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It's not just Plein art

Artists come from hours away to sketch out localities in FM

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Artists from hours away came into Lee County this weekend for the "Bridging the Arts" event.

Easels and artists could be seen at different locations throughout Fort Madison on Sunday, just sitting by themselves working on their craft. Occasionally a passerby would stop and inquire as to their work, but the painters and sketchers would quickly get back to work as the competition ended before 2 p.m. and the works had to be completed and framed and ready for

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Jamie Green, of Quincy, works up an ink drawing of the alley west of the Connection Bank parking lot Sunday afternoon.

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



The good practical jokes take a little work

Kimn Hassenfritz looked up from the breakfast table. "What is that awful noise?" she asked.

There it was again. The noise sounded like a cross between an elk bugling and a sick goose. It was coming from their neighbor's house.

Tom Hassenfritz, Kimn's husband, put down his morning newspaper and cocked his head. "Oh, that's just Ron Clouse making his morning Tarzan call."

It was Ron Clouse's habit of stepping outside on the deck early in the morning, with his cup of coffee, to watch the sun come up. When the first rays warmed his body, he would let out a Tarzan yell that would get dogs barking half a mile away. Ron just felt so good in the morning that he wanted to let the world know he was alive and ready to take on any and all challenges of the new day.

The empty lot between the Hassenfritzs and the Clouse's was a point of worry for Tom Hassenfritz. It was an odd-shaped lot, like a slice of pie, and owned by some out-of-state doctor. Tom was afraid a developer would come along and build a convenience store or fast-food restaurant there. He had tried to buy the lot but to no avail.

The Hassenfritzs like to vacation in Michigan where the family has a lakeside cabin. It was during one of these vacations, while the Hassenfritzs were gone, that Ron Clouse got the idea for a practical joke. It would take some work, quite a bit of work actually, but it would be so much fun. He knew where there was an old abandoned trailer house that he could pull onto the vacant lot. He also found an old clothesline, a rusted out pick-up truck, and some busted lawn chairs. To add authenticity to the scene, he hung some clothes from the clothesline, and was in the process of rounding up a herd of goats that he would turn loose to graze on the lot. However, the Hassenfritzs returned from their vacation a day early and foiled the goat idea.

It was 2:00 a.m. in the morning, when the headlights from the Hassenfritz vehicle picked up the mess that was next door to their house. Kimn let out a scream,

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Holy Trinity sweeps Superconference tourney

Freesmeier gets 900th win at tournament

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

HTC's sophomore Claire Pothitakis (8) climbs high for an attack against Van Buren in the final set of the Crusaders' Southeast Iowa Superconference title match with Van Buren on Friday night. Head Coach Melissa Freesmeier, observing in back, notched her 900th win on Saturday.

FORT MADISON - Holy Trinity Catholic came out almost unscathed as the Crusaders went 3-0 Saturday at Southeastern Community College to win the Southeast Iowa Superconference tourney.

HTC rolled past Iowa Mennonite Schools 25-10, 25-12, West Burlington 25-

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Obituaries/Lottery Numbers

JOE RINGSTROM

Joe Ringstrom, 67, of Keokuk, IA, was finally reunited with his wife and love of his life, Theresa on Friday, September 21, 2018.

He was born on March 19, 1951 in Keokuk, IA, the son of John "Jack" and Wiladene Lambert Ringstrom. On July 3, 1987, Joe was united in marriage to Theresa Michl at All Saints Parish in Keokuk. She preceded him in death on March 30, 2000.



RINGSTROM

Joe was the owner/operator of Ringstrom Electric in Keokuk. He loved listening to Bob Dylan and the Rolling Stones. He also loved to read, travel, take care of his animals and go to the river to feed the birds.

He is survived by three sisters, Barb Ringstrom of Keokuk, Dianne Cannon (Bob) of Keokuk and Linda Lee (John) of Chicago and Theresa's sister, Mary Pat Michl of Keokuk.

Besides his wife, he was also preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Daniel Ringstrom and Robert E. Gambrel.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Tuesday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with the family meeting with friends from 6 - 8 p.m. A private graveside service will be held at a later date in the Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk.

