



# Pen City Current

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## Supervisors waive Keokuk nuisance property tax bills

*Approved with condition that all communities treated same*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – The Lee County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to waive remaining property taxes on abandoned nuisance homes in Keokuk, a move they hope spurs economic activity in the area.



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Administrator Aaron Burnette asked the board to forgive about \$38,000 in property taxes on nuisance properties in Keokuk that are set for demolition. He said Keokuk has budgeted \$500,000 to demolish nuisance properties this year. Last year they spent about half that tearing down abandoned homes. County Attorney Clinton Boddicker said he is currently working up an ordinance to help streamline the processes for all communities in the county.



FEDLER

Burnette said the goal of the city is to get the properties back on the tax rolls and redevelopment is the first option. "This is the most positive response the community's seen. Some of these properties are a blight on the community. I can tell you how many people have come in to our offices and thanked us for getting some of these cleaned up," he said. Supervisor Ron Fedler said he would support

the abatement only if the county extended the offer to all communities so they could take a look at their properties as well. "I'm sure there are other properties in other incorporated cities that have the same problem that Keokuk is facing. If the board does this for Keokuk we should do it for all incorporated communities to be fair for everyone in the county," he said. Fedler also said he would like to see a list from other communities as to how many properties could be impacted in their areas as well.



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Burnette said it may be difficult for other communities to create that list right away, but he said it's been good for Keokuk. Supervisor Gary Folluo said the county already participates in a two-year abatement program for residents who make improvements to their property. "This is just another step forward economically," he said.

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## LeeComm director resigns

*Agenda items include release agreement*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE – LeeComm E-911 director Diana Fincher-Smith has submitted her resignation to the PSAP board of directors.

The Public Safety Answering Point Control Board's Wednesday 2 p.m. meeting agenda has an item to consider the resignation of LeeComm Director Diana Fincher-Smith.

The board met in closed session at Fincher-Smith's request to discuss her performance on May 4, but she wasn't in attendance at the meeting, and no action was taken out of the 15-minute closed session. The Wednesday agenda includes consideration of her May 10th resignation and a release agreement.

Fincher-Smith was the Administrator of LeeComm E-911 services. Administrative Dispatcher Marla Hemmie filled in for Fincher-Smith and gave the monthly report to the board on May 4.

Members of the PSAP board include Fort Madison Fire Chief Joey Herren, Keokuk Police

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## Relay for Life kickoff event raises over \$3,400

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Relay For Life of North Lee County partnered with the Fraternal Order of the Eagles in Fort Madison for their 2017 kickoff event. The kickoff event was held on May 2nd at the Eagles Taco Tuesday and raised over \$3,400 for the Relay For Life of North Lee County. Volunteers from The Eagles Club and Relay For Life committee and team members prepared and sold tacos, enchiladas and more.

"We would like to thank all of our community members who came out and supported our Kickoff event by enjoying some great food and buying raffle tickets. We would also like to thank the members of the Eagles Club for being such great partners and hosting this fundraising event for us," commented Angie Budnik, Chairperson, Relay For Life of North Lee County.

"A huge thank you goes to our corporate sponsors: Country Financial-Matt LaFrenz; Checker Flag Taxi; Donnellson Chiropractic; Lee County Bank; Truck Repair; Jim's Greenhouse; SubArena Sandwich Shop; Welch's Insurance; and Connection Bank whose generosity gave our 50/50 raffle a starting balance of \$1,050. Other door prizes were donated by



Courtesy photo

Committee members and volunteers pose with a donation check to the North Lee County Relay for Life for close to \$3,400 from an Eagles Club Taco Tuesday fundraiser and raffle.

Dawn Helling; Katie Sylvester from Stag and the City of Fort Madison. This event was such a success thanks to so many people working together."

The Relay For Life of North Lee County kickoff event is held to recruit teams, raise awareness and jump start the fundraising for their annual Relay event. The 2017 Relay event

will be held on Friday, September 29th at the Fort Madison High School track. All funds raised at both the kickoff event and the annual Relay event go towards the committee's goal of \$65,000 for the American Cancer Society. The committee has chosen, "We Are Hope" as their theme for 2017 calling attention to the fact that together we can beat cancer.

