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AG says officer justified in shooting

Report paints picture of how Dec. 10 shootings unfolded

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The Iowa Attorney General’s office has determined that a Fort Madison Police officer-involved shooting on Dec. 10 was justified.

Fort Madison Police Officer Cory Brown was placed on administrative leave as the matter was investigated by the Iowa Attorney General’s office at the request of Lee County Attorney Ross Braden.

Brown fired upon and killed 42-year-old Robert Elfgen

of West Point as Elfgen ran through Scotts Miracle-Gro armed with a handgun.

Elfgen was also identified as the man who shot Brett Swyter of Fort Madison, in the neck at a home in the 3100 block of Avenue O, about 40 minutes prior to the incident at the Scotts facility.

According to a letter forwarded by Lee County Attorney Ross Braden on Friday, from Scott D. Brown, Special Assistant Attorney General, “the actions of Officer Cory Brown were entirely legally justified.”

“The actions of Officer Cory Brown were entirely legally justified. The decision to fire at Elfgen was reasonable under the circumstances. Prior to discharging his weapon, Brown, other officers and bystanders were faced with a deadly threat solely created by Elfgen,” Brown wrote in the opinion.

Scott Brown said Officer Brown provided Elfgen every opportunity to end the confrontation peacefully.

“Instead Elfgen continued the threat by attempting to flee while remaining armed.”

The investigation revealed the intense moments at Scotts after the initial shooting on Avenue O. Special Agent Brown wrote the following summary in the opinion released on Friday.

“Later on December 20, 2019, at approximate 10:56 p.m. Lee County dispatch received an urgent 911 call from Scott’s Miracle-Gro in Fort Madison concerning Elfgen chasing Atwater at the plant while armed with a gun. Atwater is employed by Scotts.

Officers with the Fort Madison Police department,

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison firefighters responded to a third structure fire in less than a week in Fort Madison. On Friday at about 3:25 fire broke out in this home in the 1700 block of Avenue G. Residents were home at the time of the fire but escaped harm. No other injuries were reported. According to witnesses, the fire broke out on the upper floor where flames could be seen in both upper windows.

State unemployment rate holds steady in November

DES MOINES – Iowa’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained 2.6 percent in November. The state’s jobless rate was 2.4 percent one year ago. The U.S. unemployment rate fell to 3.5 percent in November.

“Despite a slight increase in the number of individuals unemployed, the total number of Iowans working continued to increase in November. Likewise, Iowa’s labor force participation rate increased as the state added 8,200 more workers than in October. In the past 12 months, Iowa has added 60,400 more Iowans into the workforce,” said Director Beth Townsend, Iowa Workforce Development.

“The interest and need in growing our skilled workforce remains at an all-time high as our unemployment rate remains low and we continuously have more openings than people to fill them. The statewide collaboration, support and participation in Future Ready Iowa is what is going to help Iowa close our skills gap and ensure continued economic growth.”

The number of unemployed Iowans increased to 46,200 in November from 45,100 in October. The current estimate is 5,900 higher than the year ago level of 40,300.

The total number of working Iowans increased to 1,711,700 in November. This figure was 8,200 higher

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Submitted article

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison High School Alumni Hall of Honor was established five years ago to recognize alumni who have distinguished themselves based upon elements of academic excellence and achievement, career accomplishments, community

service, personal excellence and dedication to lifelong learning. If you know of someone who fits the criteria for the Hall of Honor please send your nomination forms to the High School by January 15, 2020. You may get a form from our website www.fmcsd.org, at the High School office or send an email to HallofHonor@fmcsd.org and one will be sent to you.

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Obituaries/Weather

JAMES WAYNE MEIEROTTO

James Wayne Meierotto, 61 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at his home. He was born December 25, 1957 in Fort Madison, a son of Alvin and Mary Margaret "Margie" (Coster) Meierotto. He married Susan Holterhaus, they had four children: Bryer, Rachel, Jordyn, and Sam.



