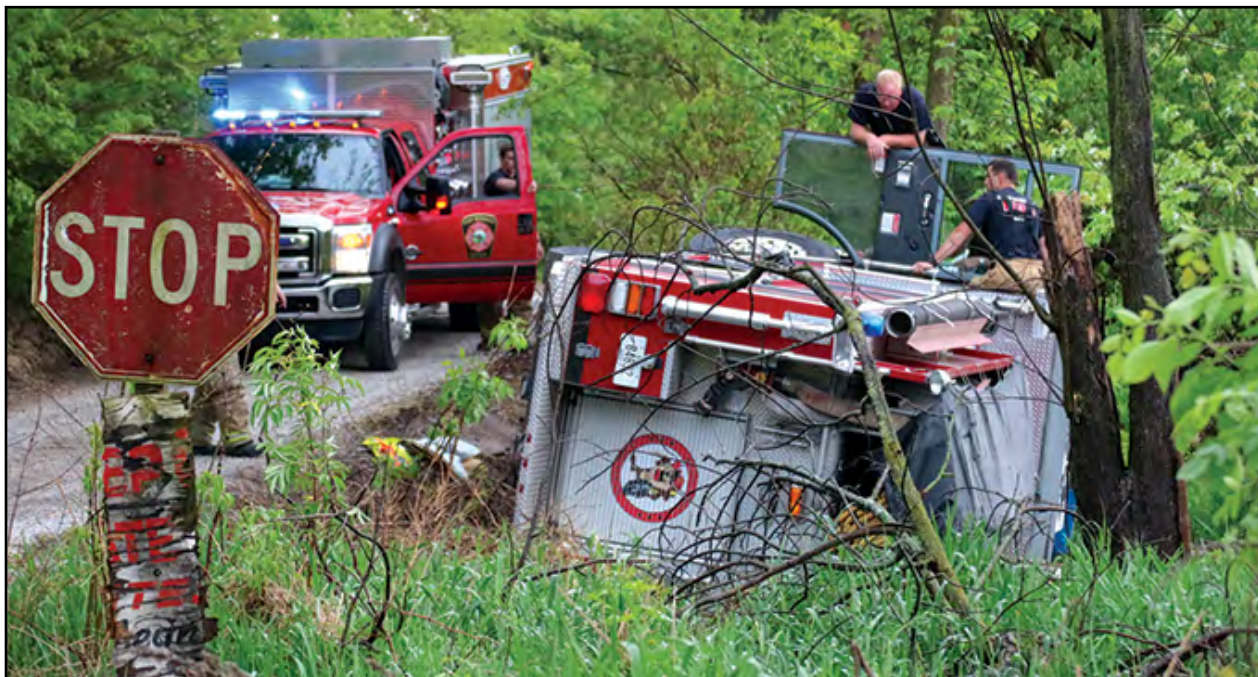


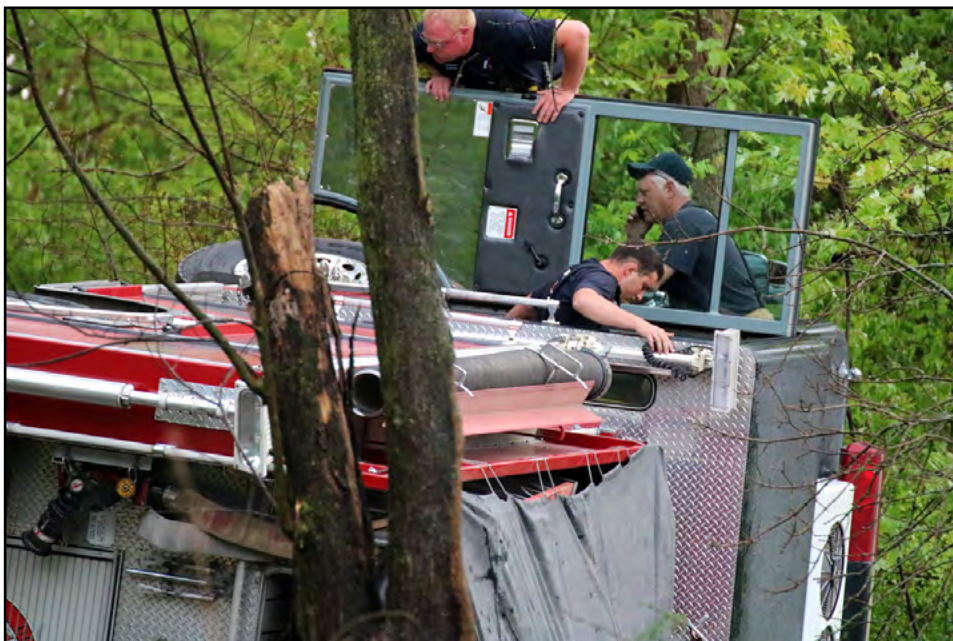


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Speed bumps cause rift in Old Denmark Hill area