The family requests no flowers and suggests memorials in his memory be made to the Keokuk Humane Society or the Keokuk Animal Shelter.

JOSEPH R. HNAT

Joseph R. Hnat, 87, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 2:45 p.m. on Friday, September 21, 2018 at Montebello Healthcare Center in Hamilton, IL. He was born on May 18, 1931 in Prague, OK to Joseph & Julia Marsik Hnat. He married Marrietta Maynard and she preceded him in death on July 9, 1974. He then married Jacqueline L. Berger on April 12, 1976 in Carthage, IL. He worked at the Iowa State Penitentiary for 36½ years, retiring in 1992. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, history, mushroom hunting, gardening and spending time with his family.



HNAT

Joe is survived by: his wife: Jacqueline L. Hnat of Fort Madison, IA; 1-son: Timothy (Martha) Hnat of Arlington, TX; 2-daughters: Clara Hnat & Jill Hnat both of Fort Madison, IA; 1-step daughter: Joyce Miller of Fort Madison, IA; 4-grandchildren: Wylie Hnat, Erica Cowles, Kelly Nelton & Matthew Miller; 7-great grandchildren: Allison Miller, Dillon Hnat, Dwight Cowles, Brandon Hnat, Erin Cowles, Logan Nelton & Austin Nelton. He was preceded in death by: his parents, his first wife, 1-son: Joseph Hnat, 2-granddaughters: Dallas Hnat & Erin Cowles.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. No services are planned at this time. Online condolences to Joe's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

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Pick 4 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
Pick 4 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm



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Local News/Business News

Eisnnicher gets FMCH August honor

Submitted article

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison Community Hospital recognized Hallie Eisnnicher as their August Employee of the Month. Eisnnicher is a nurse in the FMCH Clinic. She has been with FMCH for nine years. Eisnnicher was chosen with this nomination:

This employee lives the Standards of Behavior at FMCH excelling at Respect, Personal Accountability, and Commitment to Co-Workers. This employee focused the Meditech build of the FMCH Clinics to suit every specialty using her knowledge as a nurse. She even taught herself how to build certain modules necessary for workflow and completed every assignment. She made the transition better for staff by traveling from pod to pod all day during those long first weeks of Go Live, despite suffering from a physical injury. Because of her, we had a smoother conversion!



Photo courtesy FMCH

Jeremy Alexander, President/CEO; Matt Mullins, VP, Physician Services; and Katie Sciumbato, Clinic Nurse Supervisor, present Hallie Eisnnicher with the August FMCH Employee of the Month award

Eisnnicher recognized Gerri Barnett, a fellow nurse, as someone who made a difference in her career at FMCH, "Gerri has been so helpful since the day I started. My favorite part of working here is the small hospital feeling where I can walk down the hall and feel confident that I can say hello to most of the

people/employees and call them by name. I enjoy being a float nurse because that way I get to interact with most everyone in the clinic and get to know them. It also helps that I enjoy my co-workers."

Eisnnicher enjoys watching her children play sports and coaching their activities as well as

hanging with friends and her family when not at work.

The Employee of the Month is an initiative developed by the Reward & Recognition team. Each month a FMCH employee is honored for going above and beyond for the good of the patient, their co-workers and the organization.

Monday last day for Produce box donations

FORT MADISON - Live Healthy Lee County will be at the Fort Madison Farmers Market for the final time this season from 5:30-6:00pm on Monday, Sept. 24 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.

"This has been the first year for the Produce Box Project, and it has been a tremendous success," states Emily Biddenstadt, Lee County Health Department Outreach Coordinator. "We can't thank the vendors at the farmers market enough for all the produce they have donated this season. The sites around the county have really enjoyed getting the fresh produce."

Biddenstadt adds that there are even some who watch out for her. "We have a couple sites where they aren't shy when we walk in. They have their bags ready, and are asking what we have to share with them."

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.

The boxes will be picked up October 5th for the season, however if growers still have extra produce to donate please still take it to one of the participating sites. The health department does plan to continue the program in Spring 2019.

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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Sports/Weather

Cordray, Dennis take 23rds at Anamosa

Both boys, girls teams take 12th out of 15 teams

ANAMOSA - The Fort Madison cross-country boys and girls teams both finished 12th at the high-caliber Anamosa Invitational on Saturday.