MEIEROTTO

He was a 1976 graduate of Fort Madison High School. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corp. He was a manager for ISC, Burlington for many years. He was a Christian. He loved basketball, grilling with his brother Dennis, shooting, fishing, and Classic Rock.

He is survived by two sons, Bryer Meierotto of Burlington, Iowa and Sam Meierotto of Fort Madison; two daughters, Rachel Meierotto of Utah and Jordyn Meierotto of Fort Madison; his mother, Margie Meierotto of Fort Madison; three brothers: Daniel Meierotto of Wever, Iowa; Brian (Barbara) Meierotto of Montrose, Iowa; and Patrick Meierotto of Burlington; two sisters, Deborah Mapes of Montrose and Carol (Gary) Glasgow of West Point, Iowa; numerous uncles, aunts, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, one brother Dennis, and a nephew Spencer.

His body has been cremated. A graveside service with military rites will be at 1:00 pm Thursday, December 26, 2019 at Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Meierotto family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.



GEORGE BERNARD WELDING

George Bernard Welding, 86, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 4:54 a.m. on Friday, December 20, 2019 at Great River Medical Center in West Burlington, IA.



WELDING

He was born on July 10, 1933 in West Point, NE to Joseph H. & Irene M. Kemper Welding. He married Alma D. Drish on February 20, 1960 in Fairfield, IA. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa and later his master's degree from Indiana University. He was the deputy warden at the Iowa State Penitentiary and later was a school social worker for Great River Area Education Agency, retiring in 1997. He was a member of Sacred Heart Church and was past president of the parish council. He was the first president of the Aquinas Athletic Board and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He loved golf and was a member of the Philpott's League. He enjoyed his dog Gigi, mushroom hunting and was an avid St. Louis Cardinal & Iowa Hawkeye fan. He coached Little League Baseball and elementary basketball at Sacred Heart School.

George is survived by: his wife: Alma Welding of Fort

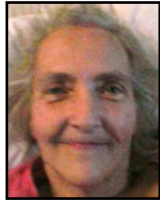
Madison, IA; 1-daughter: Laura Lindquist of Warrensburg, MO; 4-sons: Steve Welding of Mt. Pleasant, IA, Scott Welding of Fort Madison, IA, Stuart (Sandy) Welding of Fort Madison, IA & Stan (Julie) Welding of Grain Valley, MO; 7-grandchildren: Natalie (Brandon) Bonar, Clint Welding, Amanda Welding, John Lindquist, Rachel Lindquist, Allison Welding & Abby Welding; 1-great grandson: Kylo McCauslin & 1-sister: Mary Lou (Sonny) Perry of Mt. Pleasant, IA. He was preceded in death by: his parents, 1-grandson: David Lindquist, 2-sisters: Joann Greene & Anna Marie Pint, 2-brothers: Jim & Tom Welding.

The family will receive friends from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. with the funeral mass to immediately follow at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 23, 2019 at Sacred Heart Church with Rev. Joseph Phung officiating. Lunch will immediately follow the funeral mass at Roling Hall. Burial will be held at Calvary Cemetery in West Point, IA. A memorial has been established for Holy Trinity Catholic Schools or P.A.W. Animal Shelter. Online condolences to George's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com. King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family.



PAMELA ANN WATERMAN

Pamela Ann Waterman, 61 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died at 9:05 pm Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at her home.



WATERMAN

She was born September 30, 1958 in Fort Madison, a daughter of Wayne and Patricia (Smith) Hemmie. She worked for ServiceMaster at the Fort Madison Railroad Station. She enjoyed camping, fishing, crocheting, country music, doing puzzle books, and was a collector of frogs.