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## Obituaries/Local News

# Workforce specialist encourages skills/education mashup

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A nationally recognized education and workforce specialist spoke to about 130 business and education representatives on a different approach to preparing our students for careers.

Dr. Kevin Fleming, author of "Redefining the Goal: The True Path to Career Readiness in the 21st Century," challenged the group to think differently on how we look to prepare our students for a career. A move that he says could help solve some of the skills gap issues facing Lee County.

Fleming outlined a 20-step process geared to get K-12 and higher education officials to think differently about how they program curriculum and how they work with the business sector to strategize workforce development in Lee County.

As part of redefining the goal for students, Fleming said K-12 and higher educational administrators need to look at an idea of educational completeness at any level with gainful employment.

He recited statistics that showed that in 2018 only 32% of jobs will require a high school education, but 67% will require some sort of technical training or certificate.

He also said we need to get away from telling our children and students to follow their passions and allow

them to create their passions through their efforts.

"Stop telling them to follow their passions," Fleming told the group. "Most high school students don't have a passion. They are still trying to figure it out. On the flip side, some students have many, many passions and just don't know what they are focused on. Statistically only 1% of high school students have identified their real passion in life."

Fleming also suggested the education at all levels turn toward skills mastery rather than what he called "seat time" and find a mix of critical educating and vital skills mastery.

He cited some European countries that require an identification of career path by the eighth grade so students can decide if they will go into a vocational career or a career that requires additional education and the paths split. Students can change their minds as they go, but the initial choice has been made and students can then see if their career choice is for them or not.

He also challenged schools and workforce development centers to align their budgets with labor market needs; create human capital plans where groups like industry committees that meet with colleges and then schools and chambers and workforce development centers are aligned.

"You need to have the same groups of people meeting together and at one or two meetings instead of six or seven different gatherings. Then your messages are aligned and your focuses are more inline across the groups," Fleming said.

A few of the other steps included choosing the right career exploration programs for your population; creating parallel paths to graduation; change from a mean look at prospective career salaries to a range to give stu-

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### OBITUARIES

## JEROME WALTER BRAY, JR.

Jerome Walter Bray, Jr., 70, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Monday, May 22, 2017 at his home. He



BRAY

was born on October 16, 1946 in St. Louis, MO to Jerome W. & Hettie O. Spittler Bray, Sr. He married Judith A. Lause on June 28, 1969 in Berkeley, MO. He was a self-employed truck driver and owned and operated Bray Delivery with his father and grandfather in St. Louis, MO

for many years. He served in the U.S.

Army during the Vietnam War.

He was a member of Holy Family Parish and the American Legion.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and going to his weekend place in Williamsburg, MO.

Jerry is survived by: his wife: Judy Bray of Fort Madison, IA; 2-sons: James (Jennifer) Bray of St. Louis, MO & Charles (Jenann) Bray of Oxford, IA; 1-step daughter: Becky (Bruce) Schrama of Imperial, MO; 4-grandchildren: Kyle, Alyssa, Gabrielle & Bo Bray; 4-sisters: Linda (Dan) Davis of San Antonio, TX, Susan Castle of Jackson, MS, Nancy (Phil) McCord of St. Louis, MO & Pat (Tom) Meczowski of Wentzville, MO. He was preceded in death by his parents and 1-brother in law, Rick Castle.

Cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. Friends may call after 2:00 p. m. on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 with the family to receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at Ss. Mary & Joseph Church with Rev. Mark P. Spring officiating. Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, MO. A memorial has been established for Iowa Veterans Freedom Rock. Online condolences and a video tribute of Jerry's life may be viewed at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).



