



Pen City Current

Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019 | 9 pages | Volume 3 • Issue 185

Some special kids open chute on 72nd Rodeo

Saturday Pancake Breakfast, Special Kids Rodeo open week-long activities at C.E. "Eddie" Richards Arena

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Pull up your boots, put on your Stetson and strap in, the 72nd Annual Tri-State's Rodeo kicks off this week with a full week of livestock, cowboys, music, food...and Boyd.

The longtime rodeo announcer, Boyd Polahamus is back again the C.E. "Eddie" Richards Arena beginning Wednesday night with the CINCH Chute-Out, the all-in, on-the-edge-of-your-seat competition, pitting 10 of the top cowboys and cowgirls in the nation in Bull Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Bareback Riding, Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping and Women's Barrel Racing.

Rodeo General Chairman Tony Johnson, who's in his first year in the seat, said the CINCH event now is a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association sanctioned event with points going toward the PRCA's National Rodeo Finals point standings.

"It's still an invitation only and we start at No. 1 and go down. But it used to be eight contestants per event, but this year we're going ten and then will narrow down to the top 3," Johnson said.

"Thursday night is our military night. Any active



or retired member of of the military get a free ticket. I think we've been doing that for about three years," Johnson said. "This is a great thing, we get a lot of people that are able to take advantage of that."

Johnson said he took a bit more conservative approach this year as far as infrastructure improvement because of last year's rain soaked events. One blessing was the introduction of additional shuttling.

"We are going to do a lot of shuttling this year. Last

See **RODEO**, page 3



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Kendall Heath, 9, of Muscatine was one of the many Special Kids that helped kick start the 2019 Tri-State Rodeo week on Saturday. The event was open to all kids and adults with physical and mental challenges. At right, emcee Craig Kelly talks with Miss Wapello Rodeo, BreAnn Yaley, of Danville.

YMCA, school district formalize plans for after-school programs

Parents appealing district's decision to not provide bus service to their home

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison YMCA has formalized plans for its after-school programs in the wake of the Fort Madison Community School District's change to its busing program.

The district announced last month that due to a shortage of bus drivers, bus services will be relegated to students

K-8 living outside two miles from either elementary school or the middle school and high school students living more than three miles from FMHS.

Due to the restrictions bus service wasn't allowed from the junior high or elementary schools to the YMCA because the facility was within two miles of the schools.

YMCA Executive Director Ryan Wilson and Kim Harmon, the district's Direc-

tor of Curriculum and Student Services, worked out a 28-E agreement to allow the YMCA to provide services within the schools.

However students will be bused from Richardson to Lincoln where, in addition to the middle school, the YMCA programs will be held.

The distance from the intersection of Avenue E and 14th Street down to Old Hwy. 61 and west to Richardson is exactly two miles to the turn on the 34th Street to the bus stop, by vehicle odometer.

HTC students enrolled in the program will be picked up at Roling Hall on Bus #6 and taken to Lincoln, which is within the

two-mile limit.

Cost of the YMCA program is \$7 a day and 20-day punch cards can be obtained at the YMCA for \$140, with payments made at the Fort Madison Family YMCA. The program lasts from after school until 5:30 p.m. and parents can pick up students using door 1 along the east side of the building at Lincoln and on the north parking lot off Bluff Road at the middle school. Parents should come into the building to pick up children.

At Richardson students will get on bus #39 to ride to Lincoln and will be dropped

See **PROGRAM**, page 9

Advertiser Index

ClassifiedsPs.5-7	North Lee County Relay for Life P.4
Dr. Mark C. Pothitakis Family Dentistry P.4	Pilot Grove Savings Bank..... P.9
Edward Jones – Tony Fullenkamp..... P.8	Professional ServicesPs.6-7
Fort Madison Family YMCA..... P.9	Public Notices..... P.5
Great River Regional Waste Authority P.2	The Kensington P.3
Madison Turf and Timber..... P.8	Tri-State Rodeo P.3

News Index

Education News..... P.9
From the front.....Ps.3,9
Lee County News P.9
Local NewsPs.2-3,9
Lottery Numbers P.3
Obituaries P.2
-Charles Lester Coover
SportsPs.4,8
Weather P.9

Scan the code to
Subscribe today
Paid & Free Options Available!



Obituaries/Local News

Sports complex extends flag football deadline

FORT MADISON – Baxter Sports Complex, in conjunction with Fort Madison Football, Inc., has extended the registration for this fall's flag football program.

The program is coordinated with the football coaching staff at Fort Madison High School to help pave the way for area youth to participate in middle school and high school football programs.

As an alternative to full contact football, the youth flag football program is designed to introduce boys and girls grades 1st through 6th to the game of football.

Focus is given to teaching fundamentals of the game, helping develop and maintain each player's football skills, and providing a solid athletic foundation in a fun, confidence building environment.

Registration is currently open for a brief extended time only and forms are available online at www.baxtersports-complex.com. Forms must be completed and returned to the complex.



Games are played on Sunday afternoons at the sports complex at 909 48th Street. Once registration is finalized, players will be placed on individual teams and coaches will contact players' families with additional information on practice times and locations, and game schedules.

For additional information, contact Jeff Woodside at baxtersportsdirector@gmail.com or Andy Lorence at lorence12345@msn.com. You can also call 319-372-2932.