She is survived by her mother and step-father, Patricia and Carl "Barney" Bergman of Burlington, Iowa; one brother, George Griffith of Burlington; two sisters,

Candy Pilkington of South Carolina and Clarice (Scott) Graham of Maquoketa, Iowa; special niece Jessica Miller, one aunt, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, one infant brother Christopher Hemmie, one sister Sherry Powelson, and one nephew John Miller.

Her body has been cremated. Her family will celebrate her life by greet friends from 10:00 - 11:00 am Saturday, December 21, 2019 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. A memorial has been established, contributions may be made at the funeral home. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Waterman family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

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TUE 24 Dec



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WED 25 Dec



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Sports



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Junior Bailey Hellweg gets fouled by WACO's Laney Graber in the second period of Friday's 46-29 Holy Trinity win.

HTC girls roll past WACO

Hopper, Haas combined for 29 at Crusaders move to 4-3 on the season

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Tony Johnson is looking forward to a little break to give the Holy Trinity girls basketball team some time to recuperate.

The Lady Crusaders rebounded for a two-game skid to defeat WACO at home Friday night 46-29, but the head coach said there are still a lot of things to work on.

“It’s finals week, we got out early every day this week and now we’re in Christmas mode and we got family in town and everybody’s excited about it,” Johnson said.

“But we still gotta play basketball and we still gotta rebound. Tonight it wasn’t where we want to be.”

The Crusaders started a bit anemic from the field going 3 of 12 in the first quarter. But fortunately WACO was even more so converting just one field goal on four shots in the first quarter and trailing 8-2 at the end of one.

Holy Trinity would turn the ball over on three straight possessions to start the second period and allowed the Warriors to get back in the game. Senior Laney Graber scored on a floater from the right baseline to knot the game at 8.

Freshman Brooke Mueller would score inside for Holy Trinity to take a 10-8 lead, a lead the Crusaders wouldn’t give up the rest of the night.

Senior Ashlyn Haas, who finished with 14 points on the night, converted the back end of a two-shot bonus after getting fouled on a drive. She then hit a 3-ball from the left wing to put HTC up comfortably 14-8 with 4:53 left in the half.

HTC wouldn’t score another field goal until junior Claire Pothitakis stole the ball and went 3/4 court for a layup just before the buzzer sounded for an 18-10 Crusaders’ lead at the half.

Haas picked up her third foul in the second period and didn’t start the third quarter, but HTC didn’t need the senior guard as senior Avery Hopper hit two 3-pointers and junior Bailey Hellweg added another in the opening two minutes to push the lead to 14.

WACO’s Molly McLaughlin countered with a 3-pointer, but the Warriors would only get two more buckets in the period as HTC had the game well in hand with a 30-17 lead at the end of three.

The pace of the game would pick up in the fourth quarter as the two teams combined for 10 personal fouls. WACO would cut the lead to nine at 34-25 with 4:15 left, but Haas and Hopper both fired in 3-pointers within 13 seconds of each other to pen the lead back up to 13.

WACO would only convert two more field goals the rest of the way and got into a situation where they had to foul to stop the clock and Haas converted four straight to ice the game.

Haas said the Crusaders are having trouble getting the wheels rolling in the short turnaround from volleyball to basketball.

“It’s hard for us to get started and get on a roll. But once we do get on a roll, we can stay on it,” she said.

“But it’s just hard for us to get there initially. Tony’s been pushing us hard to start out faster.”

Johnson said he was disappointed with the Crusaders’ intensity and rebounding on the night.

“You don’t have to be a good shooter or dribbler in order to rebound, hustle and get on the floor for loose balls. And that’s what I’ve been preaching to them,” he said.

“It’s a grind right now. We’re still hungover from volleyball, we’ve got some tired legs.”

Hopper led the Crusaders with 15 points, followed by Haas’ 14. Mueller had seven on the night, while Hellweg and Raquel Schneider each had three. Pothitakis and Kassi Randolph each had two in the win.

The Crusaders (4-3) have one more game against Mediapolis Saturday afternoon and then are off until Jan. 3, when they take on West Burlington on the road.

