



# Pen City Current

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## Fire breaks out on west side



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC



Fort Madison Fire Department firefighters work to quash a blaze that broke out in a garage at 3408 Avenue E Monday evening at about 6:20 p.m. Firefighters remained on the scene until approximately 8 p.m. The fire remains under investigation. See page 4 and [www.pencitycurrent.com](http://www.pencitycurrent.com) for more pictures.

## BNSF wants safety item added to depot sublease agreement

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison City Council will have to vote once again on a finalized version of the sublease agreement with the railroad to move forward with its decades-long depot relocation.

City Manager David Varley is recommending that the City Council approve the newly requested addition to the agreements that were approved in November.

An agreement will be in front of the council at Tuesday's regular meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The sublease agreements exist between the city, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, and Amtrak to move the depot from its current location at 1601 20th Street.

The city has, for more than 10 years now, been talking to and negotiating with the three entities to put the depot back in the historic depot down in the Riverfront.

After signing the agreements between all three entities in November, BNSF requested that language be added that required any employee or contractor of the city working in the area pass a web-based safety orientation program within one year of entering the premises. The city would also have to renew the orientations annually.

Varley said in his recommendation to the council

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## Governor Reynolds beefs up Targeted Small Business program

DES MOINES – Gov. Kim Reynolds and Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg, along with the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA), announced enhancements to the State of Iowa's Targeted Small Business (TSB) program on Monday. Established in 1986, the TSB program is designed to help women, minorities, individuals with disabilities or service-disabled veterans overcome some of the hurdles in starting and growing a small business in Iowa.

"Small business owners drive our state's economy, and their companies are the heart and soul of our communities," Gov. Reynolds said. "Small businesses make up more than 99 percent of Iowa businesses, so it's critical we create an environment where diverse populations can prosper and small businesses can find opportunities and flourish."

Over the past several years, the IEDA, in partnership



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with the Iowa Department of Administrative Services and Department of Inspection and Appeals, has made a concerted effort to simplify and streamline the TSB certification process. The latest improvements to the program announced on Monday include the development of an online application portal and upgrades to

the online directory.

"I am pleased to see the TSB program continue to evolve and improve," Lt. Gov. Gregg said. "These new features will minimize hurdles for prospective TSBs and create awareness of, and access to, the diverse small businesses within our state."

To qualify as a TSB, companies must be:

- located in Iowa;

- operating for a profit;
- making less than \$4 million in gross revenue annually; and
- be 51 percent owned, operated and actively managed by one or more women, minorities, persons with a disability or service-disabled veterans

There is no charge to obtain TSB certification. Benefits of certification include access to the State of Iowa's procurement network, listing in the online TSB directory and business promotion, education and networking opportunities. Additionally, companies with diverse supplier programs recognize TSB certification to verify supplier status.

For more information on the program, visit [iowaeconomicdevelopment.com/tsb](http://iowaeconomicdevelopment.com/tsb).

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## Obituaries

### OBITUARIES

## EDWARD JOSEPH NOLL

Edward Joseph Noll, 63, of Wever, passed away on Friday, April 27, 2018 at 5:20 PM at his home.

He was born on January 9, 1955 in Ft. Madison to James R. "Bob" and Nerma Kienast Noll. On August 10, 1974 he married Julie Anne Hundt in Ft. Madison and they later divorced. Ed held various jobs over the years including truck driver, dispatcher, construction and was a bartender at the Beach Front and most recently the Augusta Tap. He was an avid Green Bay Packers and Chicago Cubs fan and especially enjoyed taking his grandchildren fishing.



NOLL

Survivors include his daughter, Amanda (Leo) Conrick of Kearney, MO; his son, Justin (Amanda) Noll of Kearney, MO; four grandchildren, Caitlyn and Drake Conrick and Grayson and Kitsyn Noll all of Kearney, MO; four brothers, James (Janelle) Noll of Ft. Madison, Kelly (Anna Marie) Noll of Deerpark, IL, Charlie (Chris) Noll of Mundelein, IL and Joe (Leslie) Noll of Bartlett, IL; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. Friends may call after 2 PM on Friday, May 4, 2018 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will meet with friend from 3:30-5:30 PM. A wake service will be held at 5:30 pm following the visitation. Burial will be held in Gethsemane Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in his memory and online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

## RYLAN LEE BIHN-HATTAN

Rylan Lee Bihn-Hattan, one month old, of Farmington, Iowa, entered Heaven on Friday, April 27, 2018, in the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa surrounded by his family.