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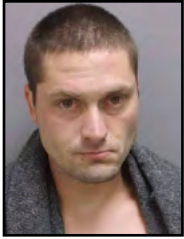
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## Local News/From the Front

# Task force arrests man on drug charges

PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of a Fort Madison, Iowa man on felony and misdemeanor drug charges. Jeremy Abraham Atwater, 27, of 1628 Avenue A, Fort Madison, Iowa was arrested on May 23rd, 2017 in the 1100 block of Avenue I on felony and misdemeanor



ATWATER

drug charges. Atwater is charged with Possession of Methamphetamine Less than Five Grams with the Intent to Deliver, a class C felony, four counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance (Oxycodone, Methamphetamine, Alprazolam, and Marijuana), a serious misdemeanor, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, a simple misdemeanor. If convicted, Atwater faces up to 14 years and 30 days in a state correctional facility. The arrest of Atwater stems from an investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force into

allegations that he was involved in the use of illegal narcotics in the Lee County area. The Lee County Attorney's Office, and the Fort Madison Police Department assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation. The defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The Lee County Narcotics Task Force is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Justice and the funds administered by the Iowa Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy.

# Supervisors to boost county attorney's staff by two

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Supervisor Don Hunold said the board should exercise some caution moving forward. "I'm spooked a little that this is an open book," Hunold said. "At what point do we say enough is enough and it could put us in a quandry with the rest of the towns," he said. In other action, the supervisors voted to increase the staff at the Lee County Attorney's office by two full-time employees effective July 1. At Tuesday's regular meeting, County Attorney Clinton Boddicker told the supervisors the work load for the department was too much for the current staff to keep up with. He cited Des Moines County where that county staffs seven full time attorneys, eight full-time support staff, and two part-time staffers. The Lee County Office has two full-time attorneys and two part-time assistant county attorneys, two full-time secretaries and one part-time secretary who is looking to retire. Boddicker said that part-time would be phased out eventually. The cost of the two full-time positions is being estimated at \$112,000 combined minus the part-time salary when it is phased out.

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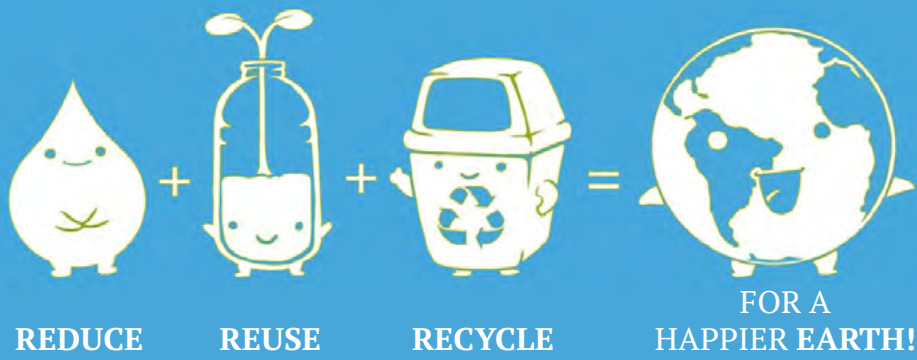
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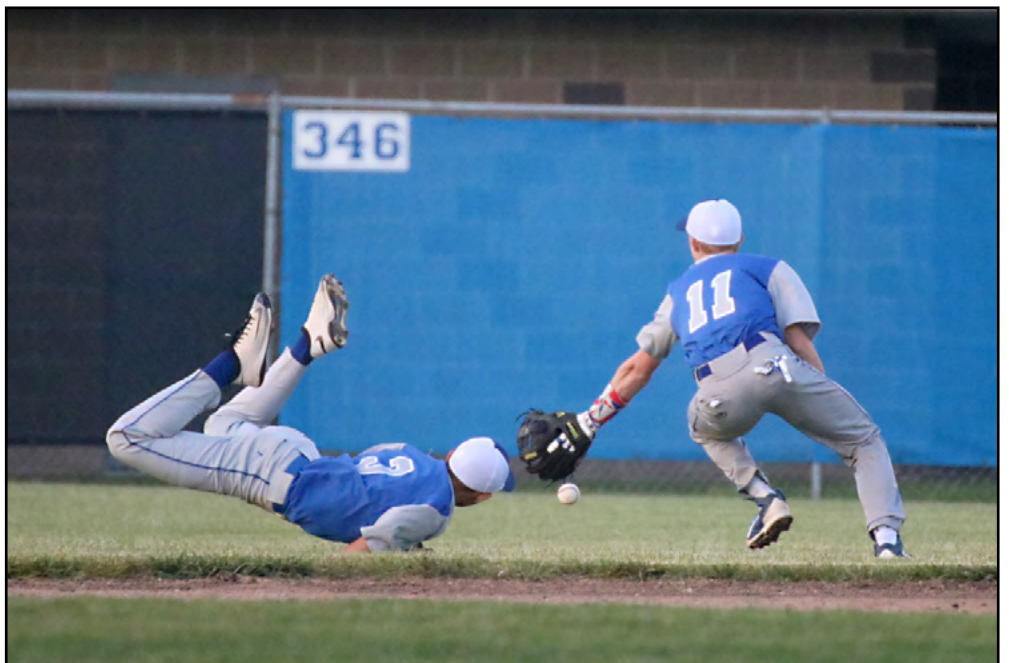
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Above, Cameron Bahl deals to a Louisa-Muscatine hitter in the top of the first inning Monday at South Park in West Point. Below, Quentin Schneider (3) and Collin Thornton (11) converge on a bloop single in the first that Thornton almost grabbed after it ricocheted off Schneider's glove. The Crusaders fell 10-2 to open the season.



