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## Boulders cuts ribbon on 40-room expansion



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Boulders Inn & Suites General Manager Kathy Fish, welcomes attendees to the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new hotel.

### *New wing opened in July and officials say bookings are strong*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Area officials and dignitaries toured the newly opened Boulders Inn & Suites expansion project on Wednesday night.

With one of the Boulders founders, Tim Stuart, on hand, the visitors toured the rich brown and cream decorated rooms and were also treated to some cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the hotel's new reception and meeting area.

Stuart said the hotel has been very busy since the expansion opened in July and the first couple years at the hotel were busy enough to warrant the expansion, although the addition was planned from the beginning. "We talked about potential expansion when we built the original 40-room property, so we built on the site to allow us to expand," Stuart said. "When the business was as good as it was the first couple years, it justified us looking more seriously at the expansion project. It took some twists and turns, the meeting room was add-

ed, and we've been busy since we opened this area."

Stuart thanked the city for their partnership in enabling the project to move forward.

"We couldn't be happier with the relationship we've had with the city," Stuart said. "From Mayor Brad Randolph and City Administrator (David) Varley on down to the staff. They've just been great to work with."

Randolph was on hand to help cut the ribbon on the new expansion and walked through looking at the new rooms

"We've been talking about Fort Madison needing hotel rooms for a long time There was always that concern that if you built it we wouldn't have the traffic or volume so people were afraid to take a chance on building here," Randolph said. "The city couldn't be more pleased that Boulders took a chance on Fort Madison and created a big investment opportunity and sunk some money into the local economy. With a little encouragement they realized they could double the property and see that success again and we couldn't be more pleased with that."

Randolph said the expansion helps the city specific to the hotel and motel tax which has so many benefits and helps capture the people that want to come to Fort

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## Beside The Point

Chuck Vandenberg,  
Pen City Current - Editor

### *Loss brings past into clearer picture*

The past eight days has been a bag of cats for me, but new perspectives come from the loss of a loved one.

My father died fairly suddenly last week after fighting Parkinson's Disease for the past eight years. We could see the toll the neurological disease was taking on him and we saw some pretty heavy suffering on his part, and on the part of my mother. She became a 24/7 caregiver almost the moment she retired from teaching after 30+ years in the Danville system.

I watched as his mobility decreased and his emotional and functional capacities became subservient to the damage being done in his brain. He had a stimulator put in about four years ago that functioned as a calibrator of tremors in his brain. Regularly, the doctors would adjust the stimulation to his brain through the probes surgically implanted under his skull, to control shakes and weaknesses.

He also fought off thyroid cancer and, at a minimum, two heart attacks and bypass surgery. At the end, he had just had enough. He was a bull of a man. With Popeye forearms built by year-after-year of torquing wrenches, be it on engines or working on boilers and turbines with Trane, Coppus Murray, Dresser-Rand, before being purchased by Siemens.

He traveled the world servicing products sold by his company. He loved the travel. He brought my mom turquoise and jewels when he traveled to Costa Rica, one of his most favorite places on the earth. The trips to Haiti...not so much.

But that was his professional side. He was a different man in real life, a bit self-consumed but a very, very brave man.

My biological dad died when I was six from Type 1 Diabetes, but he was separated from my mother even before that so I have no working memory of him. This Randy fella stepped in as a father figure shortly after that. He was married at the time to another woman but invited us into his family as friends. We spent summers at his home on North Hill in Burlington. We lived in

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## Obituaries/From the Front

# Boulders expansion features meeting room space

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Madison.

The city incentivized the expansion at \$500,000, \$250,000 of which is property tax rebates over the next six years. The city also gave \$400,000 in incentives on the initial property.

Kathy Fish, general manager of the property, has been with the property since it opened three years ago, and has been the general manager since April 1, when Julie Hellman was promoted to regional manager.

"It's been an exciting journey so far getting to tonight and we appreciate everyone's support. I have a great group of people who work with me and



for me and without them we wouldn't be here," she said.

The 20,000-square foot facility added 40 rooms including an exercise room and a new breakfast serving area. It also has a large reception area that can be used for larger events like wedding receptions. The room has two built-in separator walls that can convert the

space into two meeting rooms.

The rooms are also fully computer integrated for presentations.

"It's technically savvy, probably much more than I am," Stuart said.

Outside on the east patio, is an inviting gas fireplace with comfort seating as well as patio furnishings and a gas grill for entertaining outside.