Some in neighborhood oppose devices, city says traffic slower

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A glitch in the way of progress is sometimes called a speed bump.

A Fort Madison neighborhood is experiencing a rift as a result of two 2.5 inch speed bumps across the road on Old Denmark Hill.

According to city officials, the speed bumps were put in to slow traffic that is using the roadway as an alternative to the 15th Street Rodeo Hill closure.

We had seven property owners complaining about speed on that road," said city Public Works Director Larry Driscoll.

"Out of the seven, one was very vocal when we diverted traffic and it showed up on Old Denmark Hill. 15th Street was getting 10,000 to 11,000 vehicles per day. Denmark Hill is now getting about 7,000 per day. People weren't driving the speed limit, I don't care what anyone says."

"There's a corner on top. That's a sharp corner. There's a yellow recommended speed sign on the top of the hill for 15 mph but the speed limit is 25 mph."



SITTIG

Fort Madison Police Chief Tim Sittig was of the same mindset as Driscoll and said the city is seeing good results from the measure, but said, more importantly, its functionality is 24/7.

"We cannot always have a police presence there and people were speeding," Sittig said. "Something needed to be done with that. We have had some accidents at the bottom of that hill."

Jim Yasenchock, who lives in the neighborhood, said the speed bumps not only have created a lot of noise, but also can divert water onto properties near the bumps.

"Larry Driscoll told me that the reason he had to do this is because the police weren't doing their job. I really don't care about that. I want the cops to keep the gangs and the drugs out. They are just attacking the police."

"When they first put these out there, I stood out here with a sign like an idiot, that said we didn't have anything to do with it, it was the person next to us."

Yasenchock said one person complained and wanted

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Close call

Responding to an injury accident Wednesday evening on 35th Street south of the railroad bridge, a Fort Madison fire truck tipped on its side into the slough in about 2-3 feet of water. All firefighters in the truck were able to get out. No injuries were reported at the scene.

LCHD temporary clinic times, locations set

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Lee County Health Department has announced temporary clinics and locations for residents needing TB tests and immunizations in Fort Madison.

The LCHD has temporarily moved their TB (Tuberculosis) Clinic to Connection Bank Community Room in Fort Madison at 636 Avenue G on Monday, May 15th and Monday, May 22nd from 3 p.m.-4 p.m. TB

tests are \$20. TB testing requires a follow-up reading by a nurse 48 hours after the test. The TB test readings will be available at the same location on Wednesday,

May 17th, for testing done on the 15th and Wednesday, May 24th (for testing done on the 22nd from 3 p.m.-4 pm.

The LCHD Immunization Clinic on Thursday,

May 25th in Fort Madison has been moved to First Christian Church, located at 1029 48th Street from noon to 5:30pm. Please bring your child's immunization card with you.

Please continue to visit the LCHD Facebook page and website (www.leeconomyhd.org)

for future clinic times and locations. For questions regarding TB tests and clinics please call LCHD at 319-372-5225.



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Local News/From the Front

Noise is top complaint for neighborhood

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the city to do something and when they brought the speed bumps that person wouldn't let the devices be put in front of their house due to the noise it created.

"So they put them in front of mine?" Yasenchock asked. "I saw them putting them in and I came out and said, 'What's going on?'"

He said the city did move the bumps up from his house and then added another toward the bottom of the hill.

"We're getting fabulous results," Driscoll said. "Traffic has slowed tremendously. Those are speed bumps with a 2.5" rise and they are rated for 15-20 mph. They'll definitely slow you down.

One resident, who is in support of the measures but would only comment if not identified, said if people would travel the speed limit there wouldn't be an issue.

