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## Area man dies in Saturday crash

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - A man has died as a result of a two-vehicle accident just north of Fort Madison Saturday night.

Emergency crews responded to the scene at around 8:30 p.m. Saturday night on old Hwy. 61 north of Fort Madison about quarter mile before the on ramp to the bypass where a Chevrolet pickup had collided with a motorcycle close the intersection of 201st Street.

Emergency crews from Wever Fire and Rescue, Lee County EMS, Lee County Sheriff's Department, and the Fort Madison Police Department, in addition to witnesses at the scene, administered CPR to the victim. A rescue helicopter out of Great River Medical Center landed on the



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Lee County Sheriff's deputy Jordan Maag gathers information from a motorcycle that was involved in a fatal crash Saturday night.

southbound lane but left without the victim a short time later. Law enforcement at the scene confirmed the victim had died before they could get him loaded.

A witness headed in the northbound lane on the highway at the time of the accident said she saw headlights heading southbound come across the median where a mo-

torist asked the witness to call 911.

The identity of the victim and additional details on the accident were not available as of this posting.

## Hy-Vee vendor expands local e-deliveries

### Instacart and Hy-Vee's Aisles Online offering home delivery

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - With e-commerce becoming more a part of consumers' lives, Hy-Vee Food Store in Fort Madison and Keokuk have expanded customer options for home-delivery.

According to Amy McCoy, director of communications with Hy-Vee's corporate office in Des Moines, the new services provided locally by Instacart began Friday and offer home-delivery similar to Hy-Vee's Aisles Online program.

Customers interested in the home delivery systems can either download the Instacart app for their phones or visit the website at [www.instacart.com](http://www.instacart.com).



McCoy said Hy-Vee's own Aisles Online program typically delivers with late same-day delivery or next-day delivery times. The new vendor will increase delivery range and times of delivery with greater same-day delivery options.

"Across our eight-state region we're seeing more and more e-commerce and this helps us to expand same-day delivery," McCoy said Friday. "With our service you may need to pick a time late in the day or the next day. Instacart deliveries are quicker. It's good for more options for customers and even more slots for delivery options."

She said the initiative is company-wide and Hy-Vee is partnering, not only with Instacart, but also Shipt, in other markets. Keokuk and Fort Madison currently have service available through the Hy-Vee Aisles Online and the Instacart service.

Hy-Vee's customer reward system known as Perks, are still available with the Aisles Online service, how-

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## EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



### Snowy trip tests truck drivers metal

It was snowing so hard Michael Lanman, from Keosauqua, could hardly see beyond the hood of his Schneider truck. Semis were crammed into the parking lot of the truck stop in Clear Lake every which way. There was only one spot left—under the truck-stop road sign. From the tracks in the snow, Michael could see where at least two other semis had tried to make it into the spot and given up. It would be a "blind back" to the right. His right window was plastered with snow and wouldn't roll down so that he could use his right mirror.

The last thing his team leader had told him before he left Des Moines for his first solo run was,

"Don't be afraid to get out and look as many times as it takes to make sure you don't hit something." So, after about the 12th time of getting up-and-down out of the semi tractor, and walking back to see what he might or might not be about to hit, Michael, with sweat running down his face in freezing weather, decided that truck'n could be a hefty workout.

Finally, a grizzled old truck driver with a long beard sauntered over and asked Michael if he wanted some help backing up. "Well, yeah," Michael huffed.

The old trucker eyed the spot Michael was trying to back into and yelled, "I don't think she'll fit."

"She'll fit!" Michael yelled back. "Just don't let me hit anything!"

They managed to get the big orange rig into the tight spot, and Michael shut her down and crawled into the sleeper. "What a day," he thought as he closed his eyes. All he could see behind his eye lids was swirling snow.

That was Michael Lanman's first day truck'n. It was May 1, 2013—May Day.

When he woke up a couple hours later, there were five-or-six inches more of wet snow on his hood. He picked up a new load in Northern Iowa to take to Laredo, Texas. The roof of the trailer was covered with

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# Obituaries/From the Front

## OBITUARIES

### VINCE LANE WESTERMEYER

Vince Lane Westermeyer, 62 of Montrose, IA died August 23, 2018 at his home. He was born February 2, 1956 in Ft. Madison, IA the son of Eldon Duane and Gloria Ruth Thompson Westermeyer.