Rylan Lee was born March 23, 2018 in Iowa City, the son of Will Lee Bihn and Taryn Renee McIntosh-Hattan.

Survivors include his parents: Will and Taryn of Farmington; one brother: Matthew; maternal grandparents: Tim & Tina Hattan of Farmington; Paternal grandparents: Mary and Tim Batley of Farmington; maternal great grandparents: Ronald and Sandra McIntosh of Farmington and Patricia Isham of Dana, Illinois; paternal great grandparents: Anna Liese Bihn of Donnellson and Larry Batley of Keokuk. Also surviving are several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his paternal great grandmother: Sheena Stephenson; paternal great grandfather: William Bihn; maternal great grandfather: Melvin Hattan and uncle: Matthew Batley.

The family will meet with friends Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at the Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington, Iowa from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

A memorials may be made in his memory to the family.

Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at [www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schmitzfuneralhomes.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.

## STEVEN JAMES GATES

Steven James Gates, 66 of Keokuk, IA died Monday, April 23, 2018 at UnityPoint Health-Keokuk.

He was born December 2, 1951 in Keokuk, IA the son of James and Ruth Donnelly Gates. He was united in marriage to Carol Hiatt on September 22, 1975 in Midland, TX. She survives.

Other survivors include one brother, Randy Davison (Christy) of OK, one sister, Dianna Büsst of CA, one uncle, Bob Wilsey of Keokuk, one aunt, Ruth Marie Donnelly of OK, several cousins, nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Steven graduated from Keokuk High School with the Class of 1970.

In his younger years, Steven had been employed by Morse Chain in Keokuk. Steven began his career at Griffin Wheel in Keokuk, in 1979, until his retirement in 1999.

He was a member of First Christian Church in Keokuk, the Alpha Sunday School Class, NRA, the Montrose Gun Club and Habitat for Humanity.

Steven was an avid history buff and especially enjoyed Biblical archeology. He liked to spend his free time target shooting and playing pool. Most of all, Steven loved a good cup of coffee.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 5, 2018 at the First Christian Church in Keokuk, with Pastor David Turner officiating.

Memorials may be made to God's Way Christian Center, Habitat for Humanity and the Keokuk Public Library.

Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com)

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# For the Record/Lottery Numbers

## For the Record

**Fort Madison Police report**  
 04/26/18 - 1:24 p.m.  
 - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 700 block of 9th Street, reported at the police department.  
 04/26/18 - 1:43 p.m.  
 - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3000 block of Avenue N.  
 04/26/18 - 3:54 p.m.  
 - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 900 block of Avenue H.  
 04/26/18 - 4:25 p.m.  
 - Fort Madison Police cited John Robert Wilver, III, 48, of Fort Madison in the 1700 block of Avenue I for no vehicle insurance. He was released upon citation.  
 04/26/18 - 6:15 p.m.  
 - Fort Madison Police

responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1100 block of 24th Street.  
 04/26/18 - 6:15 p.m.  
 - Fort Madison Police arrested Paul Douglas Bowen, 33, of Fort Madison in the 2300 block of Avenue L, on charges of OWI-1st offense, driving while barred, no insurance, leaving the scene of an accident, and following to closely. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.  
 04/26/18 - 6:18 p.m.  
 - Fort Madison Police arrested Mathew Rohan Boon, 32, of Fort Madison in the 400 block of Avenue A, on charges of 3rd degree burglary, possession of a controlled substance - methamphetamine. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