OBITUARIES

CHARLES LESTER COOVERT

Charles Lester Coovert, 98, of Keokuk, IA died Thursday, August 29, 2019 at the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy, IL.



COOVERT

He was born December 9, 1920 in Alexandria, MO the son of Charles and Ival Richardson Coovert. On September 4, 1939 he was united in marriage to Edith Davis in Keokuk. She preceded him in death on August 14, 2011.

Charles graduated from Keokuk High School with the Class of 1938.

He was a veteran of the United States Army and proudly served his country.

He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Keokuk.

Charles had been employed by Union Electric as an operator in the power house for thirty-five years. He also farmed and grew several different varieties of crops.

Charles loved raising minks and chinchillas through the years and enjoyed archery.

He is survived by two sons, Keith Coovert (Shelda Wrieden) of Keokuk and Bob Coovert (Judy) of Warsaw, MO, two daughters, Carol Duncan and Patty Jo Reiss (Randy) both of Keokuk, nine grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

Besides his wife, he was also preceded in death by his parents and two grandchildren, Jeff Coovert and Dillon Summers.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m., Tuesday, at the Keokuk Church of the Nazarene in Keokuk with Pastors Paul Miller and Bill Coovert officiating. Burial with military rites will be held in the Keokuk National Cemetery.

Visitation for family and friends will be held prior to the service from 11-1 p.m., Tuesday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Keokuk Animal Services.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com



Police chief warns of rampant phone scam

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison Police Chief Mark Rohloff issued a statement today warning residents of a number of reports of residents receiving calls automated calls indicating their social security accounts have been frozen.

Callers instruct the listener to call a number provided where they try to solicit information to defraud the victims. He said scammers can often ghost caller IDs to lend credibility to the call.

Rohloff wrote the best way to defend yourself is to refuse such calls and hang up. You can contact a published number for the institution, not the number given in the automated message. The public can also visit the Social Security Administration website to check on similar illegal activity.

He encouraged residents to check on neighbors and family who are susceptible to telephone scams and make sure they are aware of the activity.

No Plastic Bags in the recycling bins

When recycling, be it at one of our convenient drop off sites, or putting out your residential recycling bin for the pickup, please **DO NOT** put items in plastic bags. They are not recyclable at Great River Regional Waste Authority.



Ft. Madison Main Office:
2092 303rd Ave
Fort Madison, IA
1-319-372-6140

Keokuk Transfer Station:
111 Carbide Lane
Keokuk, IA
1-319-524-6175

Visit Us Online! www.grrwa.com facebook.com/grrwa

You can't beat FREE!
Subscribe to #PCC today
Paid options also available.



Tri-State Rodeo/Lottery Numbers

2019 Tri-State Rodeo schedule

Sunday September 1

•Fareway sponsored – Chili Supper 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Coors Party Pavilion.

Monday September 2

- Lil' Spurs Rodeo registration at 8:30 a.m. Event kicks off at 10 a.m. in the rodeo arena.
- Hy-Vee sponsored – Pulled Pork dinner from 5 p.m to 7 p.m. in the Coors Party Pavilion.
- Lil' Miss Rodeo and All-Around Cowboy contest begins at 6:30 p.m. in the rodeo arena.

Wednesday September 4

- CINCH Chute-Out performance begins at 7 p.m.
- Pre-rodeo events begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Tri-State Rodeo arena.
- The NATU Band following the CINCH Chute-Out with contestant autograph session in the Coors Party Pavilion.

Thursday September 5

- Military Night – active duty and retired military with an ID card get in free.
- PRCA rodeo performance at 7 p.m.
- National Entertainer Michael Ray follows the performance.
- The NATU Band follows Michael Ray in the Coors Party Pavilion.

Friday September 5

- Tough Enough to Wear Pink Night – Wear pink to support Breast Cancer Awareness
- Rodeo performance at 7:30 p.m.
- National Entertainer Tracy Lawrence follows the performance.
- Stumptown follows Tracy Lawrence in the Coors Party Pavilion.

Saturday September 7

- Tri State Rodeo Parade begins at 9:30 a.m. on Avenue G. This year's theme is "Country Boots – Midwest Roots".
- Rodeo performance at 7:30 p.m.
- National Entertainer Justin Moore follows the performance.
- Stumptown follows Justin Moore in the Coors Party Pavilion.

Chairman still has a few surprises for fans in 2019

RODEO - Continued from Page 1

year really wasn't a choice and people took advantage of that mainly because they had to, but we've had a lot of requests this year. This will be the first year we've done it every night.

Wednesday and Thursday on the west end Quality Inn and Eagles Parking lot and on the east end the former CarSmart lot and Connection Bank. Friday and Saturday, the Baxter Sports Complex and the North Lee County Office lot will be added.

Wednesday and Thursday shuttles will run 5 p.m. to midnight and then until 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. SEIBUS, Central Lee schools and Fort Madison schools have partnered with the Rodeo to provide the services. Shuttle buses will drop off at the ticket office again this year.

The entertainment lineup I've been real happy with. We've had a lot of great feedback on social media. We have a really good line up with Michael Ray, Tracey Lawrence has been around and then Justin Moore," he said.

The committee also moved to two bands in the Party Pavilion with NATU Band Wednesday and Thursday, and then StumpTown on Friday and Saturday.

NATU will also be featured at Kinnick South, kicking off the week on Saturday night at a Pre-Rodeo kick off.