HTC falls in first game of the season

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
BY PCC STAFF

WEST POINT - The Holy Trinity boys baseball team dropped a 10-2 decision at South Park on Tuesday night to Louisa-Muscatine.

Cameron Bahl took the loss for the Crusaders going six innings giving up 10 runs, four of which were earned on seven hits. Bahl struck out nine, but gave eight passes. Jason Thurman came in in relief and faced five hitters

giving up two runs on one strike out.

Freshman Reed Fehseke led the Crusaders at the plate going 2-for-4 with a double, one run scored and a stolen base. Reed got the first hit of the game for HTC, a double into the left-center gap and came around to score on a fielder's choice in the first inning.

Bahl scored the other run for HTC. Collin Thornton also went 2-for-4 at the plate with a double. Jason Thurman, Quentin Schneider and

Vasin Thurman also had hits for HTC in the loss. Zander Schweiss had a stolen base for Holy Trinity.

"We started with three eighth graders and three ninth graders and we hung with them," said head coach Albert Shinstock. "The team showed a lot of promise and just needs to work out some of the nerves."

The Crusaders (0-1) travel to New London Thursday for their first road test of the new season.

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## Sports/Classifieds

# Keokuk ends HTC regular season on sour note

BY PCC STAFF

WEST POINT - A physical game ended in a 1-0 loss for the Holy Trinity girls soccer team Tuesday night at South Park.

Keokuk came into West Point to avenge an earlier 5-2 loss at home at the hands of the Crusaders back on April 24.

The Crusaders got their chance on offense taking nine shots in the game including five shots on goal, but the Chiefs Aryn Kindig was up to the task recording seven saves.

Maya Rashid led the way for the Crusaders with five shots. Elyse Pothitakis shot twice including one shot on Kindig. Taylor Boeding and Ali Randolph each had two shots on the net.

HTC is off now until Tuesday when they host Mediapolis in the first round of districts. If they win, they will play again on Thursday with dates and times to be announced.

# Regional Ed. Center should be priority

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dents a clearer picture of how pay reflects effort; and working to eliminate underemployment, which is someone who has a degree but is working at a job beneath their qualifications, by creating skills-based education plans.

Fleming also encourage a change in the way businesses advertise for help.

“Add ‘Community College degree or certificate preferred’ to your job postings.

One fifth of all residents have nothing additional out of high school. This encourages that mindset to get a community college degree or some kind of workforce certificate,” he said.

The concept of a regional education center that would be geared toward technical and vocational training and adult education came up as part of the informal discussions and Fleming said those types of centers are becoming very productive and viable in today’s labor market. He also said that Southeastern Community College’s new \$1.8 million tech center on the college’s south campus in Keokuk could be a facility that could be combined with that effort.

After an informal question and answer session and a working lunch discussion, attendees were asked to come up with a specific 8-10 month goal that would be forwarded to workforce development and education officials.