In even more of a parallel, the top two FMHS runners on each team finished in 23rd place.

Freshman Katelyn Dennis finished with a time of 21:48.30 in the girls run, and senior Dayne Cordray took 23rd in the boys run with a time of 18:23.10

Springville-Central City's sisters Emily and Janelle Staal took first and second in the run. Emily Staal won the event in 18:23.4, a full 1:42 a head of her sister. Solon won the girls meet with just 82 points. Tipton, literally, ran away with the boys race with just 51 points. Camanche was second with 114.

Caleb Shumaker, of Tipton won the boys event at 17:02.2, just 8.3 seconds

in front of Davenport Assumption's Chris Guise.

For the girls, junior Anna Kester placed 51st with a time of 23:03.5. Junior Maddy McVey finished in 69th with a time of 23:43.6 and Junior Ashlynn Haas came in 72nd at 24:06.9. Senior Josie Pumphrey, in one of her first runs with the Hounds, finished 74th at 24:13.7. Junior Claire Hellman rounded out Fort Madison scoring with a time of 27:40.1.

Running for the boys, sophomore Anthony Barnes took 46th place with a mark of 19:06.06 and then two freshman Will Gager and Hayden Wolf crossed the line at 19:14 and 19:38.2 for 53rd and 67th place overall. Sophomore Owen Kruse finished at 19:47 and sophomore Alex Steffensmeier finished at 20:56.7.

Both squads run Tuesday at Washington.



Superconference Champs

At top, HTC's Kassi Randolph gives the front line a set. At left, Eryn Anderson drives home a kill against West Burlington in the semis, and above, Bailey Hellweg gets the offense going against Van Buren in the title match Saturday at Southeastern Community College.

Hellige 2nd at Pekin Grade x-country runs

BY PCC STAFF

PEKIN - Holy Trinity's Matt Hellige took 2nd place in the boys 11th grade run at the Pekin Cross-Country Grade races in Fairfield Saturday.

Hellige's time of 17:21 in the 5K run was just :21

off the pace set by Colten Glosser. HTC's Jacob Mohrfeld came in sixth in the same run with a 19:34 to give the Crusaders second place with 8 points. Only the top two runners for each school figured in the scoring. Pekin won with four points.

In the 12th grade race, the Crusaders took 3rd with some nifty pack running. Adam Rauenbuehler and Brant Holtkamp ran a dead race at 21:31 each for 8th and 9th place. Josh Barr took 10th with a time of 23:14.

HTC had no entries in

the boys 10th grade race, but Philip Goldie ran a 17:44 which was good enough for 2nd-place in the 9th grade run. Mitchel Pothitakis came in sixth with an 18:51 to give HTC 8 points and tie for 2nd.

The boys run again Tuesday at Indian Lake.

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- MON 24 Sep** Scattered Clouds
 High - 72.8° F | Low - 60.9° F
- TUE 25 Sep** Light Rain
 High - 72.8° F | Low - 60.7° F
- WED 26 Sep** Clear Skies
 High - 57.9° F | Low - 40.2° F
- THU 27 Sep** Clear Skies
 High - 64.9° F | Low - 51.8° F
- FRI 28 Sep** Clear Skies
 High - 65.7° F | Low - 54.3° F

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Sports

High octane Urbandale tourney on Saturday

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18, 25-11, and Van Buren 25-10, 25-20. The only loss for HTC may have been freshman setter Kassi Randolph to a left arm injury in the first set of the finals with Van Buren.

Randolph jumped to the floor on a dig with another Crusader and then was quickly rotated out by Head Coach Melissa Freesmeier who saw something was wrong. The facility trainer came over and evaluated Randolph, who stayed with the team through the championship match, but was iced on the elbow and shoulder after the match.

The Saturday matchups at SCC featured the top half of the Superconference teams that rolled out of Thursday's pool play.

The Crusaders drew IMS and what that match was decided, Freesmeier had notched her 900th win of her career.

"I feel old. I think I've been around this game for a while," Freesmeier said with a smile. "I've had awesome assistants and that's the thing - we're family and we're a team. These kids build on each other year after year after year, so I've been very fortunate to have these kids and these coaches in the program.