Pre-Rodeo priced tickets are still on sale at the ticket office. Prices will jump \$5 beginning Sunday morning.

Johnson said there are a few other special things planned but wanted to keep those under his hat for now.

2019 TRI-STATE RODEO September 4-7, 2019



Featuring
CINCH Chute Out,
Michael Ray,
Tracy Lawrence,
& Justin Moore!

www.TriStateRodeo.org

Click here to get your tickets now or call 319-372-2550



IOWA LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS

Lotto Drawings

Game	Draw Days	Sales Cutoff Time	Approx. Drawing Time
Lucky for Life®	Mon & Thu	8:30 pm	9:38 pm
Mega Millions®	Tues & Fri	8:59 pm	10:00 pm
Powerball®	Wed & Sat	8:59 pm	9:59 pm
Lotto America™	Wed & Sat	8:59 pm	10:00 pm
Pick 3 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
Pick 3 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm
Pick 4 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
Pick 4 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm



8/30
3 9 11 34 39
Mega Ball: 10
Megaplier: 4



8/30 MID-DAY
2 8 7
8/30 EVENING
3 1 5



8/30 MID-DAY
5 3 1 8
8/30 EVENING
0 9 8 2

**Pen City Current encourages you
to play responsibly.**

SENIOR COMMUNITY BINGO

2nd Wednesday
of every month
at 2pm
in our dining room

All Seniors Welcome
Cash Prizes



2210 Avenue H • Fort Madison • 319.372.2243

Charles Vandenberg, Editor
(319).371.1670
editor@pencitycurrent.com

Lee K. Vandenberg, Sales Manager
(319).371.4125
sales@pencitycurrent.com

Copyright © 2016 by Pen City Current
All published materials are property of Pen City Current
and cannot be used without express written permission.

Pen City Current

Founded in 2016



P.O. Box 366 | Fort Madison, IA

Member LION Publishers
www.lionpublishers.com



Pen City Current and www.pencitycurrent.com are products of Market Street Publishing, LLC. Pen City Current is published Sunday through Friday mornings.

Volleyball

No. 6 Crusaders sweep Danville in opener

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – After shaking off the typical first game jitters, the 6th-ranked Holy Trinity Catholic Crusaders glided to a sweep of visiting Danville in the season opening volleyball action at Shottenkirk Gym.

Coming off a dazzling Class 1A tournament run in 2018 that ended with a state-runner trophy making the trip back to Holy Trinity High School, Head Coach Melissa Freesmeier's troops now look for their own identity.

After missing four of their first five serves, the Crusaders seemed to hunting for their confidence and stride, but rebounded quickly sending Danville home 25-14, 25-18, 25-6.

"We got a little bit out of sorts there," Freesmeier said. "We just started

working on the lineup yesterday. They're getting used to it and will get comfortable with it."

After falling behind 4-1 and having trouble finding the groove from the service line, junior Claire Pothitakis got things going with a couple kills at 2-4 and 3-5, but it was an ace from Maria Rauenbuehler that kicked off a 11-0 run, that put HTC out comfortably 17-9.

Most of the points came from Danville errors on attacks that went long, but senior Avery Hopper, sophomore Kassi Randolph and Pothitakis all recorded kills in the run.

Freesmeier said despite not having 1st team All-State Emily Box anchoring the front line, this year's squad has more height. Randolph and Hopper are 5'9" and 5'10" respectively. She can also put Katie Denning and Brooke Mueller, both listed at 5'8", and Pothitakis

at 5'7" on the front line as well.

"We got some big blocks today and with Kassi, Avery, Katie, Bailey Hellweg, we're bigger than we've been in the past and it's nice to see that," she said. "Our back row kids are going to pick up those balls and they're just getting better and better."

Danville would cut the lead to six when Isabella Smith dumped one over the net that found some floor, but the Bears wouldn't get any closer. Danville senior Teagan Kruse missed on a kill attempt at 24-14 to end the first set.

The Crusaders jumped out to a quick 6-1 lead in the second set with Randolph serving. Danville sophomore Ava Smith would get a kill to close the gap to 8-6, on a small 5-2 Danville run. The Bears would stay within two points as the teams traded serves for a while.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

HTC senior Avery Hopper attacks to the left side of the Danville defense in the 6th-ranked Class 1A Crusaders' 14-18-6 sweep of the Bears Thursday night.

Sophomore Kassi Randolph (2) attacks in the first set of HTC's 25-14, 25-18, 25-6 win over Danville Thursday night in Fort Madison

Holy Trinity would stretch the lead to 15-11 on a Hellweg kill from the left side, and then senior Elle Rashid would lead the Crusaders on a 4-0 run to 19-11. Denning and Pothitakis would then miss back-to-back attacks long, but Isabella Smith would then go long

for Danville.

Pothitakis would reel off four straight points to put HTC just two points from the set at 23-13. Danville would string together three straight on consecutive misses by Denning, but Mueller got a side out to make it 24-16. Danville would get two more points to make things interesting, but Ava Smith would go long on an attack to put HTC up two sets to none.

The story of the third

set was Pothitakis' 13-point run that started at 3-2. Before Mueller would have an attack go wide right, HTC was way out in front 16-3. Hellweg and Denning both teamed for several blocks and each had a kill in the run.

Danville would only salvage three more points as HTC quickly put the third set in the books.

Freesmeier said she was happy with where the kids were after a summer of camps, and workouts and several scrimmages last week.

