the group plans to make an additional contribution to the group in the near future because they felt the K9 program was a welcome addition to the sheriff's department and will have a definite impact on the community.

### Mt. Pleasant v. HOUNDS preview

## Friday matchup may be a slugfest

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - At 3-1 the Fort Madison Bloodhound football program is still getting used to having success.

Aside from a lopsided season opener against Davis County, the Hounds have had their hands full and are learning again what it's like to challenge opponents week to week.

This week the Mt. Pleasant Panthers come into town with a 2-2 record falling to Oskaloosa last week 14-35. Junior Levy Puig led Mt. Pleasant on the ground with 40 yards on 17 carries. Quarterback Zach Beason had 12 carries for 17 yards. He also completed nine passes for 83 yards and a touchdown. On the year, he has 714 yards through the air with four TDs and five picks. Last year the Panthers slapped a 34-0 win on the Hounds.

Head Fort Madison Coach Tony Shiffman said the Panthers will come at Fort Madison and try to spread the offense out.

"They remind me a little of Oskaloosa. They're gonna spread the ball out and get it to their guys and try to make some plays," Shiffman said. "It's gonna be one of those games that's gonna be a slugfest. I like those games - being an old offensive lineman."

The Panthers held the high-powered Oskaloosa offense to 35 points, but also held a potentially explosive Washington offensive squad to just 16 two weeks ago.

Shiffman said that's a testament to the Panthers defense to be able to slow down those teams. But he



SHIFFMAN

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## State won't need special revenue session

### Gov. Reynolds can allocate \$13M without legislators

DES MOINES - Gov. Kim Reynolds announced Wednesday that no special session is needed for Fiscal Year 2017.

The expected shortfall for Iowa's FY 2017 budget

is \$14.6 million. Gov. Reynolds will combine \$13 million from the state's economic emergency fund with the \$1.6 million ending balance. This is the final action on the FY 2017 budget,

which ended June 30, 2017. The state has \$605 million in reserve funds after closing the FY 2017 books.

"This has been a difficult budget year, but I am pleased we were able to manage lower-than-expected revenues without cuts to education or Medicaid," Gov. Reyn-

olds said. "We have been monitoring funds daily since the end of the fiscal year on June 30 and took a measured approach in dealing with the state's finances. We continue to closely monitor the current fiscal year's balance sheet and do not believe

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### OBITUARIES

## LUCILLE D. BRINKSCHROEDER

Lucille D. Brinkschroeder, 90, of Pacific, MO and formerly of Ft. Madison passed away on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 3:00 AM at the Pacific Care Center.



ALLEN

She was born on June 24, 1927 in Keokuk, IA to Charles and Guelma Roe Derr. Lucille married Hazen "Shorty" Huffman and he preceded her in death. She then married James Brinkschroeder and he also preceded her in death. Lucille retired from Ft. Madison Community Hospital where she worked in the cafeteria. She was a long time member of the Ft. Madison Moose Lodge and Eagles Club. She also managed the Izaak Walton Club. Lucille enjoyed dancing, cooking, singing, waitressing and serving people. Lucille loved visits from her family and going out to dinner, her favorite meal was chicken.

Survivors include two sons, Rex (Karen) Huffman of New Smyrna Beach, FL and Ray (Sandy) Huffman of Pacific, MO; a daughter in law, Cheryl Huffman of Cape Girardeau, MO; eight grandchildren, Bret Huffman, Dyrk Huffman, Tabitha Orth, Nicole Tolly, Brian Huffman, Brandi Huffman, Kristie Begic, Raymond Huffman; fourteen great grandchildren, Brittney Hardage, Jordan Hardage, Jaryd Huffman, Darian Huffman, Kendall Huffman, Shae Huffman, Peyton Rodeffer, Nicholas Orth, Kuerra Huffman, Addison Orth, Kamden Tolly, Brayden Begic, Bentley Begic, Kingston Huffman; four great great grandchildren, Peysleigh Syperda, Hazen Syperda, Nevaeh Epperson and Adalyn Rodeffer.

She was preceded in death by her parents; both husbands; two sons, Roy and Rick Huffman and one sister, Florence Waterhouse.

Friends may call after 2 PM on Friday, September 22, 2017 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will meet with friends from 4:30-6:30 PM. The funeral service will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Lane Van officiating. Burial will be in Charleston Cemetery, Charleston, Iowa.

Online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com)

## LARRY SCHINSTOCK

Larry Schinstock, 62, of rural Salem, passed away at 8:18 A.M. Wednesday September 20, 2017. Funeral services are pending at the Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point.