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Sports

No. 6 Warriors too much for Holy Trinity Catholic

WACO moves to 7-0 on the year with 59-47 win over HTC

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The Holy Trinity boys put up 23 points in the fourth quarter Friday night to make the game look closer than it was, but No. 6 WACO pretty much had their way in a 59-47 win Friday night.

The Warriors (7-0), one of the top 1A teams in the state, used a sliding match-up zone and mixed in some man defense to keep the Crusaders off balance. But it was the virtual complete game full court press that forced HTC into a turnover riddled game.

After a 2-2 tie to start the game on a Quentin Schneider break-away layup, WACO would steadily pull away from HTC over three quarters holding leads as big as



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

HTC Vasin Thurman (35) looks for some room against WACO's Nic Coble in the first half of Friday's 59-47 loss to the Warriors. Above right, Chandler Rung guards the perimeter as the Warriors try to find room in the lane.

18 in the first half when Pietro Vannini hit a 3-ball after one of HTC's eight first half turnovers to make it 29-11.

Junior Jason Thurman would counter with a

3-pointer for HTC with 2:23 left in the first half to cut the lead to 15 at 29-14, but HTC wouldn't convert another field goal in the first half and trailed 31-18 going into



the break.

HTC wouldn't get much hotter in the third period converting just two of eight from the field and a couple free throws and trailed 43-24 at the end of three. Thurman would score six of the Crusaders' eight points in the third.

After starting the fourth quarter 0-3, HTC started to heat up with the game out of hand. Schneider would convert a 3-point play after getting fouled underneath at 5:43 with the Crusaders down 49-26. But then Matt Hellige would convert another 3-point play before HTC hit three consecutive 3-balls from Chandler Rung, Thurman, and Blake Crabtree to cut the lead to 14 with everyone's starters still on the floor.

WACO's 6'7" Nic Coble got a pass on the wing on a fast break and put home a two-handed dunk to extend the lead to 55-38 and empty the benches. Coble had 19 points to lead all scorers on the night.

Hellige said Coble is an intimidating player who blocks a lot of shots and they were hoping to collapse on him on the post and take their chances with the Warriors outside shooters.

"There was a little bit of intimidation there," Hellige said.

"He's a pretty big kid and blocks a lot of shots. We were hoping to get him into some foul trouble and get into his body, but we were a bit tentative."

The Crusaders mixed

in three different defenses on the night to try to neutralize the Warriors offensively.

"I was pretty happy with the man-to-man. We were oversized in a few spots, but the effort was there tonight," Hellige said.

"WACO is one of the best teams in the conference, and probably in the district, and this is the bar we need to get to so, in a way, it's good to see it early."

Jason Thurman had 12 points on the night to lead Holy Trinity. Rung finished with 11, while Schneider had eight, Crabtree had seven, Hellige finished with five, and Vasin Thurman had four to round out the Crusaders' scoring.

The Crusaders (2-4) travel to Mediapolis on Saturday before getting the holiday break. Hellige said he's giving the team five full days off to visit with family and enjoy the holidays before getting back after it with a Jan. 3 game at West Burlington.

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PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. D-057

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE 3500 BLOCK OF AVENUE L

Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Fort Madison, Iowa:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Fort Madison does hereby vacate a portion of the right-of-way in the 3500 Block of Avenue L, in the City of Fort Madison, described as:

A PARCEL OF LAND WITHIN LOTS TEN (10), ELEVEN (11), TWELVE (12), & THIRTEEN (13) IN BLOCK THREE (3) OF FAIRVIEW ADDITION TO THE CITY OF FORT MADISON, LEE COUNTY, IOWA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 13 IN BLOCK 3 OF FAIRVIEW ADDITION TO FORT MADISON, LEE COUNTY, IOWA; THENCE NORTH 01°00'40" WEST (NORTH 00°41' WEST-RECORD) ALONG EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 13 A DISTANCE OF 37.63 FEET (37.63 FEET-RECORD) TO THE BEGINNING OF A 167.00 FOOT (167.00 FOOT-RECORD) RADIUS, NON-TANGENT CURVE, CONCAVE WESTERLY AS DESCRIBED IN A WARRANTY DEED RECORDED IN BOOK 2017, PAGE 3012 IN THE OFFICE OF THE LEE COUNTY RECORDER; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY 25.03 FEET (25.02 FEET-RECORD) ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE WITH A CHORD THAT BEARS NORTH 09°39'34" WEST, 25.01 FEET (NORTH 9°20' WEST, 25.00 FEET-RECORD); THENCE NORTH 13°58'46" WEST, 2.76 FEET (NORTH 13°37½' WEST, 2.76 FEET-RECORD) TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 65 FEET OF SAID LOT 13 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89°30'59" WEST (SOUTH 89°52¼' WEST-RECORD) ALONG SAID NORTH LINE 96.30 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF LOT 10 OF SAID FAIRVIEW ADDITION; THENCE NORTH 00°59'37" WEST ALONG SAID WEST LINE 10.20 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°30'59" EAST, 11.40 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A 470.00 FOOT RADIUS, NON-TANGENT CURVE, CONCAVE SOUTHEASTERLY; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY 58.15 ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE WITH A CHORD THAT BEARS NORTH 58°04'54" EAST, 58.12 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A 20.00 FOOT RADIUS COMPOUND CURVE, CONCAVE SOUTHERLY; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY 36.44 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE WITH A CHORD THAT BEARS SOUTH 66°10'35" EAST, 31.60 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 13°58'46" EAST, 28.28 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 2,649 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity

of this ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND AP-

PROVED by the City Council this 17th day of December, 2019.
/s/Bradley A. Randolph,
Mayor
City of Fort Madison,
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ATTEST:
/s/Melinda L. Blind, City
Clerk

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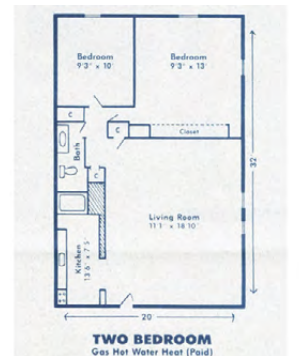
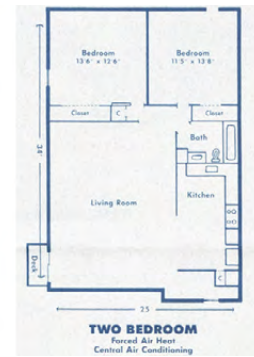
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Sports/From the Front

Private sector loses jobs for second straight month

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than October and 60,400 higher than one year ago.

Iowa establishments took a step back in November, shedding 1,500 jobs. This month's decline is the first since March, although job gains have been getting smaller as the year concludes. The state has averaged 500 jobs added over the past three months before this month's drop. Goods-producing shed 1,400 jobs over the past two months while service industries shed jobs for the first time since March. Government lost 500 jobs in November yet remains up annually with 2,400 jobs added since this point last year.

Within private sectors, 1,000 jobs were shed from Iowa payrolls in November. Financial services were the most affected (-1,500). This month's decline is the second consecutive loss for this sector. Professional and business services also shed jobs this month (-800). Much of the monthly decline was rooted in administrative support and waste management services which has now trended down in three consecutive months. Smaller losses this month included construction (-600), trade and transportation (-200), and mining (-100).

Other services posted the largest monthly gain in November (+1,000). This sector has fared well recently thanks to increasing demand for personal services and repairs. The monthly gain is larger than expected and erases losses over the past three months. Health care and social assistance expanded payrolls for the third straight month and increased by 600 in November. Accommodations and food services got a boost from eating and drinking establishments and added 400 jobs. This is the second month in a row that accommodations and food services have added staff. Manufacturing showed a slight increase (+100), which was welcomed news following losses in each of the last four months.