WESTERMEYER

Vince attended Central Lee High School.

He had been employed by Vermillion Trucking, Hickey Contracting and most recently at Keokuk Contractors all in Keokuk.

Vince is survived by two brothers, Rocky (Mickie) Westermeyer of Montrose, IA and Stuart Westermeyer of Keokuk, two daughters, Jassy Annis of Knoxville, IA and Michelle Jerkins of Knoxville, IA, four grandchildren and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Gathering of Remembrance for family and friends will be held from 6-8 p.m., Wednesday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

#### Pen City Current obituary policy

The Current runs obituaries at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes.

## Training officer was a sight for truck driver's tired eyes

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wet snow which added more weight to his already heavily-loaded trailer. His best bet was to head south into warmer weather and hope he didn't run into any open weigh stations.

It was nighttime when Michael reached Kansas City and snow covered the road signs. He took a wrong left turn and found himself chugging up hill in first gear in lanes meant for Worlds of Fun traffic. He watched with trepidation as his clocks ran out of legal run-time.

He managed to get turned around, but had to get out of the semi to look at the road sign. "Yep," he had found the company drop-lot. The last thing he wanted was a DOT fine on his second day truck'n. He parked the trailer on an incline so that the melted snow would run off. He climbed into his sleeper thinking it sure would be nice to see his Training Engineer, Neil Bruce.

Michael woke up thinking about Neil Bruce. He opened the blinds and there was Neil Bruce standing in front of his truck! Michael laid on the air horn, making Neil jump. Michael explained to Neil about all the trouble he'd been having on his first run, and his fear of a DOT fine. Neil put him at ease.

It was like serendipity or God's hand sending an Angel. What are the chances of wanting to see Neil Bruce, and then looking out the window of a truck in a drop-lot in Kansas City, and seeing Neil Bruce? Neil could have been anywhere in the Midwest. But there he was with another student driver dropping a trailer catty-cornered to Michael.

The sun was shining, the trailer had melted off, and it was a beautiful spring day in Kansas City. Michael Lanman decided that he just might like truck'n after all.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at [curtswarm@yahoo.com](mailto:curtswarm@yahoo.com) or find him on Facebook. Curt Stories are also read at 106.3 FM in Farmington.

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## Opinion/Current-Lee

### State's public information board a popped balloon



#### Beside The Point

Chuck Vandenberg,  
Pen City Current - Editor

Randy Miller, a retired editor at the Burlington Hawk-Eye and former employee at the Daily Democrat has an opinion piece in the Hawk-Eye Sunday morning. You can read it on their website at [www.thehawkeye.com](http://www.thehawkeye.com). Just click on "Opinion".

Miller takes the Iowa Public Information Board to task, an effort that will be matched here, saying they should change their name to the Iowa Secrecy Board. I was thinking more along the lines of "The Iowa Board for Obtuse Examination".

This board, which spent a portion of a public board meeting discussing Executive Director Margaret Johnson's decision to get an aisle seat on an upcoming flight, has again denied Pen City Current's request to have a video recording of a Fort Madison Middle School assembly released to the public.

On July 19th the board voted 8-1 to dismiss our claim to have the video released. On Thursday, the board again, 8-1, voted to deny a request for a rehearing on the matter.

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#### CURRENT-LEE

#### 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.

#### 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. The next breakfast will be Aug. 21 in the dining room. Call 372-8611 for additional details.

#### North Lee County Relay for Life

Please note the date change from Sept. 29 to Sept. 14. The event will begin at 5 p.m. at the Fort Madison High School track and will conclude with closing ceremonies at 10:30 p.m. Visit the Relay Facebook page here at <https://www.facebook.com/RelayforLifeofNorthLeeCounty/?ref=bookmarks>

#### Corporate Games

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## Health News/From the Front

# FMCH adds doctor to family practice

FORT MADISON - The Family Practice Clinic at Fort Madison Community Hospital is pleased to welcome



BAROSY

Dr. Ruth Barosy. Dr. Barosy was born and raised in Queens New York but recently relocated

from Connecticut. She is a Board Certified Family Practice Physician who received her Doctor of Medicine degree from Universidad Autonoma de Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic. Then she went on to complete her Family Medicine Residency program at Mayaguez Medical Center in Puerto Rico in July of 2018.

