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## Saturday mishap claims two lives on Hwy. 2

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - A two-vehicle accident on Hwy 2 west of Fort Madison has claimed the lives of two motorists.

Emergency crews responded to the accident near Appleberry Orchard about three miles west of Fort Madison at about noon Saturday morning where a west bound vehicle and an eastbound vehicle collided head on.

LeeComm dispatched Lee County Sheriff's Department and Lee County EMS ambulance services to the accident where both motorists were entrapped. Donnellson Fire & Rescue personnel were also immediately dispatched. Upon arrival, sheriff's deputies found the vehicles smoke-filled and then reported the vehicles, a white SUV and a black passenger vehicle, were both engulfed in flames on the south side of the highway.

West Point Fire & Rescue personnel were also dispatched to the scene as were Iowa State Patrol, Iowa Department of Transportation. Pen City Current will update this story as more information becomes available.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Emergency responders were called to the scene of a double fatality, two-vehicle accident Saturday just after noon on Hwy 2, about three miles west of Fort Madison.

## Firms reach out to city for bridge study

*Axalta joins in funding with \$5,000 contribution to city's share of study costs*

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison officials continue to help work toward a pending bridge study to examine potential improvements to the Burlington-Northern Santa Fe double deck swingspan bridge that connects Fort Madison and Illinois.

On Wednesday morning, Fort Madison City Manager and Larry

Driscoll held a meeting with a prospective engineering firm interested in bidding the study work. Requests for proposals went out from the steering committee for the study a couple weeks ago.

"We're just meeting with companies that are interesting in the bidding on the proposal," Varley said. "We sent the RFPs to 15 about engineering companies and now we're talking with companies who want to know more



VARLEY

specifically about the city's history with the bridge and what we'd like to see out of the

study."

Varley said the city is ready to meet with any construction or engineering firms that want to submit offers to conduct the study.

The City of Fort Madison is the lead agent for the study and will serve as the financial agent for all grants and funds used to pay for the study.

The study is projected to cost \$360,000 with \$288,000 being shared by the Illinois and Iowa De-

partments of Transportation and the city picking up the remaining \$72,000. Iowa Fertilizer Co. has agreed to pay \$40,000 of the city's share. Varley said Axalta Coatings in Fort Madison has also now agreed to chip in for the cost.

"Axalta has volunteered to donate \$5,000 to the cost of the study and with the \$40,000 from the Iowa Fertilizer Co., the city now has 45,000 toward it's \$72,000 commitment to the study," he said.

Members of the selection committee include Zach James of Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission, Larry

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## Danville man recovered from Pollmiller Lake

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
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WEST POINT - After a search that began Thursday at Pollmiller Lake, area law enforcement and rescue personnel have recovered the body of an 85-year-old Danville man.

According to Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber, the body of Donald Paul Kobs was recovered Friday morning by a Muscatine County rescue diver with the assistance of the Lee County Sheriff's Department, Lee County Conservation, West Point Fire Department, West Point Police Department, Iowa DNR, and the Keokuk Fire Department. No foul play is expected at this time. The cause of death is pending due to a possible future autopsy.

On Thursday, the Des Moines County Sheriff's Office requested assistance with locating Mr. Kobs, who was last seen by a neighbor as he was leaving his home around the noon hour to go fishing at Pollmiller



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## Obituaries/Lottery Numbers

### OBITUARIES

## HELEN ELIZABETH TRIPP

Helen Elizabeth Tripp, 94, of Niota, IL, passed away at 11:25 p.m. on Friday, October 5, 2018 at her home. She was born on January 16, 1924 in rural Lee County, IA to Harry & Hilda Grimwood Westfall. She married Wilbur R. Tripp on June 21, 1941 in Edina, MO. He preceded her in death on June 4, 2016. She was a homemaker most of her life and enjoyed playing cards, crocheting blankets for her grandchildren, great grandchildren & great great grandchildren and making cakes in her younger years.