04/26/18 - 6:18 p.m.  
 - Fort Madison Police arrested Tracy Lynn Meyers, 50, of Fort Madison in the 400 block of Avenue A on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 04/26/18 - 8:43 p.m.  
 - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1200 block of Avenue H.  
 04/27/18 - 2:00 p.m.  
 - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 17th Street and Avenue H.  
 04/27/18 - 2:00 p.m.  
 - Fort Madison Police cited Matthew Scott Stephenson, 43, of Fort Madison in the 1700 block of Avenue H for no insurance, driving under suspension and failure to

yield a left turn. He was released upon citation.  
 04/27/18 - 3:26 p.m.  
 - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism on Storms Ct.  
 04/27/18 - 4:27 p.m.  
 - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2600 block of Avenue L.  
 04/29/18 - 1:59 a.m.  
 - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 300 block of 23rd Street.  
 04/29/18 - 1:30 p.m.  
 - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue J.  
 04/29/18 - 8:33 p.m.  
 - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1500 block Avenue H.

**Lee County Sheriff's Report**  
 04/26/18 8:15 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Nathan Allen Goins, 23, of Burlington at the Lee County Jail on a charge of simple assault. He was held in custody, 04/26/18 - 11:53 a.m.  
 - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Lo-

gan David Bode, 29, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 04/27/18 - 6:35 a.m.  
 - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jacob Anthony Haage, 24 of Montrose, at the sheriff's office on a temporary hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 04/27/18 - 4:29 p.m.  
 - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Rion William Donlan, 35, of Burlington at the sheriff's office on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 04/29/18 - 2:00 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jason Michael Dye, 39, of Keokuk in the 600 block of Fulton Street alley, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear.  
 04/29/18 - 9:42 a.m.  
 - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on U.S. Hwy. 61 heading north. A vehicle driven by Mykayla Rae Watznauer,

17, lost control heading north and entered the left shoulder before sliding back across the road and rolling several times. Watznauer was taken by EMS to an area hospital. She was cited for failure to maintain control.  
 04/30/18 - 1:46 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Daniel Wayne Summers, 52, of Keokuk, in the 500 block Johnson Street on a warrant for violation of parole and a charge of possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
*Those listed above are to be considered innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.*

**Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report**  
 04/27/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to four medical calls, one burn permit and one public service call.  
 04/28/18 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one medical call.  
 04/29/19 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one false alarm.



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**Local News**

**Fire destroys car/garage on Ave. E**

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison Firefighters were called to the scene of a fully-engulfed garage fire on the city's west side Monday evening at about 6:20 p.m.

When firefighters arrived, the garage of 3408 Avenue E was on fire as was a four-door gold sedan and a large motor home on the outside of the garage.

The home, according to a Lee County Beacon property search, belongs to Delbert Custer. Police evacuated the homes adjacent to the property.

Firefighters were on the scene until 7:40 p.m.

A spokesman at the fire station said the fire is still under investigation and the cause is not known at this time. No injuries were reported as a result of the blaze.



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC



At top, Fort Madison Fire Department Captain Eric Kern holds up the hood of a 4-door sedan that was involved in the garage fire at 3408 Avenue E Monday evening. The fire destroyed the garage, the vehicle, and a large motor home outside the structure.



The fire from the garage/car fire at 3408 Avenue E Monday night seems to creep over the top of a Fort Madison firefighter in the picture above. At left, Capt. Kern and another firefighter discuss strategy with the blaze. At the bottom fire-fighters shoot from across the street.



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# Sports



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC



Above, Fort Madison's Maddie Rashid (20) tries to gain control of the ball in Monday's contest with Macomb at Baxter Sports Complex, while Anna Kester (5) works into the background. At left, Sally Johnstun and Dezire Kline looks to cut off the passing.

## HTC drops three at Adidas Champions tourney

BY PCC STAFF

WEST BURLINGTON - The Holy Trinity Catholic girls soccer team got a hefty dose of big city soccer with three losses at the Adidas Tournament of Champions at the Burlington Rec Plex.

The girls fell 0-3 to Moline on Thursday, 0-1 to Iowa City Regina on Friday, and Iowa City Catholic 1-4 on Saturday.

Head Coach Michael Sheerin summed up the weekend tournament.