HTC Athletic Director John Goetz said the number of wins is a testament to the program and the kids.

"I haven't been around for 900, but probably 500. She's as good leader as there is and gets a lot out of her kids," he said.

After West Burlington dumped Central Lee in straight sets, the Crusaders took the floor against the Lady Falcons.

HTC trailed in the early going, but knotted the score at 5 on an ace by Taylor Boeding, then took the lead on a second Boeding ace at 6-5.

The Crusaders then went on a 5-1 run with Boeding at the line serving. She got a third ace in the run at 10-5, Eryn Anderson had a kill to make it 11-5 and then West Burlington's Ilyah Moore had a kill to end the run. The Crusaders would extend the lead to 18-12 on a kill by Anderson. The Lady Falcon's Sydney Marlow tried to breathe life into West Burlington's chances with a couple kills, one at 18-13,

but HTC pulled away and eventually snuffed out the game 25-18 with an ace by Anderson.

In the second game, West Burlington was able to hang around only in the early going. HTC senior Emily Box had six kills and block to go with a couple of points by sophomore Claire Pothitakis to give the Crusaders a 19-9 lead. The Falcons didn't commit many errors in the set, but couldn't keep the serve as HTC's frontline of Box, Anderson, Pothitakis and Avery Hopper kept control of the net.

Pothitakis would get three kills in a row at points 22-24 and Anderson would wrap up the second set and match with an attack that found the middle of the floor.

Van Buren came to the finals after going into a third-set tiebreaker with Mediapolis before advancing and then had seven minutes to rest before facing off with HTC. The Crusaders had about 30 minutes between games as the Bulldogs and Warriors battled it out.

HTC took advantage of the fresher legs and roared out to 12-5 lead with four straight points, two from Anderson and two from Pothitakis. But all four kills were set up by the diving defense of Boeding, who hit the floor on all four of the points to keep the ball in play.

"I knew that had to pick up the tips and that we would help get a fast offense running. Then we could move the ball around to different parts of the net and get the big kills. It may look like I'm just throwing myself around, but it's important for me to hang on to every point," Boeding said.

Mya Lawlor then got hot from the service line. Teaming up with Box at the net, the two reeled off a 7-0 run with Box getting three kills and two blocks, while Lawlor put together three straight aces to put Holy Trinity up 23-7. Van Buren would make a little noise putting up three points before Box put the game away with a kill at 25-10.

Van Buren would get its wind in the second game running out to a 6-1 lead over the Crusaders, the deepest deficit HTC would

see all night. Box got a block at 4-8 to cut the gap to four. An ace by Madison Bartholomew would extend the Warrior lead to six at 11-5, but HTC's Anderson got a successful attack on the next service and then had two more with Maille Sheerin serving to cut the deficit to 9-12.

The Crusaders would tie it up at 13 in the middle of a 4-1 run when Pothitakis attacked from right outside hitters spot finding a spot in the middle of the Warriors defense.

HTC wouldn't trail the rest of the way, but Van Buren put together their own 4-1 run forcing a time out by HTC holding just a one-point 21-20 lead. Box, who finished hitting 47-52 with 30 kills on the night, got HTC back on track with a point at 22-20. Van Buren wouldn't score another point as Box finished the night off with two aces.

The 2017 Class 1A first-team, all-state hitter said playing against better competition and bigger front lines like Van Buren's makes the team better prepared for the second half of the season.

"We came together and did really well," Box said. "Van Buren and Mepo was a really good game. It was fun getting to play them again. Those big blocks - we're going to see that later this year."

HTC travels to Urbandale on Saturday for one of the larger tournaments of the year, an event that will test the girls current 44-set win streak.

"We're looking forward to playing at Urbandale next weekend. We'll play good teams up there and that's good competition for us and helps us get ready for a run at state."

Freesmeier said last year's second place finish to New London in the tournament was a motivator for the girls.