"I saw a lot of good things and if we can build on the good and work on those things we struggle with, will just get better and that's our goal to get better every day," she said.

"Anytime you get a sweep in conference play that's a good thing. I'm not surprised where we're at. Our hitters have developed into some really good hitters. We took some big swings tonight. We're gettin' there.

Pothitakis led the team at the net going 22-26 attacking with eight kills. She also had three aces from the service line. Mueller, just a freshman was 18-21 attacking with five kills.

Rauenbuehler had 11 digs to lead the Crusaders, who traveled to Bondurant on Saturday for a full day at the Bondurant-Farrar Invitational. Those results will be posted on our website at www.pencitycurrent.com when available.



Call Dr. Mark C. Pothitakis Family Dentistry now to schedule your 6-month checkup or click anywhere on this ad.



Dr. Mark C. Pothitakis Family Dentistry
www.drmarkdds.com

Fort Madison Family Dentistry East
319-372-3614

Fort Madison Family Dentistry West
319-372-4882

Mediapolis Dental Care
319-394-3255

Burlington Dental Associates
319-753-2515

Burlington Family Dentistry
319-752-7993

New London Dental Care
319-367-2311

2018 American Idol winner
Maddie Poppe
concert at Relay For Life
Friday, September 27
9:00 PM
Fort Madison High School
Tickets: \$40
limited Meet & Greet VIP Tickets \$100
Thank you to our Concert Sponsor: **Shottenkirk AUTOMOTIVE GROUP**
Click Here to Purchase Tickets




Classifieds/Public Notices

SHOP the classifieds



PLACE YOUR AD ONLINE AT WWW.PENCITYCURRENT.COM OR CALL (319)371.4125

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE LEE COUNTY CONFERENCE BOARD

Please be advised the Lee County Conference Board Chairman, Gary Folluo, has scheduled a Conference Board meeting at the South Lee County Courthouse Board Room, 25 No 7th, Keokuk on Wednesday, September 11th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Enter the building through the handicap ramp in the back parking lot.

The purpose of the meeting is to appoint a new Lee County Assessor.

The agenda will include:
Approve agenda
Approval of the minutes from August 27th, 2019 meeting.

Appoint a new Lee County Assessor
Adjourn
Teresa Murray
Lee County Conference Board Clerk

Consider Approval of Claims Public Input
Consider Approval of Resolution Authorizing Lee County to Financially Support Great River Housing Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2021

Consider Approval of Safety Policy
National Voter Registration Month Proclamation
Consider Approval of Resolution Removing Mobile Homes from Tax System
Consider Approval of Methamphetamine Drug Hot Spots Grant Application
Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolution

Consider Approval of Appointment to Veteran Affairs Commission
Committee Reports
Adjourn

Workshop to Follow

PUBLIC MEETING
CITIZENS WELCOME

Vision and hearing assistance available upon request

Contact Title VI Administrator
319-372-3705

County Website:
www.leecounty.org

**YOUR
AD
HERE**

**Call Lee
319.371.4125**

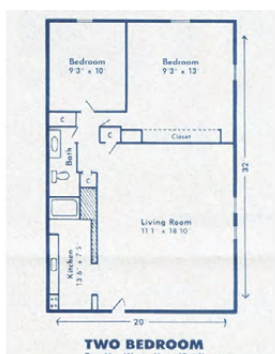
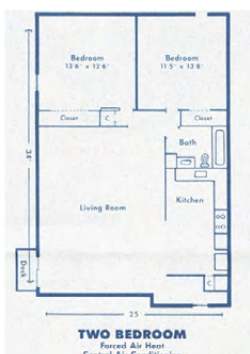
APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Chateau Apartments Extra Clean & Quiet Apartments for Rent



Extra clean & quiet with free YMCA membership included. 2 bedrooms, some with decks/patio. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, built-in microwave. Non-smoking, no pets. Very affordable security deposit \$300. Must pass background & credit checks (no felonies). Large

backyard with picnic tables & glider swing in very nice, quiet neighborhood. Rents range from \$585-\$635. Lease required. 850 sq. ft. units. All electric. Water, sewer, trash furnished. Laundry rooms have new coin-operated washers & dryers (located in all buildings). On-site manager. Call 319-372-9409 or 319-750-3115 for appointment to view. Owned by Alliance Realty Co.



PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE LEE COUNTY EXAMINING BOARD

Lee County Examining Board is meeting on September 5th, 2019 at the South Lee County Courthouse Boardroom, 25 No. 7th, Keokuk, IA

Agenda:
Interviews for the Lee County Assessor position.

PUBLIC NOTICE Lee County, Iowa Board of Supervisors Agenda

DATE: TUESDAY,
September 3, 2019
MEETING
CONVENING TIME:
9:00 A.M.

LOCATION:
Correctional Center
2530 255th Street,
Montrose, IA

AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Agenda
Approve Tuesday, August 27, 2019 Board Minutes

HELP WANTED

PRODUCTION POSITION

Must be capable of lifting 50#. Competitive Wage and Benefit Package. Dependability Is Required!

Quality Plus Feeds
s.rider@qualityplusfeedinc.com
319-469-3167
www.qualityplusfeedinc.com/

QUALITY PLUS FEEDS

NOW HIRING (Fort Madison)

General Operator
Job # 206301W-04

We Offer Competitive Wages (Up to \$29.41/hr. plus built in shift OT) and a Comprehensive Benefits Package
General Operators work a 12-hour rotating schedule (days and nights).