## OBITUARIES

# JOAN S. CHRISTY

Joan S. Christy, 86, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 1:11 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at Great River Medical Center in West Burlington, IA. She was born on May 12, 1931 in Fort

Madison, IA to Sherman & Sareta Billman Stevens. She married Albert R. Christy on May 24, 1953 in Fort Madison, IA. He preceded her in death on September 21, 1984.

She was a homemaker and after her children were grown, she worked at the King's Daughters Home in Fort Madison.

She was a member of St. John United Church of Christ and enjoyed the Girl's Day Out and Loose Ends groups of the church. She enjoyed spending time with her family and going out to eat with her church friends.

Joan is survived by: 1-daughter: Lisa (Don) Harkey of Fort Madison, IA;

1-son: Steve Christy of Fort Madison, IA; 2-grandchildren: Cole & Chase Harkey of Fort Madison, IA; 1-great granddaughter: Braelynn Harkey of Fort Madison, IA; 1-sister in law: Judy Stevens of Burlington, IA; 1-brother in law: Kenneth Martin of Houston, TX; 3-nephews & several cousins. She was preceded in death by: her parents, husband, 1-son: David in 1985 & 1-brother: Rodney in 2002.

The family will receive friends from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Friday, October 13, 2017 with the funeral service to immediately follow at 10:30 a.m. at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Jim Luder officiating. Burial will be held in Oakland Cemetery. A memorial has been established for St. John United Church of Christ or the Ronald McDonald House. Online condolences to Joan's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).



CHRISTY



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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



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10/11

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Hot Ball: 2

Sizzler: 3



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Sports

# Freesmeier hits 25 years as head coach

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - On the side of any picture of the Holy Trinity Girls volleyball team for the past 25 years has been Melissa Freesmeier. And a lot of the pictures are from the state volleyball tournament.

Freesmeier is in her 25th year with the volleyball program and has multiple state tournament appearances, two state titles, and a Gatorade state and National Player of the Year to her credit. But she says it's the circle of friends and family that will be her legacy if and when she steps off the court.

"You know - my greatest legacy is getting the best out of these kids year in and year out and I'm not just talking on the volleyball court, but as people, too," Freesmeier said Wednesday afternoon.

"As much as I teach them, they teach me every year. How to give to people outside of volleyball. This is a community. It started in the late 80s and these people come back and want to know how things are going. I met with some former players over the weekend in Iowa City and these parents and kids care about this program. I'm just fortunate to be a part of this special thing."

She's clearly had some success on the court, as well, starting with a 1996 state championship with Marquette that she says is one of her greatest memories. Freesmeier said other teams were predicting that team to finish fourth but the girls kept their cool throughout the tourney.

"We weren't picked to win. We had battles all year with good teams in the area and we went up there and the expectation with everyone was 'who are these guys,'" she said.

"That team put us on the map. My setter, Molly Holtkamp, made the All-Tournament team along with Julie Mohrfeld. They weren't cocky. They were confident and they had fun. That memory of that last point hitting the floor and us being able to take my first championship was just huge. And those kids to this day stay friends. It's a really cool feeling when they come home for Christmas."

After the merger in 2005 that combined Marquette and Aquinas into one education system, Holy Trinity has been a force in Class A volleyball in the state. It is no longer 'who are these guys', but 'here come those guys'. Banners hang throughout Shottenkirk Gymnasium in tribute to Freesmeier's success as the leader of the Crusaders.

Three navy blue Ga-

torade banners hang in tribute to Michaela Foecke, who was named a Gatorade's player of the year in Iowa on two occasions and its National Player of the Year in 2015. Banners for trips to the state tournament including runners-up and champions hang as well. Freesmeier took the 2015 Crusaders all the way to the state title and then returned in 2016 before being knocked out by eventual champion Janesville.

Freesmeier has more than 800 wins and has coached in just under 1,100 games. She said this year's 7th graders have demanded that she stay until they graduate. At the current pace, Freesmeier would surpass 1,000 wins in about 5 years, which would make those 7th graders seniors at HTC.

But she'll always have seventh graders and always have support from the community. Her timeline is all based on her energy levels and passion for the game, which don't seem to be waning anytime soon.

She said it's the support of the community, parents and kids, and a passion for the game in the community that makes her job easier.

"I think it's the support that we get from the school, community, parents, and kids. And every year - it's hard to believe,



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

HTC head volleyball coach Melissa Freesmeier was honored by her squad and assistant coaches after 25 years coaching. Freesmeier has coached in more than 1,000 games and has won two state titles.

but they come in every year ready to work because of the teams before them. They have a passion for the game and we try to make it fun, but it's a lot of work to play volleyball here at HTC," Freesmeier said.