TRIPP

Helen is survived by: 1-daughter: Janet (Dan) Burford of Niota, IL; 4-sons: Roger (Shirley) Tripp of Niota, IL, Charles (Linda) Tripp of Nauvoo, IL, Larry (Ann) Tripp of Niota, IL & Duane (Cindy) Tripp of Niota, IL; 14-grandchildren; 27-great grandchildren; several great great grandchildren; 2-sisters: Mary Peacock of Fort Madison, IA & Leona Huebner of Burlington, IA. She was preceded in death by: her parents, husband, 1-brother: Charles & 1-sister: Evelyn.

The family will receive friends from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 8, 2018 with the funeral service to immediately follow at 11:00 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory in Fort Madison with Elder Evelyn Dustin officiating. Burial will be at Thornber Cemetery in Powellton, IL. A memorial has been established for Thornber Cemetery or Lee County Hospice. Online condolences and a video tribute of Helen's life may be viewed at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.king-lynk.com](http://www.king-lynk.com).

### OBITUARIES

## RUSSELL L. HARDIN

Russell L. Hardin, 64, of Donnellson, Iowa, passed away on Thursday, October 4, 2018 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Illinois.



HARDIN

He was born on July 22, 1954 in Keokuk, Iowa, the son of Floyd Richard and Barbara Jean (Bengston) Hardin. On January 4, 1989 he married Paulette Dorothy Helling in Las Vegas, Nevada. She preceded him in death on January 7, 2010.

Survivors include one daughter: Jessica (Mike) Behne of Montrose, Iowa; one son: Randy William "Will" James of Monmouth, Illinois; five grandchildren; one sister: Linda Ohnoutka of Ellicott City, Maryland; two brothers: Jim (Cindy) Hardin of West Point, Iowa and Ron (Gina) Hardin of Denmark, Iowa; two aunts: Margueriette Johnson and Nedra Adkins; Also surviving are several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife: Paulette.

Russell was a graduate of Central Lee High School. He retired from DuPont. He was a member of Zion Mennonite Church. Russell enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping and spending time with his grandkids and family.

A private family graveside service will be held Monday, October 15, 2018 at Zion Mennonite Cemetery, rural Donnellson, Iowa.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Monday, October 15, 2018 at the Pilot Grove Community Room in Donnellson.

A memorial has been established in his memory for his grandchildren's college education.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences to the family may be left at [www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com).

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Sports

# Demons hand FMHS losing season

*Hounds stand at 2-5 with two games remaining on the year*

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

WASHINGTON - Glimmers of what could have made this year a winning season, flashed like the lightning that forced three delays in a 32-7 Bloodhound loss Friday night on the road in Washington.

With a deluge of rain, cracks of lightning, and a field that was barely a field, Washington took advantage of two defensive touchdowns and a couple throwing scores to keep the Hounds off balance in Southeast Conference football action.

Fort Madison quarterback Lennon Barker through three interceptions on the night, two for touchdowns. The first coming in a downpour on a bubble screen to the right with about 8:20 left in the first quarter.



SHIFFMAN

Barker looked right on a screen pass and threw to a Demon defender who jumped the route and ran in untouched for the score. Then with 6:45 left in the third quarter after an impressive 9-play, 52-yard drive, Barker looked to dump a pass over a blitz, but 6'-4" Trashaun Willis, who plays with only one arm, reached up and blocked the pass, then quickly coraled the ball and raced 95-yards the other way for the score to make it 22-7.

Washington quarterback Luke Turner would throw for a couple more scores, but the Hounds defense kept the elusive quarterback under control the rest of the game. Turner accounts for about 73% of the Demon offense through the air and on the ground.

The Hounds held Turner under 100 yards on the ground and 148 through the air with a stout defensive line performance lead by senior Danen Settles who had 3.5 tackles on the night, including three sacks.

The game was moved to a 6 p.m. start time with severe thunderstorms predicted for the area, but the game didn't get going until about 6:20 with a 30-minute lightning rule. The Hounds took the opening kick to the 27 and then Barker threw a bubble screen to junior Mike Mosenia who then flipped the ball back to Dom Frantz, who threw a slippery ball down the left sideline that fell short of senior Sheymouhr

**“**  
*We came out flat and, after that first weather delay, we played some of the best football we've played all season.”*

-Tony Shiffman,  
FMHS head coach



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Above, the Bloodhounds' Alec Craft, center, and Danen Settles (57) chase down Washington quarterback Luke Turner in Friday's rainy deluge at Case Field. The Demons won 32-7 in a game that was delayed three times due to lightning in the area.