Apply Online at:
www.dupont.com/careers
Under Search Jobs: Click - US Experienced Professionals under "SEARCH JOBS"
Enter job # for information and requirements

On-line applications accepted for a limited time

DuPont is an Equal Opportunity Employer
DuPont is an E-Verify Employer
DuPont supports the "I Hire Vets" program



NOTICE OF JOB OPENING Collections Clerk Lee County Attorney's Office Keokuk, Iowa

Lee County Attorney's Office has an immediate opening for a part-time collections clerk position (20 hours per week).

The position's successful applicant is preferred (but not required) to have the following:

1. Completion of some college level administrative support courses or any equivalent combination of training and experience.
2. Knowledge of legal terminology, legal format, and legal forms.
3. Knowledge of modern office practices, procedures, and equipment.
4. Knowledge of Electronic Document Management System (EDMS).
5. Knowledge of Iowa Courts Online.
6. Knowledge of Iowa Department of Transportation transcripts.
7. Ability to prepare accurate and timely documents, correspondence, and reports.
8. Ability to learn and/or operate the county Attorney's Office computer programs.
9. Ability to understand and follow written and oral instructions.
10. Ability to use Microsoft Outlook, Word, and Excel.
11. Ability to work in a fast-paced environment
12. Ability to multi-task.
13. Ability to communicate with others using tact and diplomacy.
14. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with supervisors, attorneys, co-workers, and the public, as well as law enforcement personnel, Clerk of Court, Treasurer and Iowa Department of Transportation.
15. Ability to maintain a large filing system of current and closed files.

The starting wage is \$14.96 per hour.

The deadline for submitting a resume is September 6, at 4:30 p.m.

Please send resume to Ross Braden, Lee County Attorney at P. O. 824, Keokuk, IA 52632 or e-mail to rbraden@leecounty.org



**Tired of the same old results
from your advertising?**

**Try something new!
Call Lee today!
(319)371.4125**

**Pen City
current**

Classifieds

the classifieds

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES


HIRING PART TIME



NIGHT AUDIT & MAINTENANCE
All candidates must have strong communication skills, be disciplined, hard-working and self-motivated. Pick up an application in person.




COBBLESTONE INN & SUITES
4901 AVENUE O, FT MADISON, IOWA




Unlock more savings — with [auto + renters]

Contact me to schedule a SuperCheck® and see how simple combining your auto and renters insurance can be!



Larry Holtkamp
1301 37th St
Fort Madison
(319) 372-9145
(319) 470-1927 Cell
LARYHOLTkamp.COM



FARM BUREAU FINANCIAL SERVICES
Auto | Home | Life | Annuities | Business | Farm & Ranch

Farm Bureau Property & Casualty Insurance Company, Western Agricultural Insurance Company, Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company/West Des Moines, IA. *Company providers of Farm Bureau Financial Services FC114 (8-17)

Help GRRWA Keep Your Community Hazard-Free!



Household Hazardous Waste Unit is open Monday through Friday 8am - 4pm
800-216-2370
Call for an appointment



FL Madison Main Office: 2092 303rd Ave Fort Madison, IA 52625-4140
Keokuk Transfer Station: 111 Carlisle Lane Keokuk, IA 52624-6175
Visit Us Online! www.grrwa.com facebook.com/grrwa

community HEATING & COOLING

SALES * SERVICE * INSTALLATION

ICE MACHINE LEASING

319-372-1095

THE ART OF YOGA

Sylvia Thomas
Yoga Instructor

319-470-1082



617 Avenue G, Fort Madison
www.seiowayoga.com



Great Atmosphere!
Fabulous Food!
Quality Handcrafted Brews!

duckbrewing.com 319.372.8255

Kitchen Open 3:00-9:00 PM
Wednesday thru Saturday
Make a Duck Call!!!!



DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY
Est. 1877

Photo Correction
Business Cards
Flyers
Office Supplies
Vinyl Banners
Ink & Toner

Logo Design
Posters Art Supplies
Printing
Office Furniture
Trifold Brochures

621 Avenue G Fort Madison, IA
319.372.2721
doddprinting.com

ENJOY FREE DELIVERY TO FORT MADISON, KEOKUK, BURLINGTON & THE SURROUNDING AREAS!

Dirty Dog Detailing & Boarding

Grooming by appointment
Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday
319-371-9044

2090 250th St, Donnellson, IA 52625
Owners Barb Ball & Natalie Dauma
Family owned & operated

Over 51 Years Combined Professional Animal Experience

General Insects Termites Mice Bed Bugs

Cullen PEST CONTROL

(319) 372-1060

Toll Free 1-888-818-7378
Email: cullenpest@hotmail.com
www.cullenpest.com

Residential Commercial "Cause who needs bugs?"

FOR ALL YOUR INSURANCE NEEDS

HARMEYER INSURANCE AGENCY
West Point • (319) 837-6151

Click this ad or call for a quote today!