"The bumps are built for 25 mph and they won't hurt your car," the resident said. "Also the people that live on the street have to go over the bumps, too."

But the same resident said traffic has increased about ten-fold with the Rodeo Hill closure and motorists are squealing their tires and honking their horns in frustration of having the bumps in place.

"It's really bad," the resident said. "They will lay on their tires and honk their horns. I even had one person yell at me, 'Nice speed bumps!'"

"The neighbor next door just raised

holy hell and was telling drivers it wasn't me and he actually made it worse. They were going to initially put in three but I told them that wasn't necessary because of the curve. (The drivers) are getting smart, they lay on the gas between the two bumps."

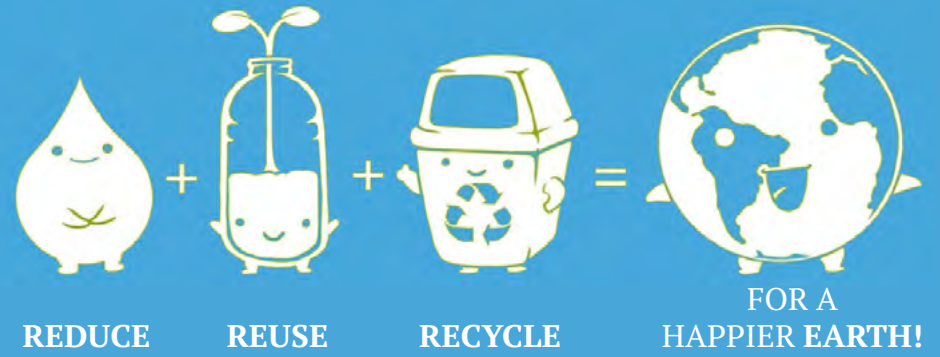
Driscoll said the city will be bringing in smaller "speed humps" next week.

"Next week were gonna put in a speed hump and those have a 1.5" rise. You watch, as soon as we put those in you'll see an increase in speed. These are a temporary thing. It's a good thing. We live in a society that feels that speed is a choice. Safety doesn't apply until something bad happens. It's impossible for police to be there 24/7," he said.

"Where I put those, they are not in front of anyone's house. We originally had it too close to one person's house and we relocated them in front of him about 125 feet. They are not next to houses. I don't hear a lot of noise from them. I'd rather take them out and put a police car up there, but I've got more compliments from people thanking us. It's more positive than negative."

The bumps cost the city a couple hundred dollars each and Driscoll said the city uses them in alleys and they get beat up pretty quickly. He said the devices won't be in place longer than three months. The Rodeo Hill project is set to be 75% complete by mid-July.

Great River Regional Waste Authority reminds you to use the 3 R's!



Here are some helpful tips:

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*Reduce the amount of waste produced in society

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- Buy durable goods & products in bulk
- Avoid over-packaged & disposable goods
- Use cloth napkins/towels instead of paper napkins/towels
- Make 2-sided copies whenever possible
- Maintain central files for multiple individuals
- Use electronic mail/communications or a central bulletin board

REUSE

* Reuse products for the same purpose or for a different purpose

It makes economic & environmental sense to reuse products. Sometimes it takes a creative mind to do so.

- Sell or Donate old clothes, appliances, toys & furniture
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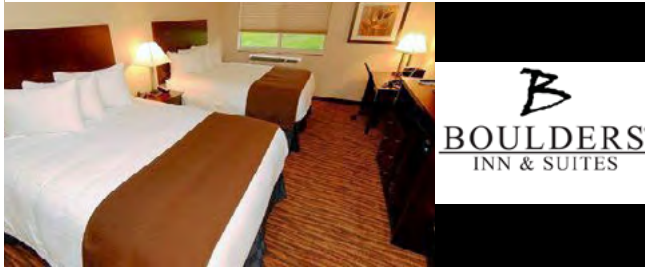
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Obituaries/Area News


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Fri 12 May —
 Clear Skies
 Low – 53.0° F | High – 66.3° F

Sat 13 May —
 Light Rain
 Low – 63.7° F | High – 73.3° F

Sun 14 May —
 Light Rain
 Low – 65.6° F | High – 72.2° F

Mon 15 May —
 Light Rain
 Low – 71.7° F | High – 80.3° F

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OBITUARIES

WILBERT “BERT” LEROY HOLTkamp



HOLTkamp

Wilbert “Bert” LeRoy Holtkamp, 89, of rural Mt. Hamill, Iowa passed away at 3:03 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at the Klein Center in Burlington, Iowa.