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# Obituaries/From the Front

## OBITUARIES

### LEROY PILCHER

Leroy Pilcher, 49, of Donnellson, passed away at 6:38 A.M. Wednesday September 20, 2017 at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics in Iowa City. Funeral services are pending at the Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point

## State projections were off slightly

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action is needed at this time.”

Department of Management Director Dave Roederer held a budget briefing for members of the media Wednesday morning. He shared more with reporters, including:

- The Revenue Estimating Committee (REC) estimated 2.7% growth in the FY 2017 budget..Actual growth was 2.5%.
- Accruals (tax payments due June 30, 2017, that came in after June 30, 2017) totaled \$73 million.
- After stalling earlier this year, Iowa’s corporate income taxes came in stronger than expected at 5.6% vs. the REC estimate of 0%.
- Corporate taxes make up 6.5% of Iowa’s general fund.
- Projected FY 2017 revenue from the REC: \$7.106 billion. Actual FY 2017 revenue: \$7.095 billion
- Projected FY 2017 net appropriations: \$7.254 billion. Actual FY 2017 net appropriations: \$7.258 billion

## For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report  
 09/18/17 - 10:41 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 900 block of Avenue H.  
 09/18/17 - 4:33 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 600 block of Avenue E.  
 09/19/17 - 6:27 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 400 block of Avenue A.  
 09/19/17 - 6:51 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft on Iris Lane.  
 09/19/17 - 8:50 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the

1200 block of Avenue H.  
 09/19/17 - 5:11 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1900 block of Avenue M.  
 09/19/17 - 5:37 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 700 block of 14th Street.  
 09/19/17 - 10:39 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 400 block of Avenue D.  
 09/20/17 - 2:26 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Penny Flores, 42, of Fort Madison in the 3800 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving while barred. She was released on a promise to appear.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

09/19/17 - no incidents to report  
 09/20/17 - 2:57 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kristen Nicole Reyes, 30, Burlington, at Wever Junction, on a charge of contempt of court - failure to pay fine/costs. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. *Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue  
 09/18/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medicals, two assists, one gas line rupture and two burning complaints.  
 09/19/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical calls.

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## Sports

# Lady Hounds show well at MP cross country meet

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

MOUNT PLEASANT - Fresh off her home turn win last week at the Fort Madison Invitational, FMHS Senior Sierra Howardson captured 2nd place in the girls 5K run Tuesday night at Mt. Pleasant.

Howardson finished at 20:02.8, 16.8 seconds off the pace set by Mount Pleasant's Abby Ryon's 19:46.0. Brett Schneider took fourth place behind Ashley Bloomquist of Fairfield with a time of 20:19.3.

Claire Mendez and Ashlynn Haas finished in 24th and 25th place with just a half-second apart with Mendez crossing the line at 23:57.9 and Hass at 23:58.3.

Anna Kester rounded out the top five runners for the Lady Hounds coming in 33rd with a time of 25:07.4. Those top five were enough for second place with 50 points behind Mt. Pleasant's 32. Maddy McVey finished 58th (27:57.8).

In the junior varsity 5K run, FMHS's Lauren King took first 10 seconds ahead of the pack with a time of 24:31.00. Miho Shirai finished in 3rd place at 24:44. Claire Hellman was the third FMHS runner in the top five overall with a 25:00.00 time in the 5K run. Paige Munson finished 7th at 25:54.00 and Brittney Sanford was 8th overall at 25:54 to round out the top five scorers for Fort Madison.

The Lady Hounds took first place in the large class

group with 24 points to Washington's 41. Other finishers included Lexi Miller, 11th, 27:15 and Rachel Hellman 12th 27:38.

The Hounds got another top finisher in the middle school 3200-meter run. Katie Dennis took the meet at 13:29.5. Tauren Settles was 14th with a time of 14:56.1, Emily Steffensmeier was 16th overall at 15:10.04. Mylah Blanchard was 23rd with a time of 15:39.0, while Ellie Schulte crossed the line at 37th place with a mark of 16:43.7.

Other top local runners included Mary Hellige (HTC) 53rd place overall at 18:09.6, Jordyn Boyer (FMHS) 59th - 18:31.9, Elliot Dostalek (HTC) 75th-20:05.0, and Brooke Mueller (HTC) 21:54.5,

# HTC wins, FM 2nd at boys MP meet

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

MT. PLEASANT - FMHS's Aaron Steffensmeier had the fastest local time at the Mt. Pleasant Invitational Cross Country meet Tuesday night.