"A consolation goal scored by Claire Pothitakis after receiving a beautifully weighted pass from Nicole Pothitakis before weaving around the defender and selling the keeper a perfect dummy and dribbled around her for a simple goal. Elyse Pothitakis was named player of the Game. Sam Pothitakis continues to make standout saves including another PK saved in our first match vs. Moline. Ashlyn Hass and Maille Sheerin continued to put up an excellent defense with Malibu Mohrfeld and Emily Box. The first half Moline vs HTC, was excellent

for us as we played the best pass/possession match of our season. However the second half started out with a quick goal by Moline and we never really got into the match until the last 10 minutes. Hass was named Player of the Game," Sheerin said.

"Our best performance was against Regina, Iowa City who was ranked third at the beginning of the season. That finished 1-0 with us banging on the wood work repeatedly for the last 10-15 mins to get the equalizer. Player of the Game was Claire Pothitakis. Despite the results we had a good showing, especially having completed five matches in six days. So my hat goes off to the girls as we have a rough patch until Maya Rashid's return from injury. Kayleigh Beigler made her season debut vs. Regina after being out for a year with major injury sustained in the Canton match last season."

The Crusaders host Notre Dame on Tuesday before heading to Quincy for a Friday-Saturday tournament.

## FMHS girls dispose of Chiefs

BY PCC STAFF

KEOKUK - The Fort Madison girls tennis team picked up another win Monday with a 7-2 win over Keokuk.

The Hounds lost at No. 1 singles with Katie Larson falling to a Jakala Hall 5-8 and the No. 1 doubles team of Larson and Miho Shirai fell to Hall and Daniela Lozano 7-9.

The Hounds swept the rest of the meet lid by undefeated Kearstyn Johnson at No. 3 singles

with an 8-4 win over Maddi Miller 8-4. Miho Shirai downed Lozano 8-4 at No. 2 singles.

Larissa Ferrill downed Keleigh Hall 8-3 at No. 4 singles. Mercedee Doty dropped Haylee Broadwell 8-4 at No. 5 and No. 6 Lanie Kuntz wrapped up the singles matches with an 8-0 shutout of Kara Kavanaugh.

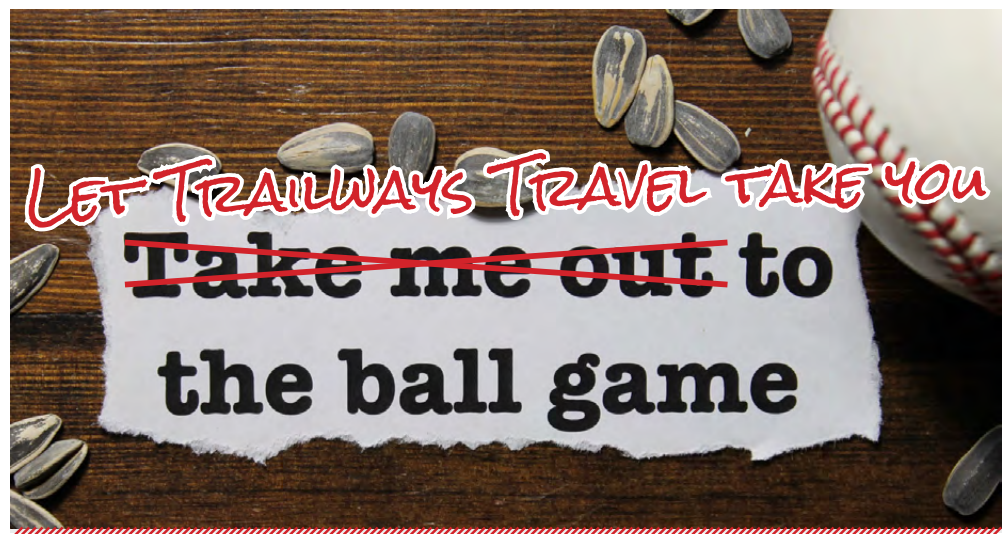
Johnson and Ferrill knocked off Miller and Keleigh Hall in an extra game at 9-7. Doty and Kuntz then pitched the

second shutout of the day for the Lady Hounds with an 8-0 win at No. 3 doubles.