AUTO • HOME • LIFE • BUSINESS



SHUG'S TINY TOWN
& Educational Toys

SHUG (Brenda) DERR – OWNER
319-754-SHUG (7484) • email: service@shugstinytown.com
shugstinytown.com

3200 Agency St., Ste. 120 • Burlington, IA 52601
9 am – 7 pm Mon. – Sat.
Sundays open for private parties only

Interactive Play Center to Encourage Creativity and Imagination
Party & Event Center

Premier Partner with Melissa & Doug

KEMPKER'S TrueValue RENTAL

Treating our customers like family since 1970

Fort Madison • Burlington • Mount Pleasant

www.kempkerstruevalue.com

Now Every Friday
Homemade Tacos & Enchiladas
Satisfy Your Sweet Tooth with Ice Cream, Sundaes, & Shakes

Full Breakfast & Lunch • Daily Specials

Double Dipper

Hours thru July 16: Mon.-Thurs. 8-2; Fri.-Sat. 8-8
Hours after July 16: Mon.-Sat. 8-8
102 N. 1st Street - Montrose, IA 52639
Call 319-371-6526 for more information



How can chiropractic therapy help you?

BENEFITS OF CHIROPRACTIC

- Improved joint mobility, function, and health
- Decreased degeneration of joints and connective tissues
- Improved circulation
- Increased energy, vitality, and improved sleep
- and many, many more

DR. ROBERT BROCKMAN
Brockman Chiropractic
2311 Avenue L, Suite 3, Fort Madison • 319-372-3800
http://brockmanchiropracticdrbob.com/

Extremity Adjustment Myofascial Relaxation
Cranial Adjustment Muscle Facilitation

The Colony Shop & Bridal Loft

Madeline Leake, Owner

STORE HOURS
MON-FRI 10-5
SAT 9-5

FORT MADISON, IOWA
720 AVENUE G
372-8271

Bridge Cafe & Supper Club

101 Olive Street
Farmington, IA 52626

Rick Saunders
Owner

(319) 878-4000



Classifieds

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Place your ad now! Call Lee - 319.371.4125



dollhouse dreams
MINIATURES & TOYS

Largest Miniature Dollhouse Shoppe in Iowa
Stuff-A-Pet Station
9 am - 5 pm Tues.-Sat.  Premier Partner with Melissa & Doug

319.372.0599 | 877.875.6500 | 319.470.4674
820 Avenue G, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627
- shop online at www.dollhousedreams.com

Take A Step Back in Time & Visit



Megan's
OLD FASHIONED
Ice Cream Parlor
EST. 2016

Hand-Scooped Ice Cream • Old-Fashioned Fountain Drinks
Paninis • Kids Meals • Coffees • Floats and More!

820 Avenue G • Fort Madison, Iowa • 319-372-0599
email: brenda@dollhousedreams.com • 9 am - 5 pm Tues.-Sat. • dollhousedreams.com



Shopping for a mortgage?

Thomas Klann RICP LTCF LUTCF, Agent
State Farm Agent
2623 Avenue L
Fort Madison, IA 52627
Bus: 319-372-5982
NMLS #139716, NMLS MLO #1359992
MLO License #24290

We have a great selection.
As life changes, so do your needs. Let State Farm Bank® help with a mortgage that fits your life and your budget. Let us help you make the right move. Bank with a Good Neighbor®. **CALL ME TODAY FOR MORE INFORMATION.**



Some products and services not available in all areas.
1001306.1 State Farm Bank, F.S.B., Bloomington, IL 



REHABILITATION & SKILLED NURSING WHEN GOING HOME AFTER A HOSPITAL STAY ISN'T AN OPTION.

YOUR LOVED ONES DESERVE THE BEST

Call to schedule your personal tour
319-372-8021



Medicare, Medicaid, Private Insurance, and Private Pay Accepted

1701 41st Street Fort Madison, IA 52627

Short-term Rehabilitation - Long-term Care
Memory Care - Ventilator Support

Like us on Facebook 



RIVER CITY MOTORS
Plus
Service & Repair
319-372-6959

Your dog deserves to be pampered

While your dog is enjoying their spa day in our grooming area, shop our healthy selection of dog foods & treats, collars & leashes, super fun toys, and other unique items and gifts you won't find anywhere else!



705 9TH STREET, FORT MADISON • (319) 372-3294
WWW.DAWGSNDIVAS.COM



JIMMY KEENAN
Sales Consultant

Hwy. 61 West, Box 540
Fort Madison, Iowa 52627
www.jimbaier.com

Toll Free: 888-372-1012
Cell: 319-470-9299

LIKE JIMMY ON FACEBOOK  jimmy@jimbaier.com

FORD • LINCOLN • CHRYSLER • DODGE • RAM • JEEP

Claws & Paws Pet Grooming



Nicole Southward
Owner/ Groomer
1935 1/2 Avenue I
Fort Madison, Iowa, 52627
(319) 376-5978

Here your dog will get one-on-one attention with lots of TLC 

Darwin Bunger
Attorney At Law



Saunders/ Bunger
An Association of Sole Practitioners

610 Eighth St., Suite A, Fort Madison, IA 52627
Ph: 319-372-2100/ Fax: 319-372-2200



320 N. 3rd Floor 6, PO Box 223, Burlington, IA 52601
Ph: 319-671-7187
DB.Esquire@outlook.com

Visit: www.darwinbungerlaw.com for more info. 