Steffensmeier finished 3rd in the Large Class 5K with a time of 17:23.62. Dayne Cordray finished right behind Steffensmeier in 4th place with a time 17:42.99.

Holy Trinity Catholic's Matt Hellige took 2nd place in the small school class with a time of 18:18.21 behind Wilton's Buddy Darting. But strong finishes from the other HTC runners kept the Crusaders score low enough for first place at the meet.

HTC finished with 72 points, 13 ahead of Wilton's 85. The Bloodhounds finished in second place behind Mt. Pleasant with 49 points to the Panthers 31.

HTC's top five runners were Hellige, Blake Crabtree 9th (19:30.24), Jacob Mohrfeld, 16th (20:14.49), Ben Abolt 17th (20:16.58) and Adam Rauenbuehler 28th (20:53.17). Adding the places gives HTC 72 points.

Other finishers for the Crusaders included Brant Holtkamp - 34th and Sam Avery - 44th.

For the Hounds, after Steffensmeier and Cordray, scoring was Noah Sissel with a 12th place finish at 18:49.93, Nathan Steffensmeier - 14th 18:49.42 and Elton Kruse - 16th at 19:06.12. Other finishers for the Hounds included Owen Kruse - 18th with a time of 19:18.78 and Miguel Trejo - 20th at 19:23.55.

In the junior varsity run, Chandler Rung came in the 8th place to lead HTC with a 23:30.43, followed by Wyatt Hellman with a 25:11.18 15th, Josh Barr with a time of 27:01.28 and Kyle Scheetz in 30th place with 27:39.21

For the Hounds in the junior varsity 5K run Fort Madison captured 1st place overall with 32 points led by freshman Shakir McClellan who took first place with 20:31.15. Matt Meierotto and Anthony Barnes finished in 3rd and 4th place with times of 20:35.05 and 20:40.49, respectively. Alex Steffensmeier was 6th at 21:32.46 and Seth Mendez in 18th at 24:30.62.

In the middle school run HTC's Philip Goldie took the title setting the pace a full 45 seconds ahead of the field at 11:29, the fastest time in the 3200 meters of both classes. Mikey Deprima, Tyler Snaadt, Michael Hellman finished 11-13th. Nick Fullenkamp took 41st place in the boys small class run.

For Fort Madison, Hayden Wolfe, Miles Dear and Austin Miller took 5th, 6th and 7th place. Dayton Davis and Will Gager finished in 9th and 10th. Ben Thiele finished with 13:55.17.

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## HOT 97.3 Tailgate night prior to the game Friday

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said he doesn't plan on changing anything up in the Hounds offense.

"WBND did a good job, probably the best we've seen last week, at shutting down Shance (Redd-Donald), but then that opened up Lorenzo. And that opened up (senior running back Alex) Gully later in the game. I'll been saying that all season. We want to have you pick your poison.

For the first two weeks it was a big Shance and Gully show and last week it was Lorenzo getting 100 yards," Shiffman said.

Redd-Donald had his lowest output of the season last week against West Burlington, but Shiffman said as competitive as the senior wideout is, he just wants to win.

"As hard as he is on himself, he just wants to win. We've joked about that a couple times, but he doesn't care if he gets any touches if we win. He wants the ball for sure, but he understands not forcing it either," Shiffman said.

The Hounds had great success running the football in the first two games but the last two Gully hasn't reached the 100 yard mark against some tough interior defenses from WBND and Oskaloosa.

Shiffman was quick to take the blame despite Gully having a touchdown and 90 plus yards in the last two games.

"A lot of its my fault," Shiffman said. "Against Osky we got down so quick and got away from the run game and then last week against WBND our game plan was not to run the ball a lot but to throw it more. I told him this week we're going to try and get him 20 and let him run. So that's not on him, that just on us and our play calling."

With scoring seven touchdowns in the first two games, Gully certainly got the attention of the district coaches and has found running a bit tougher, but Shiffman said it comes down to execution and working the game play. He said he doesn't plan on deviating

### Who to watch

FORT MADISON (2-1)  
Senior RB #1 Alex Gully 75-519  
9TD, Senior OL/DL #7 Diego Lozano  
25 tackles, Senior OL/DL #38  
Lorenzo Riles II 18.5 tackles, 22.9  
yds/catch, Senior WR #2 Shance  
Redd-Donald 21 rec. 347 yds.6TD,  
Junior LB #53 Sam Hayes 23.5 tack-  
les, Junior QB #12 Lennon Barker.  
40-81, 655 8TD 2INT.