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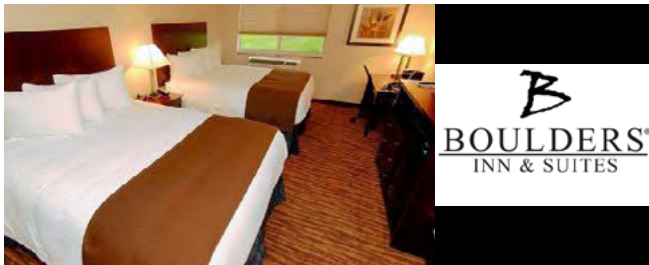
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## MEMORIAL DAY

The Pen City Current e-Edition will not be published  
Sunday, May 28 or Monday, May 29  
in recognition of this Memorial Day.

*All news will continue to be posted to our website as it develops.  
The Pen City Current e-Edition will resume publication on Tuesday, May 30.*

Enjoy Your Holiday Weekend  
and Please Celebrate Safely!



# From the Front/Education

## Memorial Day Cookout HEADQUARTERS

Fresh 80% Lean 10 lb. Roll

# Ground Beef \$2.97 lb.

8 oz. New York Strip Steak \$6.99 EA.	5 oz. Sandwich Cut Ribeyes \$4.99 EA. Limit 10 Please	Dave's BBQ Pulled Pork \$4.99 lb. 5 lbs. or more.
8 oz. Boneless Ribeye Steak \$7.88 EA. Limit 10 Please	8 oz. America's Cut Pork Chops 7/\$11	Reg. or All Beef Homemade Wieners \$5.98 lb.
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### Distinguished Alumnus

Above, Hall of Honor committee member Duane Sherwood accepts the Distinguished Alumnus award on behalf of Dr. Harvey Rothenberg, a 1955 graduate of FMHS. Rothenberg has been active in education since his graduation. At left, Shirley Wyrick, wife, Anne Wyrick, daughter, and Vera Hellweg, sister, pose with the Distinguished Alumnus plaque for 1951 graduate Darrell D. Wyrick. Wyrick died in May 2015 but was known throughout the University of Iowa for his fundraising efforts.

Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

## PSAP chairman, board, and director quiet on resignation

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Chief Dave Hinton, Fort Madison Police Chief Tim Sittig, Jason Dinwiddie of the West Point Volunteer Fire Department, Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber, and Gabe Rose, Keokuk Fire Chief.

Board Chairman Hinton declined to comment on the situation at the May 4 meeting citing

personnel matters and didn't return a phone call Tuesday to define the release agreement or the situation surrounding the resignation.

The May 4 closed session was called to "Discuss the performance of the director in closed session as allowed in Iowa Code 21.5 (1)

(i) - "To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation, and that individual requests a closed session."

### TRI-STATE RODEO Parade

2103 303RD AVENUE P.O. BOX 80  
FORT MADISON, IA 52627  
319-372-2550  
tristaterodeo.org

September 9, 2017 at 9:30 AM  
Theme: "Kids, Clowns, and Cowboys"

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**Registration required!** Entry Forms due by Saturday, August 26, 2017

Category Desired (circle one below)	Classification (circle one below)
Theme Float (\$100, \$75, \$50 prizes)	Competitive (\$20 fee make checks payable to the Tri-State Rodeo)
Non Theme Float (\$90, \$60, \$40 prizes)	Non Competitive
Decorated Car/Truck (\$80, \$50, \$30 prizes)	
Antique Car/Truck (\$75, \$50 prizes)	
Miscellaneous (\$40 prize)	

Name of Entry \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Note special conditions (extra-long, extra-high, will have music) \_\_\_\_\_

ALL ENTRIES ARE TO BE DECORATED TO BE CROWD PLEASING EXCEPT ANTIQUES AND MILITARY VEHICLES. FOR SAFETY REASONS, CANDY AND FAVORS ARE NOT TO BE THROWN FROM THE ENTRIES, BUT CAN BE PASSED OUT BY THOSE WALKING WITH THE ENTRIES

Note: Lineup information will be sent out 10 days prior to the parade. All entries are to be in place by 8:30 AM parade day. Competitive entries to be in place by 8:00AM.

Special Note: The Tri-State Rodeo is a private organization and reserves the right to refuse any entry on the day of the parade if the entries' message is not consistent with the express content of the organization. If you have any question about the entries' message quality please contact Kirk Sherwood BEFORE the day of the parade.

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