Redd-Donald.

Kaeli Maestro had a couple of hard runs for 12 yards for a Fort Madison first down, but a 12-yard loss on a high snap forced the Hounds to the air where Barker missed on two tries, forcing a punt that was returned to the Hounds' 21. Turner took the first snap and found Cade Pohren in the back of the endzone for the first points of the night.

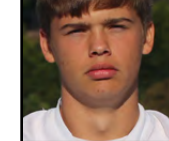
The Hounds fell victim of the first pick six on the first play after a touchback. With the Demons up 15-0 on the 2 pt. conversion, lightning again struck right after the ensuing kickoff, forcing a 50-minute delay.

Hounds' head coach Tony Shiffman said the Hounds could have come out of the lightning delay with their heads down after the game had started.

“There's nothing you can do about that,” he said. “We came out flat and, after that first weather delay, we played some of the best football we've played all season.”

The Hounds went four and out on their first possession after retaking the field, but forced the same on the Demons. Fort Madison then put together a 12-play, 75-yard scoring drive capped by Maestro's second rushing score of the year from 11 yards out on a sweep to the right where he found a gap and, literally, slipped into the endzone cutting the lead to 15-7.

The rain then made moving the ball difficult as both teams exchanged punts on the following two possessions. After a punt to the Washington 18, the Demons went 64 yards mixing in Turner runs and throws getting to the Hounds' 17, but Turner threw incomplete in the left flat on 4th and 4 turning the ball over to FMHS.



BARKER

Shiffman then put junior Diego Lozano in the backfield offset from Barker. Lozano slipped past the Demon line and Barker flipped the ball over the rush to Lozano who knocked down a couple of Demons enroute to a 21-yard gain. But the drive stalled at the Hounds' 21 after Barker was sacked for a 9-yard loss forcing a punt.

The two teams traded punts again and Settles got one of his sacks at 2nd and 8 to end the half.

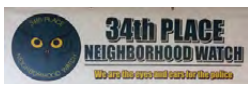
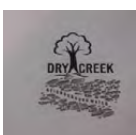
Out of the lockerroom, Turner threw a couple incompletions after Tristan Westphal-Edwards went for about 12 yards on two muddy carries up the middle, but the Demons punted to the Fort Madison 23.

Maestro and Barker took turns off a read running left and right before, on 4th and 2, Barker broke through the left side and bounced outside the left sideline and raced 53 yards to the 5 before getting run out of bounds. Maestro couldn't get anything on

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## Sports

# Shiffman: We played with them almost four quarters

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1st and 10 and Barker threw incomplete on second down. On third down, Barker tried to dump it over the middle but Willis got the pick six to kill the Hounds' momentum with 6:45 left in the third and the Demons up 22-7.

"That was a bonehead call on my part and I totally take the blame on that one," Shiffman said.

The Demons would convert a 31-yard field goal to make it 25-7 and then, in the fourth quarter, Cade Hennigan would leap in the back of the endzone and come down with a 22-yard scoring catch to set the final at 32-7.

Shiffman said the game was closer than the score indicated, but the Hounds continue to play with flashes of potential and have yet to put their best game on the field.

"Really, at 32-7, the score was a lot closer than that and that's the truly frustrating part. We played with this team for almost four quarters. We've just gotta be a better team. We have good moments, but that goes to show what we've been talking about...about not letting adversity get to us."

The Hounds (2-5) have two games remaining, the first on the road at Mt. Pleasant and then at home to wrap up the season with Keokuk.

Shiffman said the motivation for the Hounds is to win out and end the season on a good note.

"The motivation is still to win two games and win out. To beat a good Mt. Pleasant team and then keep the county seat at home," Shiffman said. "In reality, we want these seniors to go out winning eight games. Who's the last class in Fort Madison that can say they won eight games? Let's go 1-0 and then worry about Keokuk after that."