MOUNT PLEASANT (2-2)  
Junior QB #10 Zach Beason 57-  
103, 714, 5TD, 2INT, Junior RB #21  
Levi Puig 20-56, Senior WR #88  
Kieran Kohorst 12 rec. 162 yds. 2TD,  
Junior S #8 Tucker Johnson 30.5  
tackles.

“It's fundamental football whether you're blocking on a veer or defending in a spread. We have to do the things we need to do.”

-Tony Shiffman  
FMHS Head Coach

from what's been working.

"I don't think so. I think he'll get his yards because we'll still block up front well and he'll still put his head down and run over some people," Shiffman said. "In this offense that we run, I look and see these teams that have 300 or 400 yards a game on the ground, but I'm happy with 200. We don't have to spread the ball out as much as in past years," Shiffman said.

Gully comes into the game with 75 carries for 519 yards and nine touchdowns. Sophomore Diego Lozano is next with 16 carries for 92 yards and one touchdown as Gully's relief.

Junior signal caller Lennon Barker has been steady with the ball for Shiffman's offense, throwing for 655 yards on 40 completions. He's connected on eight touchdowns against two interceptions. Last week Barker had a couple of runs that kept drives alive carrying seven times for 36 yards.

Shiffman said Barker carried a few more times because the

offense opened up in the read-option sets.

"He did a good job of pulling it in and reading it. He's going to get better and better every week," Shiffman said. "He wants to learn and get better and not keep bad habits, and bad habits at this point in the season is a lame excuse. But he's had a good week of practice and he didn't have as many bad balls this week as he's had in the past games."

"It's one of those things that's a process. He has to trust his guys and I can look at film from last year where he would take a snap and get hit right away and he needs to trust that these guys are going to block for him. I think he's going to have a really good second half."

On defense, Shiffman said Rickelman is preparing to face the spread offense, but the Hounds just need to stick to fundamentals much like they did last week with two big goal line stands against the Falcons.

"It's fundamental football whether you're blocking on a veer or defending in a spread. We have to do the things we need to do. They might get a pass here and there or run here and there, but you move on. As long as the drive ends in a punt we're ok," he said.

He said the Panthers have athletes and good receivers and Levi Puig ran well last week.

"They have some athletes that can make plays. Mount Pleasant can definitely get out there and run and sling it," Shiffman said.

The Hounds will rely on the productive defensive line and Lozano at linebacker. Lozano had 8.5 tackles last week, including 2.5 for a loss.

"He had a good game this past week. We dedicated the game to a family member and he was pretty emotional and he had a good game for that person and he'll keep getting better, too."

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## From the Front/Weather

# Grow Lee program earns another award

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uptraining the existing workforce, Lego robotics, apprenticeships, scholarships, externships and many other connections designed to touch all the residents of our county.

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edge - Action has resonated with stakeholders and has created unprecedented collaboration between all the groups involved.”

Grow Lee has continued to expand into new areas and the level of participation has increased over the last several years. Grow Lee has had a tremendous impact on the future of the local county.

“The success of Grow Lee, and our programs, is a direct result of the collaborative effort of all of

Lee County EDG’s partnerships and stakeholder participation” commented Dana Millard Marketing & Communications Manager. “This award is a tribute to not only our work but those who have assisted with this process. Everyone has a voice in our workforce initiatives and Grow Lee.”

Lee County EDG also

received the award for Business Retention & Expansion (BRE) Overall Program for 2016 and 2017 from the Professional Developers of Iowa. The award recognizes the outstanding efforts of local and regional economic development initiatives in supporting growth and expansion of existing Iowa companies.

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## Police find suspect sleeping in stolen car

PCC STAFF

KEOKUK – The Keokuk Police Department reports the arrest of Jacob Michael Vawter, age 23, of Keokuk, for Theft First Degree (Possession of Stolen Property), a class C Felony and, Leaving the Scene of a Traffic Accident, a Simple Misdemeanor. On September 19th at approximately 10:08 a.m., officers with the Keokuk Police Department were dispatched to the 300 block of Main for an individual who was asleep in a vehicle that was reported stolen out of Hancock County. Officers located the vehicle and; after a short pursuit, the driver, Jacob Michael Vawter, was taken into custody.

On an unrelated matter, Vawter was charged with Burglary Second Degree, a Class C Felony and, Unauthorized Use of a Credit Card, an Aggravated Misdemeanor. This arrest stems from an investigation into a residential burglary that occurred in April of 2017. Both of these incidents remain under investigation.

The Keokuk Police Department was assisted by the Hamilton Police Department, Hancock County Sheriff’s Office and, the Lee County Attorney’s Office.

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