"I didn't have to put it out there, the kids put it out there themselves," Freesmeier said. "They new what happened last year and it didn't sit very well with them. We knew tonight was going to be a fun night. All the teams here were very good. IMS plays tenacious defense and we just kept pounding it at 'em. West Burlington is very good and an up-

and-coming program, and with Van Buren we like the challenge of their big blocks."

She said when Randolph got injured the team adjusted well. Randolph finished with a perfect 17-17 serving and had 14 digs. "Our kids stayed focused and got things done. Kassi went out late in game one, but our kids stepped up. Maille came in off the bench and did what she's been doing all year. Hopefully Kassi's alright."

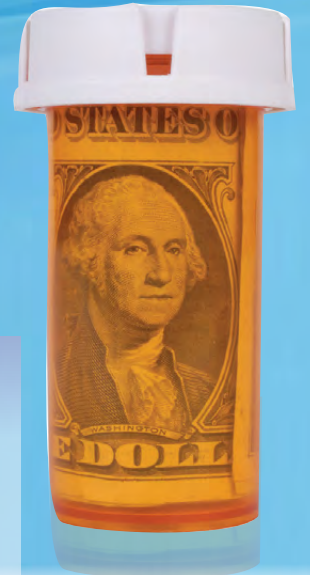
Boeding was 35-40 hitting with eight kills. She also went 29-30 serving with 10 aces and had 26 digs to lead the Crusaders from the back. Senior Elyse Pothitakis had 25 digs for HTC. The Crusaders travel to WACO on Thursday before heading to Des Moines for the Urbandale Invitational on Saturday.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Junior Avery Hopper throws up a block against Van Buren's Grace Davidson in the second game of the championship match. Hopper was 18-21 attacking with three kills on the night.

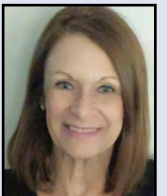
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE
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SEPTEMBER 10, 2018
Mayor Paul Walker called the properly noticed regular meeting of the City Council of the City of

West Point to order in the Conference Room of the Public Library, 317 Fifth Street, West Point, Iowa 52656 on September 10, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. In addition to Mayor Walker, the following indicated Council Members were present: Shawn Bales; Joe Loving; Brian Meierotto; Will Stuekerjuergen; and, Bruce Wellman. Absent: None. Tentative agenda was approved by

consensus. Mayor Walker presented Gary Menke with a certificate of appreciation for his years of service. Police Chief Brad Roberts presented the Police Department report. Mayor reported on the following: extended appreciation to the Car Show Committee for a successful event; St. Mary's Fall Festival will be held October 13-14,

2018; meeting date and time for meetings of

Library Board; the upcoming Municipal Utility Board; and, next regular Council Meeting of October 8, 2018. Upon invitation Dennis McGregor presented the City Administrator's report.

Councilor Stuekerjuergen thanked the community for its support at the annual Car Show. On

motion approved urban revitalization tax exemption application from Midwest Oil Seeds, Inc. for an office addition at 103 Avenue D. On motion approved liquor license application for St. Mary's Fall Festival with no outdoor service. On motion approved liquor license application for Corner

Tap with no outdoor service. On motion minutes of prior regular Council Meeting of August 13, 2018 were approved as presented. On motion Treasurer's Report for August 2018 was approved

as presented. On motion warrants payable for September 2018 were approved as presented.

Councilor Bales submitted a letter of resignation as Council Member. On motion meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.,

September 10, 2018.

**EXPENDITURES FOR
AUGUST, 2018**

3rd Generation Electric, installation.....561.98
Alan Environmental, supplies.....315.07
Armstrong Small Engine, parts.....35.59
Baker & Taylor, books.....255.30
Cessford Construction, rock. 2188.62
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/s/ Paul Walker, Mayor
Attest: Diane E. Smith, City Clerk

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From the Front

“Bridging the Arts” offers unique countywide art weekend

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judging.

As part of the annual Art-in-Central Park on a perfect Sunday afternoon artists worked their craft and passersby walked between the canopies in Central Park.

Fort Madison Area Arts Association Director Brian Riggs combined this year's event with a weekend of arts in Keokuk that included music at the Grand Theatre, the city's Beer on the Bridge-Wine on Water event. He said he was open to draw a bigger audience with the joint weekend and bring traveling artists back to the community.