Barker ended the game with 15 carries for 13 yards including the 53-yard scamper. He was 16-27 passing for 57 yards and three interceptions. Lozano had 14 yards on three carries and five tackles. Maestro led the Hounds on the ground with 55 yards and a touchdown. Redd-Donald picked off one of Turner's passes in the endzone to kill a drive in the first quarter.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FMHS junior Kaeli Maestro (47) gets loose on the left side of the field for an 11-yard touchdown run in the first half of the Bloodhounds' 32-7 loss at Washington Friday night. The Hounds fall to 2-5 on the year with two games remaining in the season.

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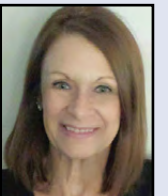


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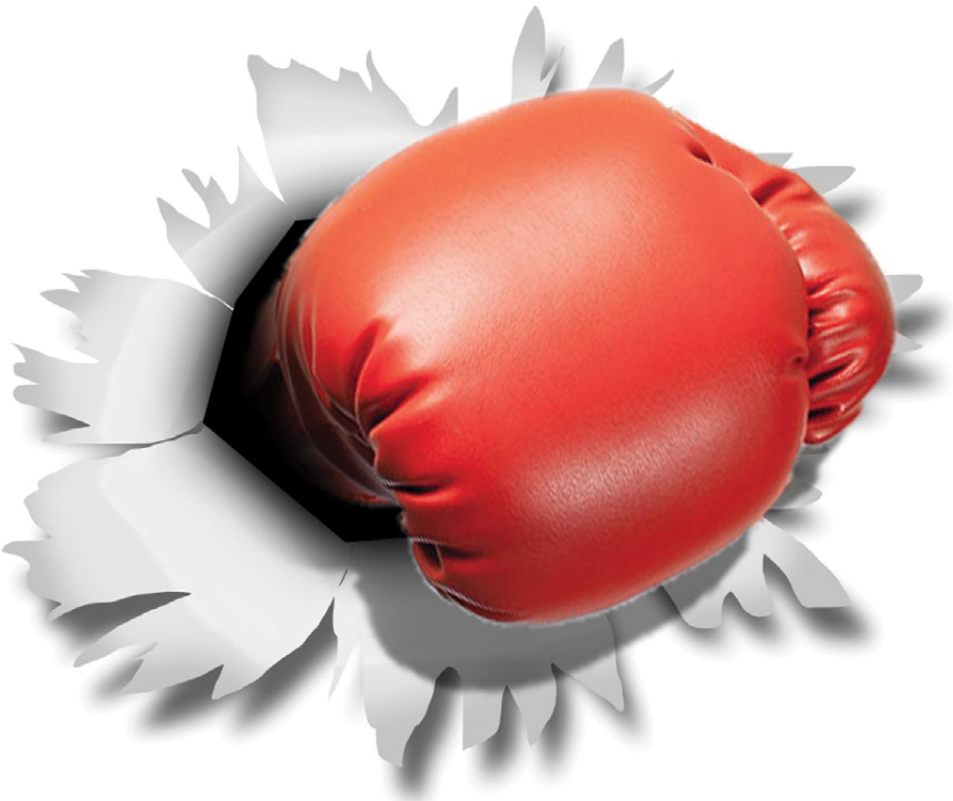
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**CURRENT-LEE**

**LCHD offering October flu clinics**

Lee County Health Department will be holding Flu Clinics throughout the month of October at various locations throughout Lee County. Flu clinics are open to the public, and offered to anyone ages 6 months or older. Medicare Part B, except Humana Gold choice, will be accepted for billing Medicare. Bring your Medicare card to the clinic. Flu vaccines for people without Medicare Part B will be \$25.