Annually, Iowa has added 5,000 jobs compared to last year's mark. Job gains have been highest in other services (+2,400) and related to personal services and repair. Health care and social assistance has fueled growth in the education and health services sector (+1,400), and construction remains up despite losses over the past few months (+1,100). Manufacturing now hovers just 800 jobs above last year's mark as Iowa's factories have started to show some apprehension about future demand for goods. Financial activities lead all sectors in job losses (-1,700) after two months of disappointing jobs reports for the sector.

Fort Madison boys fall after solid first quarter in Keokuk

BY PCC STAFF

KEOKUK - The Bloodhounds seemed to have poked the proverbial bear Friday night rushing out to a 15-9 first quarter lead. But the six-point lead wasn't close to being enough as Keokuk came back for a 62-42 win at home Friday in boys basketball action.

Junior Anthony Potratz, who's averaging just under 14 points per game, exploded for 23 points to lead Keokuk in the comeback win. Classmate Isaiah Seay fired in 11 and Boone Messer had 10, six in the fourth quarter

for the Chiefs.

After the good start, Fort Madison put up just four points in the second quarter, as Potratz and Seay brought the Chiefs back with a combined 13 points in the period.

Keokuk put up 17 in the second and 17 again in the third, while the Chiefs defense held Fort Madison to just 11 points over the same stretch.

Fort Madison sophomore Dayton Davis got hot in the fourth with 10 of the Bloodhounds 16, but it wasn't enough to wipe out the 34 to 11 advantage the Chiefs

had built in the second and third periods.

Davis finished with 15 points for the Hounds, while senior Jayden Fedler put in 10. Michael Mosena had six for Fort Madison, Jace Burgher had five points and Romeo Maestro, Miles Dear and Parker Denning all had two points to round out the Hounds scoring.

Tyjai Mueller and Callum Tackes each had five points for Keokuk.

The Chiefs (3-2) play at Clark County today, while Fort Madison hosts Burlington Notre Dame on Monday night at the Hound Dome.

Keokuk girls setting pace in loop play

BY PCC STAFF

KEOKUK - Fort Madison couldn't get a player in double figures for the second time this and fell to Keokuk 52-28 on the road in Southeast conference girls basketball action.

The Lady Hounds looked to make a game of it in the first half in a low-scoring affair. The two teams were tied at 8 a piece after the first quarter and the Chiefs (7-2) held a slight 14-12 advantage at the end of the half.

The Chiefs however, go things going in the third quarter putting up 21 points. Cassidy Koeber put up six and freshman Kayde Martin hit a 3-ball and a bucket has Keokuk pulled away

with 21-7 run that ended Fort Madison's hopes for an upset.

The Keokuk girls have now won seven in a row, including three against conference opponents.

The hot scoring continued for the hosts in the fourth period as Fort Madison tried to foul there way back into the game sending Keokuk to the free throw line 10 times. The Chiefs would knock down 8 of 10 and sophomore Alivia Myhre would add a 3-pointer for good measure.

Dalyn Wondra had five points in the fourth quarter for Fort Madison.

The Hounds again had trouble from the field, converting just 8-of-28 for 29%

and missed five of 11 free throws, while committing 19 turnovers.

Anna Kester scored nine on the night to lead Fort Madison. Brandy Walker who's averaging closet to nine points a game had just four for Fort Madison. Sara Bernhart had six, Wondra five, Camille Kruse added three and Isabella Boeding had one in the loss.

Walker had 15 rebounds to lead all players. Fort Madison had 30 rebounds total, but only five were on the offensive side.

The Lady Hounds are 4-4 on the year and host Burlington Notre Dame Monday in girls/boys junior varsity/varsity double header.