“With the tandem coop in Keokuk we've been able



to give people two days in Lee County. It's attracted artists from Cedar Rapids, Kirksville, Fairfield and other places,” Riggs said. “So again these aren't your normal artists we'd seen here in the past. Some used to do art fairs, but it's more lucrative to go do what they do. For us it's interesting to have them back.”

In what has been known since the 1800s at Plein Air competitions artists travel to different locations and competitively create pieces for judging. Plein air,” is originally a French expression meaning “open air” that refers to creating a work of art outside.

Jamie Green an artist competing in the Plein Air competition out of Quincy, said he travels with a fellow retiree in RVs to competitions regularly. The two take turns driving as both have RVs and they move about the Midwest competing for awards and cash.

“They give you a time limit and you show up with your canvass or whatever you're painting on. They stamp it before you go you so no one

cheats, and then you bring it back in before time runs out.”

He said judges come in jury the submissions for cash and purchase awards. A purchase award is when a building owner or group offers a certain amount of money for a rendering of a local concept. He said some traveling artists do that work because it's kind of a guaranteed sale.

Green is a former printing press operator who's retired and enjoys the travel and the art. He was working up an ink sketch looking west down the alley between Avenue H and Avenue G from Seventh Street in the Connection Bank parking lot.

He competed in the Keokuk Plein Air competition on Saturday and drew a paddlewheeler and a tug boat. He also said some friends got up late Saturday night and painted the Fort Madison historic depot along the Mississippi. Green said painting is good camaraderie with fellow painters.

“It's a good time to get together with other painting friends and traveling.

Some of these events are 10 days and you do art every day. It's just a blast,” Green said.

Last weekend he said he was in Carmel, Indiana with some fellow painters.

“Most of these are just weekend events. But we've gone to event Augusta, Missouri that lasts 10 days and brings 160 artists into that small town.”

He said competitions in the Midwest are starting to grow and smaller communities are picking up on the events. He said larger cities are starting to move away from the competitions, but the bedroom communities are picking up the slack.

Riggs said for the art industry Plein Air competitions have become popular in the last couple of years.

“We brought back Art-in Central for about 11 years now as a single-day event. And we noticed about three of four years ago for those artists with skill level to take their easels on the road so to speak, we weren't getting them here,” Riggs said.

“Those with that niche like going from town to town and even these



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Farmington's Carol Gunn works on a chalk drawing of the Barnes home across from Central Park on 9th Street as part of the Lee County Plein Air art competition on Sunday. At far left, former local art teacher, Lois DiPrima, turns raw wool into yarn on a spindle.

smaller towns are passing the hat to get these talented individuals in town for a given weekend.”

Other artists, such as Carol Gunn, a former art teacher in Harmony, was working on painting some of the architecture in the residential areas

of Fort Madison. Some of the younger artists, like Aedan Miller, of Fort Madison turned pumpkins into superheroes, like Spiderman.

“I like Superman, too,” Aedan said. “My favorite is Catboy,” he said from the PJ Masks animated superheroes series.

The Hassenfritz, Clouse ‘rivalry’ endures

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and Tom hollered, “What in tarnation?” There was even a realty sign in the front of the lot that proclaimed, “Sold.” Tom's palms became sweaty on the steering wheel. “You might know it,” he sighed, knocking himself in the forehead with his fist. “The minute we leave, someone comes along and buys it.”

That was in 1998. Since then, the Hassenfritzs have forgiven the Clouses for their little bit of trickery, the Clouses moved to a country acreage south of Mt. Pleasant, where Ron's Tarzan cry has been



known to stampede cattle, and the Clouses were named Citizens of the Year by the Area Chamber of Commerce. You see, the Clouses are or were involved in just about every volunteer activity there was in Henry County, from Habitat for Humanity, the Fellowship Cup, St. Alphonsus Church, the SE Iowa

Symphony, Henry County Health Center and Kiwanis. Tom sent Ron a text saying, “It couldn't happen to better people.”

Tom Hassenfritz continues to the mow the vacant lot next to their house. He figures that if he cares for the property long enough, by law, ownership might transfer to him.

And Ron Clouse knows

where there is an old oil derrick he might be able to move.

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