American Family Insurance

Crystal Bivens
Office Manager
Carlos Capdevila Agency, Inc.
Email: CBIVENS@AmFam.com

Melissa Pech
Customer Service Rep
Carlos Capdevila Agency, Inc.
Email: MVICE@AmFam.com

601 Jefferson St.,
Burlington, Iowa, 52601
Bus: (319) 752-1479
Fax: (319) 752-6164
Web: <http://www.ccapdevila.com>
Anytime Access: 1-800-MYAMFAM
(800-692-6326)




Archie's Automotive, LLC

204 Avenue D • West Point
319-837-6422

 OFFICIAL TIRE OF MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

WEDDING & EVENT CENTER



Small **GRAND** Things
Grand Things Happen Here

Danielle Neaves & Ann Newton Neaves
319.837.8132

1903 West Point Rd
Facebook/Instagram/Pinterest

West Point, IA 52656
smallgrandthings.com



Quarry Creek
Elk & Bison Co.

PREMIUM GOURMET ELK & BUFFALO MEATS & SAUSAGE

Liberty Safes • Men's, Women's & Children's Apparel • Carhartt Western Wear • Western & Work Boots • Unique Gifts & More!

1866 - 303rd Avenue • Fort Madison, IA 52627
Office Phone & Fax 319-372-8966 • www.quarrycreek.com
Hours: Mon-Sat 9-6 • Sun 10-5

Stewart Automotive

- Transmission Repair
- Alignments
- Coolant/Transmission Flush
- Major/Minor Engine Repair
- Tune-Up

3136 Avenue M
Ft. Madison, IA
Junior Stewart, Owner
(319) 371-4509



Open Mic Night



Wednesdays
7:00pm



1135 Ave. E • Wednesday ~ Saturday 5:00pm

ADVERTISE YOUR SERVICE BUSINESS

1 month • Only \$50⁰⁰

2x2 Business Card Size Ad plus Social Media

Place your ad online 24/7 www.pencitycurrent.com
Email your ad classifieds@pencitycurrent.com
Call Brian (319) 470.9151

Football

Hounds open 3rd straight year with win

BY ETHAN LILLARD
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON – Had it not been for an untimely fumble out of the back of the end zone in the third quarter, the Fort Madison Bloodhound’s season-opener would have mirrored last year’s 24-0 win in Donnellson.

But the Hounds did usher in the Doherty era with a win against 17-0 shutout of the Hawks Friday night to highlight local high school football action.

“I guess it’s kind of spooky,” first-year Head Coach Derek Doherty said of the back-to-back shutouts and nearly identical scores.

“At the end of it, it’s about (the kids). The crowd, they don’t see these kids at weights at 6:45 a.m. every day. They don’t see these kids and the investment that they make and the sacrifices that they make to be high school athletes and we’re super proud of that. Winning feels great, but seeing their investment pay off and them being proud of the work they put in is what it’s about.”

Fort Madison scored on its first offensive drive of the game. Junior Diego Lozano marched the Hounds down the field breaking off big chunks of yardage each time he was fed the ball, ultimately capping off the 13-play drive with a 3rd and goal touchdown for the 6-0 lead. Landes Williams made the point after try and gave the Hounds a 7-0 lead.

For the rest of the first half, offense was hard to come by.

Fort Madison held Central Lee to a three-and-out its first offensive possession. The Hounds then marched down the field with their second offensive possession, but a Williams field goal attempt just missed the right upright, giving the Hawks back possession on their own 20.

The Hound defense held Central Lee to three-and-outs on its next four possessions before the Hawks finally got a first down with 8:38 remaining in the second quarter. The momentum was short lived however, as Central Lee was held to just its one first down in the first half, allowing Fort Madison to head into the half with a 7-0 advantage.

“It was a pretty easy halftime talk to be honest,” Doherty said. “It had nothing to do with schematics, it had everything to do with the two things we pride ourselves on – and that’s attitude and effort.

“At times we didn’t have that effort. With attitude and effort comes execution and when you’re missing one of them, you don’t execute.”

With under a minute to play in the third quarter, it appeared as if the Bloodhounds were going to put the game away as Lozano broke away from would-be tacklers and raced towards the end zone. At the very last second a Central Lee defender caught up and

stripped the ball. Lozano and his teammates dove for the ball, but it was knocked out of the back of the end zone before anyone could establish possession, giving Central Lee the ball on its own 20-yard line on a ruled touchback.

After the fumble, Fort Madison’s defense continued to shut down any hopes of offense from Central Lee, holding the Hawks to another three and out.

Brock Califf reeled off an impressive day as a return man on the punt, giving the Hounds possession at the Central Lee 39-yard line. A Hawks penalty combined with runs from quarterback Will Larson and Lozano put Fort Madison in field goal territory where Williams sent the ball through the uprights for a 10-0 lead with 8:51 to play.

Keaton Poe came up with an interception on Central Lee’s next offensive series, leaving the Bloodhounds just 11 yards shy of another touchdown. Two plays later Larson hooked up with Parker Denning in the left corner of the end zone for Fort Madison’s second score and a 17-0 lead.

Caleb Wood laid the wood with a sack of Central Lee’s quarterback Evan Pohren on the Hawks very next offensive play and two plays later Denning came up with an interception, sealing the game for the Hounds as they ran the clock and held the Hawks one final drive for the 17-0 victory.

“I think coach Crooks had those guys ready to go,” Doherty said of his defensive coordinator Jason Crooks.

“We stayed in our base defense pretty much all night. We just have fire breathers. We had guys wanting to play the game of football on the defensive side and it was a lot of fun to watch to be honest.”