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Current-Lee/From the Front

CURRENT-LEE

LEE COUNTY – The following is a list of current events and happenings in Fort Madison and north Lee County as submitted to the Pen City Current. These listings are updated throughout the week and run in our E-edition regularly.

Partners Annual Dinner

The Fort Madison Annual Dinner is set for Feb. 21, 2020.

Weekly Book Sale

Friends of the Fort Madison Public Library is holding a weekly book sales from 11 a.m to 1 p.m. on Thursday's at the Public Library.

Kensington events

The Kensington is offering Senior's Only Community Bingo on the second Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. The event is free for seniors and cash prizes are awarded. Caregivers Connection is held the 4th Tuesday of every month at noon. Call 319-372-4233 to reserve your seat.

Christmas Eve Services

Fort Madison United Methodist Church will hold a Christmas Eve service at 4:30 pm on December 24. Pastor Lanette Van will provide the message. All are welcome.

City offices closed

Fort Madison City offices will be closing at noon on Tuesday, December 24th, and will be closed Wednesday, December 25th and Wednesday, January 1st for the holidays. For the week of Christmas, recycling for Route A will be moved from Wednesday, December 25th to Tuesday, December 24th. For the week of

New Year's, recycling for Route B will be moved from Wednesday, January 1st to Tuesday, December 31st. All garbage routes will remain the same.

FM Day at Carver Hawkeye

It will be Fort Madison Day at Carver Hawkeye Arena on Dec. 29 at 3 p.m. Tickets for the game include a t-shirt for \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. A bus ticket for a Trailways ride to the game is \$5. Tickets can be purchased through Dec. 11 at the Partners office.

Ornament Workshop

The Fort Madison Public Library is hosting a Christmas Ornament Workshop on Dec. 24 from 9:30 to noon at the library with a visit from Santa Claus.

Blackhawk Winter Skills Camp

The 2019 Blackhawk Baseball Winter Break Skills and Evaluation Camps will be held Friday and Monday Dec. 27th and 30th. Youth MVP camp and an Advanced & Evaluation Camp will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for ages 13-18 at Loren Walker Arena. Cost is \$75 for both days. Cost is \$75 for both days. For more information contact Justin Schulte at 319-208-5047 or by email at jschulte@sccciowa.edu.

Roarin' in the 20s

Small Grand Things will be hosting a Roarin' in the the 20s New Year's Eve Dance from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the venue located south of West Point on West Point Road.

Baxter Sports Complex Fundraiser

The 3rd annual Baxter Sports Complex Social Tour and Auction Fundraiser on Feb. 29, 2020. Tickets will be on sale soon at the sports complex.

Report outlines timeline of Fort Madison shootings

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including Brown, the Lee County Sheriff's Office, the Iowa State Patrol and the Iowa Department of Corrections responded to Scotts. Law enforcement entered the facility and attempted to locate Elfgen. Officer Brown and another officer entered in a two-man team and searched the north portion of the warehouse where Officer Brown encountered Elfgen, who was holding a firearm in his right hand. At the time of this encounter numerous employees were in close proximity to Elfgen. Officer Brown ordered Elfgen to show him his hands on two occasions. Elfgen failed to comply and turned to flee. At the moment Elfgen moved Officer Brown fired his duty rifle at Elfgen striking him two times. Elfgen was incapacitated by the bullets that struck him and he was secured. Elfgen was immediately provided medical care and was transported to the local hospital where he was pronounced dead."

The attorney general's office investigation focused solely on Brown's conduct and whether the shooting was justified. However, the conclusion illuminated the story leading up to the Dec. 10 incidents.

Lee County Sheriff's Department had been posting on Facebook they were looking for Elfgen and considered him armed and dangerous.

A former girlfriend had alerted law enforcement of threats Elfgen had made against her and was considering suicide. According to information used in the investigation, law enforcement were also made aware of threats by Elfgen to die in a shootout with police made in late November.

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