Complete Flu Clinic Schedule: Oct. 8, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm – West Point Public Library, 317 5th St., West Point, IA; Oct. 9, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm – Hillview Village, 1102 48th St., Fort Madison, IA; Oct. 11, 8:30 am – 10:00 am – River Terrace, 128 Bank St., Keokuk, IA; Oct. 11, noon – 4:30 pm – Trinity United Methodist Church, 2330 Plank Rd., Keokuk, IA; Oct. 15, 8:00 am – 11:00 am – Montrose Public Library, 200 Main St., Montrose, IA; Oct. 16, 8:30 am – 10:00 am – Hoerner YMCA, 2126 Plank Rd., Keokuk, IA; Oct. 17, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm – Donnellson Public Library, 411 S. Main St., Donnellson, IA; Oct. 18, 8:30 am – 9:30 am – Hotel Iowa, 401 Main St., Keokuk, IA; Oct. 18, 10:00 am – noon – Heritage Center, 508 Main St., Keokuk, IA; Oct. 18, 9:00 am – 10:00 am – Eagle Bluff Apartments, 2803 Ave. A, Fort Madison, IA; Oct. 23, 8:30 am – 10:00 am – Rose Michael Gardens, 4516 Ave. L, Fort Madison, IA; Oct. 23, 10:30 am – noon – Parkview Apartments, 507 Iowa Joe St, West Point, IA; Oct. 25, noon – 5:30 pm – Lee County Health Department, #3 John Bennett Dr., Fort Madison, IA. Visit Lee County Health Department's website here to learn more: <http://www.leecountyhd.org/index.php/flu-schedule/>.

**Fort Madison Depot Farmer's Market**

Every Monday local vendors have farmer's market options available at the Old Santa Fe Depot on the Riverfront in Fort Madison. The farmer's market runs every Monday until Oct. 8 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the

parking lot west of the depot.

**Supervisor/Senate debate**

An election debate featuring candidates Rich Harlow and Jim Steffen for Lee County Supervisor, and Jeff Kurtz and Jeff Reichman for the Iowa Senate will be held at the Quality Inn & Suites on Monday Oct. 8 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 hosted by Fort Madison Partners. Doors will open at 5:30 and the general public will be able to write down questions for the candidates to be asked as time allows.

**FMCH Auxiliary fundraiser**

The Fort Madison Community Hospital Auxiliary will hosting a fundraiser featuring The Nutman Company. The Nutman Company will be onsite Thursday October 11 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, October 12 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Main Lobby at FMCH. The Nutman Company will be selling 150 fine quality nuts, chocolates, snack mixes and candies. The FMCH Auxiliary will receive a percentage of the sales. Cash and credit cards accepted.

**Pack in Pink**

The October 12th home Bloodhound football game will be a Pack In Pink night. T-shirts can be ordered as part of the FMHS National Honor Society through Tracy Madsen at FMHS.

**Lee County Conservation Scary Hike**

Come on a family friendly hike through the woods on the evening of Oct. 13 and see humorous skits about the wild outdoors. Groups will leave every 15 minutes from the large shelter at Wilson Lake. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$2 per person (ages 3+). Call Lee County Conservation at 319-463-7673 to reserve your time. Reservations are required.

**Veteran's Breakfast at Sunnybrook**

Each month on the third Tuesday of the month, Sunnybrook Assisted Living hosts a Veteran's Breakfast from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at 5025 River Valley Road in Fort Madison.

Fort Madison Post 0082 The American Legion will meet Tuesday, October 2, 2018, 7 P.M. at the Eagles

Club, 4821 Avenue O in Fort Madison. All members and those interested in The American Legion are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Dan Vice, Commander at 319-470-7377 or George Shields, Adjutant at 319-371-5755.

**Heels & Wheels Car Care Clinic**

Griffin Muffler & Brake Center invites you to their Women – Heels & Wheels free car care clinic, Saturday, October 20, 10am-1pm, 535 Avenue G, Fort Madison. Come learn about many topics including: What's under the hood -How to check your oil - How your brakes work - Fuel saving tips - Shock absorbers and struts - Check engine lights - What regular maintenance is really necessary for your car. Learn about tires: How to check tire pressure - How to measure tread depth - How to find the tire size for your car. Boost your car care confidence with this free clinic and enter for door prizes and other gifts! Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited, so call 319.372.2478 to reserve your seat today!