She states "Health care has always been a passion, because it allows you to change people's lives for the better and provide hope for those

in need". When asked what motivates her, she replied "The opportunity to build relationships that are based on trust, respect, and a partnership between doctor and patient in order to improve the patient's life is my biggest motivator. In addition, providing a listening and understanding ear to patients so that together we can arrive at ways to improve their lives is always the goal. I believe in a holistic approach, where every aspect of the patient's life is addressed in order to make it better."

Being part of the community drove Dr. Barosy's decision to join FMCH. She shares "FMCH made a great impression on me when I visited. Everyone was so down to earth and made me feel welcomed. Also, the town of Fort Madison is a great place to exert my passion and apply my knowledge. The town gave me that down home feeling and seemed like a great place to grow both



personally and professionally. I hope to lend a helping hand to the people of this community and I look forward to joining the team."

"I am the fourth of six children raised by a single mother who raised us in a loving Christian household, and taught us about respect, the importance of education, hard work, and to always dream big. I love discovering new things and acquiring new passions. Music, art, a solid church life, and great cuisine make life so much more enjoyable in my opinion. I couldn't live without them!"

Doctors of Family Practice treat the whole person and provide comprehensive health care to patients and their families. Family physicians

deliver a range of acute, chronic, and preventive medical care services while providing patients with a patient-centered medical home.

Dr. Barosy will join the medical team of Dr. Kathy Anderson; Dr. William Napier; Dr. Chase Newton; Dr. David Wenger-Keller; Dr. Michael David; Dr. Josh Sirucek; Dr. Amy Huber; Amy Wallis, FNP; Gwen Scott, FNP and Sara Gudenkauf, FNP in the Main Clinic at FMCH.

Dr. Barosy will provide primary care for adult patients, specifically the geriatric population and she is accepting new patients. To make an appointment please call 319-376-2134; phones are answered starting at 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday.

# Instacart to expand delivery times, area

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ever those discounts and incentives are not available through the Instacart purchases.

Instacart's Senior Operations Manager, Sapna Mitchell wrote in a press release announcing the new local service that there has been interest in the Fort Madison and Keokuk area.

"Over the past year we've seen incredible demand in the Fort Madison - Keokuk area," Mitchell wrote. "We work with a variety of local retailers to provide the freshest, highest quality groceries to our customers. Launching in the Fort Madison - Keokuk area gives us an opportunity to expand service in Iowa. We're also excited to build a world class shopper community, where we can offer fun and flexible income earning opportunities for our shoppers, who ultimately deliver this amazing service to the community."

Customers can go online to [www.Instacart.com](http://www.Instacart.com) or open the Instacart mobile app on their iPhone or Android device, select their city and store, add items to a virtual cart, then choose a delivery window (within one hour, within two hours, or up to five days in advance) and check out. An Instacart shopper accepts the order on his/her smartphone, uses the Instacart shopper app to guide them through shopping, and then delivers the order to the customer in the designated delivery timeframe.

For orders of \$35 or more, the delivery fee is just \$5.99. Many customers also take the opportunity to save big over time by signing up for Instacart Express membership, which enables unlimited, free same-day delivery on orders of \$35 or more. After a free trial period, Instacart Express membership is just \$14.99 a month or \$149 a year.

First time users can also enter the code HIKEOKUK through Oct. 23 at checkout to get \$20 off an order of \$35 or more, plus a free first-time delivery.

Mitchell also indicated that close to 100 shoppers will be brought on with the company to help shop and deliver groceries.

McCoy said if there any issues with a delivery, customers can bring the e-receipt back into Hy-Vee to get the issue resolved.

Shoppers and delivery personnel will use their own vehicles for the delivery, but customers can specify when they would like the groceries delivered and can be expecting the delivery.

"There are some preferences that are set so you know when your delivery driver is coming," McCoy said.

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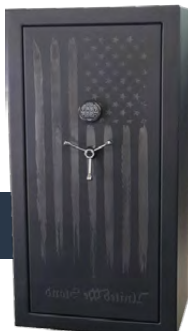
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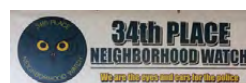
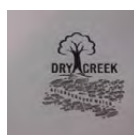
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**Opinion**

**Ruling sets safe haven for agencies to deny records access**

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We contend the board erred in its calculation of time in a 60-day jurisdictional window. We filed our complaint with the IPIB on June 18, after the district denied an appeal of the matter on May 11, well within the 60-day limit. However, eight members of the board said the violation occurred when the district denied our original request on Feb. 18.