Freesmeier, who also teaches P.E. and health at HTC, says it was softball that had her attention in college at Culver-Stockton. After graduation she came back and began coaching junior varsity basketball and volleyball at Marquette in 1988 before taking over the varsity volleyball team in 1992.

As one might expect, Freesmeier's perennial powerhouse volleyball squads did garner her some attention from colleges looking to build volleyball programs.

"I've had a few oppor-

tunities at some colleges and I thought about it," she said. "I talked to my family at the time and my friends and a good friend of mine said, 'Look around you. Why would you leave?' I've never regretted my decision. I look forward to the kids every day at practice. If they're gonna put it all out there, why would I leave. My kids are here in the area and support this program and what it stands for so I just might be here awhile."

She said the years have helped hone her passion for the game, but she did have some mentors and idols as she built her program.

"I actually did develop a passion for this game on my own, but if you would have asked me out of college, Janet (Allgood) Berry was a mentor of mine back in the late 80s and she really knew how to motivate the girls," Freesmeier said. "Janet taught me a lot about the game of vol-

leyball and it takes more than Xs and Os to relate to teenagers. Pat Summit is an idol and a hero to me in pushing kids past their own expectations. And my dad is a big sports guy and I always listen to him. He taught me about sportsmanship and never having that 'in your face' mentality."

She said the changing characteristics of the students has been her biggest challenge in the past 25 years. But she's been able to find ways to motivate the players.

"I think just trying to motivate every day can be tough. You have to find new things. You can't be stagnant. Things have changed and the kids have changed," she said. "Their ability to focus has changed so you try to stay with the times and find something the kids can relate to. I have a great staff and have been fortunate

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL – 10/3/2017**

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Randolph presided with Council Members Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Andrews, Seidel, Lair and Cangas present.

On motion, Council approved the agenda as written.

On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 9/19/2017; Liquor License Renewal: Quicker Liquor, 1414 – 48th Street, effective 11/1/2017; New Five Day License: Professional Women’s Conference, 415 – 11th Street, effective 10/10/2017;

Setting public hearing for 10/17/2017 at 5:30 P.M. to amend Title 10, Zoning, Chapters 2, 8, 10 and 11 to modify setbacks; and Payment of Claims.

A motion to amend Title 2, Boards and Commissions, and adding a new Title 8, Chapter 13, Parks and Park Facilities, failed.

On motion, Council approved the purchase of a video recording system and cameras to replace and enhance the existing system at City Hall for a cost of \$30,431.47 from Convergent Technologies.

At 6:45 P.M. on motion Council adjourned until October 17, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. /s/ Bradley A. Randolph, Mayor  
ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

EXPENDITURES	
General	\$ 55,981.17
Sp. Rev. Funds	699,262.35
Road Use	29,615.90
Debt	250,000.00
Capital	205,558.89
Water	31,666.88
Sewer	410,063.28
Solid Waste	3,634.68
	<u>\$1,685,783.15</u>

PAYROLL	
General	\$189,544.19
Special Rev.	12,838.46
Road Use	25,343.01
Water	27,254.20
Sewer	39,689.94
Solid Waste	12,014.09
Storm Water	3,342.20
	<u>\$310,026.09</u>

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ABC FIRE EXTINGUISHER, ANNUAL MAINT	661.3
ALAN ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT, CITRA GEL	280.22
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ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC	24,834.31
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ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, SHOP TOWELS	636.52
B&B PROPANE, PROPANE	237
BATES SANITATION & ASPHALT, PORTA POTTIE RENTAL - RODEO	255
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REVENUES	9/15-9/30/2017
General	\$ 8,738.27
Special Rev.	132,832.45
Road Use	145,312.90
Debt	384.92
Capital	8,251.31
Water	278,889.84
Sewer	280,579.42
Solid Waste	59,248.47
SW Utility	16,266.59
	<u>\$930,504.17</u>

PAYROLL	9/29/2017
General	\$150,473.06
Special Rev.	5,503.76
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Water	21,209.97
Sewer	31,667.78
Solid Waste	8,491.49
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 UTILITY EQUIPMENT COMPANY, SEWER WYES & TEES ..... 868.66  
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 WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED, CHEMICALS ..... 1,309.21  
 WINDSTREAM, PHONE SERVICE ..... 49.51  
 ZIMMER & FRANCESCON INC, PUMP W/