"Miho had a nice win over their number two, whom she hadn't beaten yet. She and Katie also fought hard in doubles and almost got them, but just fell short when the pressure was on. Everyone else down the line did a great job." Head Coach Amy Doherty said.

In junior varsity action, Zoe Ramatowski downed Susannah Olsen 8-1.

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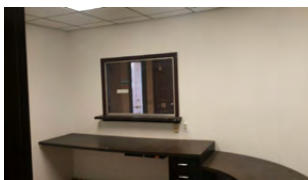
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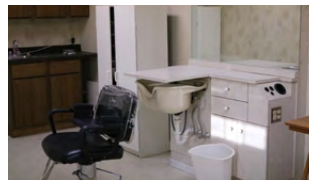
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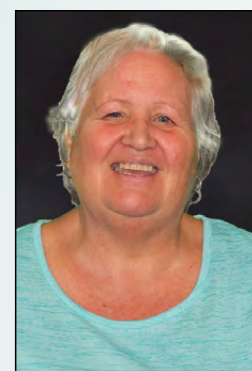
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## Celebrations/Area News

### Celebrations

## DREYLEIGH IVANNA MENDONCA

FORT MADISON - Aubrey Mendonca and Chelsea Smith of Fort Madison have announced the birth of their daughter, Dreyleigh Ivanna Mendonca on April 27, 2018 at the Fort Madison Community Hospital. Dreyleigh is the couple's first child.

Grandparents are Micah Smith of Donnellson, Misty Williams of Fairfield, Chandra Enriquez-Brandon of Fort Madison and Aubrey Mendonca of Georgetown, Guyana.

Great-grandparents are Tom and Deborah Lewis, of Topeka, Kan, Gary and Melinda Smith of Burlington, Aubrey Mendonca and Ingrid Mendonca of Ames and Irene Rascon Robinson of Fort Madison.

The Pen City Current congratulates the family on this wonderful news.



## New agreement could yield to much anticipated progress on depot

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that the fee for taking the online orientation course is \$20 per person and the city would be footing the bill.

"This is understandable as it relates to construction workers building the passenger platform. However, it also means that anybody who goes on the platform to do maintenance such as remove snow, replace a light bulb, sweep, etc., is required to take this "Safety Orientation" annually and have a card testifying to such on their person."

In order to take the course, employees and contractors would have to set up an account including uploading their photo.

He said the city must sign the updated agreement for Amtrak to sign the three agreements.

The city, along with the Iowa Department of Transportation and Amtrak, are all contributing to the cost of the \$1.2 million platform, but ownership

would revert back to Burlington Northern Santa Fe. They would lease the property to Amtrak, which then leases it back to the city for \$1 per year. The city would be contributing \$360,000, Amtrak would kick in \$150,000 and the difference is paid for with state grants. The city is working to get grants to offset city taxpayers' portion of the cost.

In other action, the council will

- consider a first reading amending Chapter 3 of the city's Health and Sanitation code to reflect the new city trash cart program.

- consider various appointments to boards and commissions.

- accept completion of the 27th Street and Avenue L intersection improvements at a cost of \$523,963.20.

## Great River Hospice offers grief sessions

WEST BURLINGTON - A support program for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 4, at Great River Health System-Hospice House, 1306 S. Washington Road, West Burlington. First Friday share will include a short presentation followed by visiting and sharing with others.

First Friday share will be led by Chris Oleson, Great River Health System-Hospice director. First Friday share is not exclusive to families and friends of former Great River Health System-Hospice patients. Registration is not required.

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**WED 02 May** — Heavy Intensity Rain  
High– 80.8° F | Low – 63.9° F

**THU 03 May** — Heavy Intensity Rain  
High– 75.2° F | Low – 69.4° F

**FRI 04 May** — Light Rain  
High – 58.8° F | Low – 49.7° F

**SAT 05 May** — Clear Skies  
High– 72.8° F | Low – 54.3° F

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