There is no language in Chapter 23 of Iowa Code that defines when the violation occurs - none. Moreover, the district, through its attorney Emily Ellingson of Lynch Dallas in Cedar Rapids, argued our March 1 appeal on its merits. Ellingson told the board on July 19, that she responded to my appeal in the "exact" same information she used in responding to our original request. She provided that evidence to the board, however, both responses I have via email show that statement is not accurate.

In the district's original denial, Pen City Current received the following denial:

"The information you have requested is confidential under Iowa Code section 22.7(11) because it is personal information in confidential personnel records relating to a district employee. Therefore, the District is required by law to keep this information confidential and legally cannot provide it to you."

On appeal, the district through its attorneys denied our request with the above language, but then added the following.

"This information was created by the District, was used as evidence as part of a disciplinary process regarding a District employee, become a part of the employee's discipline, and was included in the employee's personnel file. Therefore, the District is required to keep this information confidential under section 22.7(11) of the Iowa Code."

Several things are at issue here. First and foremost, clearly Ellingson manipulated the board with the "exact" language as the response was clearly not exactly the same.

The other issue as that nowhere in that denial, did the district indicate there were no grounds for an appeal. That appeal was argued on its merits as indicated above. Yet the IPIB refused to recognize the district's acceptance of the appeal even though it denied access to the document. In other words, why didn't the district just say, there are no grounds for an appeal and we will not be issuing a response? Even they thought the appeal was appropriate, they just denied access.

There is no language in Chapter 23, as one IPIB board member suggested, that defines when a violation occurs. Our appeal was our exhausted remedy and we indicated that when we wrote in our appeal that we would be turning the issue over to the IPIB if the district denied the appeal.

The other issue rests on whether or not the district created the information. In several documents, which are all public and available on the IPIB website, the district wrote it created the information. However, at the July 19th hearing, Ellingson revealed at the last minute, that the district didn't create the record, but acquired it. This information is important because it would help the district in explaining a 60-day delay on its part in responding to our original request. Chapter 22.8(4) states the agencies cannot exceed 20 calendar days in determining if a record is confidential or not. The Fort Madison Community School District took 60 days and received no admonishment.

Johnson jumped to the defense of the district, which is appalling in itself since this is a board created by Iowa Code to be arbitrary in their assessments of complaints, saying that the district couldn't find the video. Short of Ellingson's last minute revelation that the district had to acquire the video, (which was less than four minutes before Johnson came to her defense) how would the executive director have come by that information? If she was having what are called ex parte communications with the district, why was the information, at a minimum, not revealed to Pen City Current in a timely fashion.

The district, through Ellingson, also told the board the district had been in "constant contact" with Pen City Current during the time of the original request and the appeal. Pen City Current had to remind FMCS D via email that a record request was still pending. Other than an email after that reminder with the district's response - no contact existed whatsoever. Email threads between Pen City Current and the district bare that out. Again, no admonishment from the IPIB to the district for providing false evidence.

Despite all this information, and Pen City Current's contradicting of much of the information being put forward by the district and its legal representatives, not to mention the cost to the district for this campaign to protect this video from district taxpayers, the board still voted in favor of the district.

Randy Evans, the Executive Director of the Freedom of Information Council, called the district's examination of the complaint and request for a rehearing "obtuse". Evans spoke at the hearing on Thursday on behalf of our request.

What the IPIB has done in this case is create a safe haven for governmental agencies to hide public records.

The IPIB board is now a flat balloon. All governmental agencies have to do is issue these types of boilerplate denials and then, according to this ruling, the clock starts at that moment on a 60-day window to file a complaint with the IPIB. Journalists, who had functionally used appeals processes to work out releases of public documents for generations, are now left with the single option of filing a complaint immediately with the IPIB.

The other thing the board has done is let governmental agencies know that Chapter 22.8(4) is no longer a functional part of the Iowa Code. Despite slide #35 on the IPIB's website under the Iowa Sunshine Law powerpoint presentation, which reads "a reasonable delay for this purpose ordinarily should not exceed 10 days and cannot exceed 20 days", the board has made it clear governmental agencies can respond to requests for public records at their leisure.

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