CORD ..... 1,365.00  
 TOTAL ..... 1,491,061.51  
 GENERAL ..... 19813.6  
 SPECIAL REVENUES ..... 848296.51  
 ROAD USE ..... 13619.27  
 CAPITAL PROJECTS ..... 205090.93  
 WATER ..... 19637.86  
 WASTEWATER ..... 381984.86  
 SOLID WASTE ..... 2618.48  
 TOTAL ..... 1491061.51  
**MANUALS - SEPT 2017**  
 AGRINEED, INC, CHEMICALS ..... 88.50  
 ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC ..... 55,795.79  
 AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSN, REGISTRATION ..... 220.00  
 DU PONT, 2ND QTR TARG JOBS ..... 2,311.42  
 EASYPERMIT POSTAGE, POSTAGE BILLS & LATE NOTICE ..... 1,533.97  
 HY-VEE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, JANITORIAL SUPPLIES; TRAINING ..... 40.32  
 J&S ELECTRONIC BUSINESS, PHONE ..... 762.34  
 MASTERCARD, TRAVEL & TRAINING EXPENSES ..... 1,069.94  
 TRAFFICGUARD, BOLLARD POST ..... 5,304.00  
 WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & BLU, HEALTH INS PREMIUM ..... 95,947.32  
 WEX BANK, FUEL USAGE ..... 10,307.16  
 YOUR HEAT AND AIR GUY LLC, FURNACE AT OLD RASHID LIB BLDG ..... 5,170.00  
 ..... 178,550.76  
 GENERAL ..... 21,966.52

SPECIAL REVENUE ..... 98,996.01  
 ROAD USE ..... 15,996.63  
 CAPITAL PROJCTS ..... 467.96  
 WATER ..... 12,029.02  
 WASTEWATER ..... 28,078.42  
 SOLID WASTE ..... 1,016.20  
 TOTAL ..... 178,550.76  
**LIBRARY CLAIMS - SEPT 2017**  
 3RD GENERATION ELECTRIC, REPLACE LIGHT BULBS & BALLAST 901.5  
 AMAZON.COM, LIBRARY MATERIALS ..... 96.12  
 BAKER & TAYLOR, LIBRARY MATERIALS ..... 1,607.53  
 CITY OF FORT MADISON, LIBRARY POOL PARTY ..... 426  
 DEMCO, CD STORAGE CASE ..... 237.75  
 DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY, POSTER ..... 15  
 ENVISION WARE, ANNUAL SYSTEM MAINT ..... 821.84  
 FISH WINDOW CLEANING, WINDOW CLEANING ..... 264  
 FORT MADISON KIWANIS CLUB, DUES ..... 35  
 GALE GROUP, LIBRARY MATERIALS ..... 150.09  
 IOWA LIBRARY ASSOC., REGISTRATION ..... 446  
 J&S ELECTRONIC BUSINESS, UPDATING FIREWALL ..... 130.78  
 KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE, JANITORIAL SUPPLIES ..... 143.18  
 LIBRARY CORPORATION, SOFTWARE SUPPORT ..... 8,164.00

MEDIACOM, PHONE & INTERNET SERVICE ..... 212.73  
 MID AMERICAN ENERGY CO., HEATING ..... 11.08  
 NESPER SIGN ADVERTISING, REPAIR FLAG POLE ..... 606.1  
 PEN CITY CURRENT, AD ..... 109  
 PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE, LIBRARY MATERIALS ..... 54  
 PETTY CASH - SARAH CLENDINENG BIRD SUPPLIES ..... 3.87  
 QUILL CORPORATION, OFFICE SUPPLIES ..... 633.07  
 RECORDED BOOKS LLC, LIBRARY MATERIALS ..... 197.14  
 SERVICE MASTER, JANITORIAL SERVICE ..... 905.1  
 TOTAL ..... 16,170.88  
 GENERAL ..... 14201.05  
 SPECIAL REVENUE ..... 1969.83  
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## From the Front/Weather

# Her legacy is people

**COACH** - Continued from Page 4

to have those kinds of assistants and that's just awesome. Sometimes spouses say I see them more than they do during the season, but that's the level of support we have here."

She said this is the first year she could remember having a player whose mother also played for her so the circle's starting to overlap, so to speak. Freesmeier said that circle of support is one of the best things about coaching and keeping those relationships with past, present, and future players is a high priority for her.

"They know I'm always there for whatever they need. I see them a lot, especially during the holidays. It's normal to just talk about what we used to do and the fun we had and some of my crazy antics."

# A brave man in unfamiliar territory

**DAD** - Continued from Page 1

a trailer at the time and the thought of being at a real home with a real garage provided plenty of antics for four young boys.