Lozano paced Fort Madison with 19 rushing attempts for 140 yards. Larson was 19 of 41 passing for 107 yards



Photo by Ethan Lillard/PCC

Fort Madison’s Parker Denning and Central Lee’s TJ Stutes go high for a ball in the early going of Friday’s 17-0 Fort Madison win. Denning had 26 yards and a score on the night.

and a touchdown Denning had five catches for 26 yards and the touchdown. Quentin Schneider had four tackles and nine assists, while Larson had five solo tackles to lead Fort Madison on defense.



Photo by Ethan Lillard/PCC

Fort Madison senior Diego Lozano (7) bulls into the Central Lee secondary as four Hawks give chase. Lozano finished with 140 yards on 19 carries and a touchdown in the Bloodhound’s season opening win over Central Lee 17-0 Friday night in Fort Madison.

Tune Up or Repair?

We keep your equipment running at peak performance so you can power through the things you need to get done. We got you covered!

Certified Small Engine Repair Center

Mowers • ATVs • Go Carts • Side-By-Sides

Small Engine Oil Changes






Find us at 2265 265th Ave.
Fort Madison, Iowa, 52627
(Just off Hwy 2 West)


319-470-6002








Move your family forward financially. Let's talk.



Tony Fullenkamp
Financial Advisor

1233 Ave H
Ft Madison, IA 52627
319-372-8001

www.edwardjones.com



Member SIPC

From the Front/Lee County News

Parents appeal to ISBE

PROGRAM - Continued from Page 1

off at the 14th Street bus stop where YMCA staff will greet the students.

In case of early release due to heat, Richardson students will ride bus #35 to FMMS where they will be dropped off on the north side of the building for the program in the FMMS cafeteria. All other students will follow the same procedures as regular school days.

The change in bus routes prompted an appeal from several parents in the district who disagreed with the schools mapping system and said Google maps and MapQuest both showed their home outside the two-mile barrier.

Shanna Krogmeier spoke to the board at its last meeting and appealed to the board to take a closer look at the district's mapping software.

In an email last week to the Pen City Current, Krogmeier wrote that her home, according to two mapping systems and her vehicle's odometer, is outside the two-mile limit

"According to Beacon it is 2.187 miles, according to Google it is 2.4, according to my car it is 2.2. I sent an email to the school board and (Superintendent) Dr. Erin Slater and received a response from (Board President) Dr. Tim Wondra and another school board member," Krogmeier wrote.

Krogmeier said Wondra replied that this policy has been in place for a number of years, but the district has been able to extend service, but with the reduced number of drivers, the district had to begin following the policy.

Krogmeier said she was appealing the board's decision to the Iowa State Board of Education.

United Way brings back Restaurant Days

LEE COUNTY - United Way of the Great River Region is excited to announce the return of Restaurant Days! During the month of September, a variety of area restaurants have graciously agreed to donate a portion of their day's receipts to United Way of the Great River Region to go directly to our Fall 2019 Campaign.

How can you help? Support the restaurant of the day by choosing to dine in. Check the most updated calendar on the United Way of the Great River Region's Facebook page. Check back often as more restaurants are joining the cause.

"We are so blessed to have so many generous establishments in our 3 county service area." Says Karen Siefken, Executive Director. "What a great way to raise money for a great cause. Get together with your family and friends to enjoy a meal and help others at the same time! Be sure to keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates and reminders."

Twelve Lee County restaurants and one Food Truck are participating: Hawkeye Restaurant, Beef, Bread & Brew, Java River Coffee House and Bakery, Dr. Getwell's, Hy-Vee, McDonald's and Happy Joe's in Keokuk; Fat Jimmy's in Montrose; Chuong Garden, River Rocks, Vel's Amigos, Palms Restaurant and Sub Arena in Fort Madison and Twisted River 61 Food Truck. They are joined by Hotel Nauvoo and The Red Front in Nauvoo, El Camino Real and Dairy Queen in Hamilton representing Hancock County and Steve's Family Dining in Kahoka representing Clark County. But there is room for more!

If you are interested in having your restaurant participate and it's located in Clark, Hancock or Lee county please contact Karen Siefken at United Way of the Great River Region at 319-524-4504 or by email at director@unitedwaygrr.org.



Deposit your cash
and make a splash

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

SUN 01 Sep



Overcast

High - 73.5° F | Low - 65.8° F

MON 02 Sep



Scattered Clouds

High - 82.1° F | Low - 69.2° F

TUE 03 Sep



Clear Skies

High - 87.6° F | Low - 60.4° F

WED 04 Sep



Clear Skies

High - 69.2° F | Low - 54.1° F

THU 05 Sep



Scattered Clouds

High - 72.6° F | Low - 64.4° F

[OpenWeatherMap](#)

Pilot Grove Savings Bank offers a variety of checking accounts to meet the financial goals of every customer.

- Regular Consumer Checking
- NOW Account
- Money Market Account
- Business Checking

Excellent benefits and quality service is what we offer at Pilot Grove Savings Bank - all backed up by the personal attention our staff delivers every day.

Pilot Grove Savings Bank
Equal Housing Lender Member FDIC

319-469-3951

www.pilotgrovesavingsbank.com

24 HOUR ACCESS

JUST \$5/MO

Learn More

220 26th Street
Fort Madison, IA
319-372-2403
fortmadison.org



For Youth Development
For Healthy Living
For Social Responsibility