**Ghost Hunt**

The Fort Madison Partners are sponsoring a Ghost Hunt on Oct. 26-27 with Iowa Paranormal conducting investigations at some of the most haunted homes west of the Mississippi. For more information or tickets contact the Partners office at 319-372-5471.

**Key Club Halloween Carnival**

The annual Fort Madison High School Key Club and Fort Madison Kiwanis Halloween Carnival will be held on Oct. 27 from noon to 2 p.m. at the high school with games, costume contests and prizes.


**PORT Boo-Athlon**

The Fort Madison PORT Trail committee will be holding it's annual Boo-Athlon on Saturday, Oct. 27 at the Baxter Sports Complex. A 5K Walk/Run, a 10-mile bike ride and Duathlon will start at 9 a.m.Registration forms can be found online at [www.fortmadison-ia.com](http://www.fortmadison-ia.com) under the Community tab/PORT; on the PORT of Fort Madison Facebook page or by calling Kathy Benda at 319-470-7848. and are due by Oct. 13 to guarantee a t-shirt.

**Do you love to read?**  
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 Join our efforts to improve literacy in your community.

RSVP/United Way is searching for volunteers to volunteer their time at the following locations: Richardson Elementary & Lincoln Elementary in Fort Madison, Central Lee Elementary in Donnellson, and Hawthorne Elementary in Keokuk.

If interested in volunteering, please contact:  
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**SUN 07 Oct** —————  
 Heavy Intensity Rain  
 High– 66.5° F | Low – 59.5° F

**MON 08 Oct** —————  
 Moderate Rain  
 High– 77.0° F | Low – 68.7° F

**TUE 09 Oct** —————  
 Moderate Rain  
 High– 77.4° F | Low – 69.3° F

**WED 10 Oct** —————  
 Moderate Rain  
 High– 77.0° F | Low – 58.6° F

**THU 11 Oct** —————  
 Light Rain  
 High– 51.1° F | Low – 45.5° F

[OpenWeatherMap](http://OpenWeatherMap)

**BNSF bridge study contract may be awarded in January**

**STUDY** - Continued from Page 1

Driscoll and Varley from the City of Fort Madison, Felicia Morgan with BNSF, Denise Boyer with Hall Towing and the Southeast Iowa Economic and Port Authority, Darrell Allman with Iowa Fertilizer Company, and Allan Luers with Axalta Coating Systems.

In 2008, BNSF imposed a 30-ton, 60-foot embargo on trucks using the bridge due to the challenging geometry of the bridge, which impacted the distribution and ability of businesses and industries in southeast Iowa.

The group is hoping the study comes up with plans to address the configurations of the bridge that caused the embargo, and also hope it addresses approaches that could straighten out the bridge and allow for easier access on and off, which would allow full length and full load trucks to use the bridge.

The group had originally hope to have a selection firm picked by November, but Varley said it looks like that may be in January before the selection committee makes a decision. However plans to have the study underway in 2019 are still on schedule.



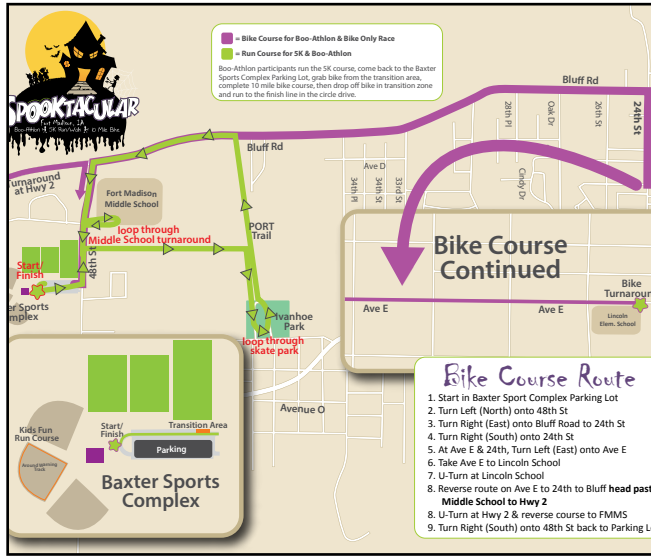
## Local News/From the Front

# PORT's Boo-Athlon set for Oct. 27

PORT (Promoting Outdoor Recreational Trails) of Fort Madison will be holding their fifth annual Spooktakular Boo-athlon fundraiser for recreational trails in Fort Madison. The Spooktakular Boo-athlon will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2018 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Baxter Sports Complex.