Born August 29, 1927 in old Pilot Grove, Iowa the son of Albert H. and Anna J. (Krittenbrink) Holtkamp. On June 20, 1950 he married Priscilla Ann Pieper at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Houghton, Iowa. She preceded him in death on September 29, 2016.

Survivors include his two daughters: Margaret “Peggy” Kaltefleiter of Coralville and Anne (Dan) Menke of Donnellson; three grandchildren: Alice (fiancé Adam Jennett) Comer of Lisbon, Megan (Alex) Scheer of Mt. Pleasant and Justin Menke of West Des Moines; five great grandchildren: Wilbert “Wil” and Sydnee Comer, Klay Scheer and Jake and Sophie Jennett; two brothers: James (Carol) Holtkamp of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa and Larry (Cathy) Holtkamp of Salem, Iowa; one sister: Sr. Marilyn Holtkamp, OSF of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife: Priscilla; parents; two sons: Anthony and Jesse and one brother: Melvin.

Bert was a 1945 graduate of St. Mary’s Catholic School in West Point. He was a member of St. James the Less Catholic Church where he served as eucharistic minister and lector. He served on the first God’s

Acre Sale Committee, he went on to attend every God’s Acre Sale except for one. He was a past Grand Knight and life member of the Houghton Knights of Columbus Council #3905. Bert was a member of the Lee County Farm Bureau and led the Busy Workers 4-H Club for ten years. He was a lifelong farmer and land conservation was very important to him. He enjoyed gardening, watching sports, golfing and card clubs. Spending time with his family was very important to him. He always took the time to talk to anyone he met, young or old and always had a smile on his face.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 12, 2017 at St. James the Less Catholic Church in St. Paul, Iowa where the family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. A Parish Rosary will be recited at 3:00 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service will be held at 7:00 p.m.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 13, 2017 at St. James the Less Catholic Church in St. Paul, Iowa with Father Bruce DeRammelaere as celebrant.

Burial will be at St. James Catholic Cemetery in St. Paul, Iowa.

Memorials have been established in his memory for St. James Catholic Cemetery, HTC Catholic Schools or Regina Catholic Schools.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point is assisting the family with funeral arrangements.

Storms hamper Veteran’s outreach program

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
 PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE - The rough weather that rolled through the area put a damper on an outreach program that focuses on issues important to county veterans.

Paul Carroll, Executive Director of Lee County Commission of Veteran’s Affairs, said turnout at this year’s spring event at the Ivor Fowler Center on the Montrose Riverfront, was the lowest he’s ever had.

“The storms just kept them from coming out,” Carroll said, who’s been serving his position for 13 years..

But the good thing is that he said he thinks the

organization is reaching a strong portion of county veterans.

Carroll said the outreach programs, which are held twice a year, once in the fall and then again in the spring, offer county veterans a chance to come out, have some food, and talk about issues that are important to them. He said some veterans can’t get to the office during hours for whatever reasons and this gives them a chance to get with the people that can help find answers and solve problems.

“This is community outreach.. a chance for me to get out in the evening to meet with the veterans who aren’t available during the day because they work or whatever. But also to get

the word out there that I’m out here.”

The group has a commission of five including Mardi Steffensmeier, George Morgan, George Shields, Pat Fraise, and Vic Conlee, who help give local direction to the program and assist with the outreach programming.

The biggest thing facing veterans now is health care.

“Health care’s always a big issue with our aging veteran population,” he said. Of course we have VA (Veteran’s Administration) health care in Iowa City and outpatient clinics in Ottumwa, Quincy, and Galesburg. The biggest concern is getting them into the system and helping them to apply. I’m a

source of information and I answer a lot of questions. I also have a lot of forms to help them apply for whatever they want or need, and the ancillary forms that go with it.”

Carroll has office hours five days a week, Tuesday and Thursday in Keokuk, and Monday, Wednesday and Friday in Fort Madison. The Keokuk office is located at 727 Main Street, 319-524-7831 and his office in Fort Madison is in the Lee County Building 933 Avenue H. 319-372-5853. He holds office hours from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

Carroll encourages veterans and their families to reach out to him with any questions or issues they are having.

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