I'll never forget one birthday when he was grilling out on North Hill. I always got a porterhouse steak with mushrooms grilled on a special red birthday plate. As far back as I can remember, he grilled that for me on my birthday. On this one special day, he opened the garage door and rolled out a revamped bicycle. He took my old bike and painted it black and white with a racing stripe, new tires, and racing streamers on it. For a young boy who grew up with three brothers on a single mom's teaching salary, I was never comfortable asking for anything on birthdays and Christmas. That was something.

There were many a day when us boys (all four of us at times) would just wail on this guy. He'd usually start it by buzzing us with a nub. A nub was one of his two fingers that had been cut off in a butcher shop when he was grinding beef. Horrific childhood yarns were regularly spun by this guy as to how he lost those fingers, typically as a result of a large parrot he kept caged at the house. I didn't go near that damned thing.

So those were the nubs and he would randomly buzz us in the ribs when we walked by. These fingers had been cut off at the main knuckle, so it was just bone there. He'd hit us with that and then we'd turn and he'd have this wide-eyed grin ready for retaliation. We'd punch this guy in the arm and leg and his muscles would not even dent. Literally, our little fists would just turn sideways on the mass.

We thought grabbing him and trying to tackle him was the way to go, but he just shucked us off with a crazy laugh and a 'there you go'.

He followed us through Boy Scouts, high school, driving, college and all the crap kids our age could get into. But he never just came along for the ride. He got involved everywhere he could. He took us on vacations around the country...Pike's Peak, the Badlands, New Mexico, Tennessee. And when we were younger, we camped in tents and later in pop-up campers. All of those things that we would never had done with just our mother.

But in 1988 this guy, who for most of his life had things his way, married my mother. Before that, he knew where his peanut butter was, where the remote was, and where all his tools were at. He asks to be married into a family with four boys, three of whom were

teenagers at the time. Most men would run the other direction...fast.

After that day, he not only didn't know where the peanut butter was supposed to be, there usually wasn't any. The remote, forget it buried in the chair, under the sofa, on the counter, on the floor...but that really didn't matter, there was no time for television. With four teenage boys, there really wasn't any place to even sit. No one faulted him for working in the garage most of the time, or building something, fixing something.. what have you.

Things weren't always great, there was a lot of emotion in that time. We were teenagers and we played a lot of sports. We had grown up to that point sharing the load of being the men of the house. He was an intruder, but it's what my mom wanted and we got in line...for the most part.

As we all started families of our own he played the role of grandpa, put up with sleepovers at grandma's and grandpa's, played school bus for some of the grandkids, and did an admirable job. My oldest was pretty close to him and had a chance to talk to him at the end by me putting the phone to his ear. He was pretty morphined up at that point, but she cried through it and told him she loved him. Two minutes later, after the message found its way through the haze of comforting narcotics, his eyebrows lifted. My oldest brother called about an hour later and went through the same routine. Again, roughly two minutes later, his eyebrows lifted. I saw it several times in the last 48 hours as we waited together with friends as his body gave out.

The room cleared at several instances and one person stayed with him so someone was always with him. Overnight, mom reclined in the chair next to the bed and held his hand. I finally got a chance to sit with him for a couple minutes by myself.

"Thanks for being there for us. We'll love you forever....and thanks for the bike old man."

He was proud of the company my wife and I are building and always asked how it was going. He said I was a good business man who always took care of my customers.

I need to thank those customers today...our readership and our advertisers who patiently allowed us to spend time with our family during this tough time. There's so much more than the mourning...so much so that I haven't mourned his loss yet.

It will come when it comes....but that's Beside the Point.

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**THU 12 Oct**



Light Rain  
High- 62.8° F | Low - 55.5° F

**FRI 13 Oct**



Clear Skies  
High- 72.5° F | Low - 69.4° F

**SAT 14 Oct**



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High- 79.8° F | Low - 74.3° F

**SUN 15 Oct**



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High - 81.0° F | Low - 61.5° F

**MON 16 Oct**



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High- 58.5° F | Low - 49.9° F

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**10/12** Mississippi Terrace  
Keokuk  
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**10/12** River Terrace  
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**10/12** United Methodist  
Church  
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**10/12** Trinity United  
Methodist  
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Noon-4:30pm

**10/16** Montrose Public  
Library  
8:00am-11:00am

**10/18** Donnellson  
Public Library  
11:30am-1:30pm

**10/19** Eagle Bluff Apts.  
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9:00am-10:00am

**10/19** Heritage Center  
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10:00am-Noon

**10/19** Rose Michael  
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