The 2018 route will once again include both Phase I trail that runs from Ivanhoe Park to Bluff Road and Phase II trail that intersects Phase I and connects to 48th Street. Registration and the start of each race will take place at the Baxter Sports Complex.

This multi-faceted event is sure to bring out all the ghosts and goblins who run, bike or both. Events include: Kid's Race-one for children up through the age of 6 and a one mile fun run for children 6 and over; 5K Run/Walk; 10 mile Bike Race; Duathlon (Run/Bike Event). There will be kid's games, prizes, refreshments and fun.



Participants are encouraged to wear costumes-prizes will be awarded for different costume categories. Registration forms can be found online at [www.fortmadison-ia.com](http://www.fortmadison-ia.com) under the Community tab/PORT; on the PORT of Fort Madison Facebook page or by calling Kathy Benda at 319-470-7848. The Spooktakular Boo-athlon is a community focused fundraising event. Matt's Greenhouse will once again be our premiere sponsor and the exclusive sponsor of the Kid's Runs.

PORT of Fort Madison received multiple grants

and donations to fund the first two phases of the trail. Plans to begin Phase III are underway. The first section of Phase III, scheduled to be completed by the end of 2019, will connect the Baxter Sports Complex to Fort Madison Community Hospital.

PORT of Fort Madison operates as a subcommittee under the Parks & Recreation Department of the City of Fort Madison with the mission to improve and promote the walkability, run-ability and bike-ability of Fort Madison. For more information or to make a donation, contact Rachel Benda 319-371-5804

# Cause of death in Pollmiller death unknown

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Park in rural West Point, Iowa, and had not been heard from since. Family members were concerned for his well-being due to recent health issues he was experiencing.

Deputies of the Lee County Sheriff's Office located a vehicle at the boat ramp of Pollmiller Park registered to Mr. Kobs. Also located near the parking area of the boat ramp area was a chair and fishing gear with the keys to the car and a wallet that belonged to Mr. Kobs.

With the assistance of the West Point Fire Department, Keokuk Fire Department, and the West Point Police Department, a search was started at the lake in an attempt to find Mr. Kobs. The search lasted well into the night and into the morning hours, stopping due to weather. Dep-

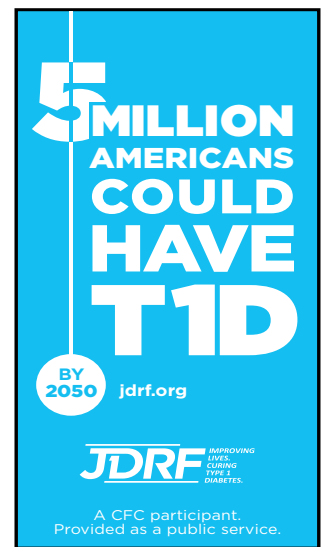
uties of the Lee County Sheriff's Office began to search again at daybreak with the assistance of the West Point Police Department, Iowa DNR, Lee County Conservation, and a Muscatine County Sheriff's Diver.

With the use of Lee County K9 Gunner, it was apparent that Mr. Kobs had walked from his car to the dock, where his fishing gear and personal items were found. No other scents were tracked leaving the area. The use of side scan sonar from two DNR boats were utilized and the Muscatine County Deputy used scuba gear to dive into the water to thoroughly search for Mr. Kobs.

The body of Mr. Kobs was recovered in the water and he was examined by the Lee County Medical Investigator Bill

Young after he was removed from the water.

Weber extended a thank you to the agencies that assisted in this search and recovery, a special thank you to Lee County Chaplain Father Mark Spring for his support to the family at their time of need, and to Krebill Farms for the use of a drone to help search the surrounding area and shoreline of Pollmiller Park.



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