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## Rodeo starts with CINCH Shootout



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

### CINCH Shootout

Coy Pollmeier doesn't know what's behind him after getting thrown from his bull in Wednesday night's CINCH Shootout as part of the 71st Tri-State Rodeo. The night was winner-take-all in an invitation-only event to the top eight cowboys and cowgirls in each of seven events.

## Council gives \$1K to help Mexican Fiesta

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The revived Fort Madison Mexican Fiesta will get \$1,000 from the city to help offset some of the costs of helping get the celebration to its 97th year.

With several members of the Fiesta committee sitting in the audience, David Varley explained at Tuesday's regular City Council meeting, that the city budgets for contingencies in a fund that the City Council itself can vote on as far as expenditures or, in this case, contributions.

Varley said the fund only has about \$4,600 in it because of the tight nature of the city's budget.

Several City Councilman including Chris Greenwald and Chad Cangas, and Mayor Brad Randolph commended the group on pulling the event up after officials had canceled it earlier in the year.

Greenwald said the event is part of the tradition and heritage of Fort Madison and the city should help keep it going. He commended Varley on making sure that there was money in an ever-tightening budget to be able to offer some help.

"I would hate to have seen this event not make it to

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## Elliott Test Kitchen seeing rapid growth with new school year

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Rolling over four years of helping local students with specialized studies and exposing them to culinary arts, the Elliott Test Kitchen is seeing growth beyond founder Kumar Wickramasingha's expectations.

At his fourth open house since 2015, Wickramasingha says he's gone from about 30 students in various initial programs to more than 200 this year. Although he says some of the 200 registered may be the same students registering for different sessions, he says he has to look

at them individually because he feeds students while they are at programs.

"My philosophy was that prior after-school programs were kind of looked at as something like a punishment and I want to break that. I want them to come in and feel welcomed and we've been working on that.

Part of the new growth, "STEMS" from a new program that is currently underway with more than 60 students signed up. Wickramasingha has teamed up with the Fort Madison High School's Robotics Club.

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Kumar Wickramasingha works with students in this photo from last year at the Elliott Test Kitchen. Wickramasingha said enrollment is up from 20 in 2015 when he first opened to more than 230 registrations this year.

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# Action from the 71st Annual Tri-State Rodeo



At left, Dawson Jandreau gets thrown high off his saddle in the saddle bronc event Wednesday night at the C.E. "Eddie" Richards Arena as part of the CINCH Shootout.

Below, Clint Cooper dismounts after roping a calf and while holding his rope in his mouth. Cooper would throw the calf to the ground and tie up three legs. That tie would have to hold for six seconds for the ride to count.

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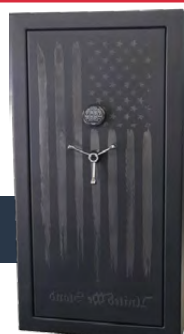
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## For the Record/Lottery Numbers

### For the Record

#### Fort Madison Police Report

09/04/18 - 2:33 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a personal injury accident at the intersection of 27th Street and Avenue M.

09/04/18 - 3:17 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 600 block of 7th Street.

09/04/18 - 3:44 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2400 block of Avenue G.

09/04/18 - 4:22 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1500 block of Avenue A.

09/04/18 - 6:06 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 5800 block of Avenue O.

#### Lee County Sheriff's Report

09/04/18 - 6:46 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Robert Russell Bennett, 57, of Keokuk in the 3400 block of Main Street in Keokuk, on a warrant for contempt. He was released on bond.

09/04/18 - 9:20 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Sharell Ann Grelk, 56, of Donnellson, in the 2300 block of 160th Avenue in Donnellson on a charge of first-degree harassment. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Those listed above are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

#### Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

09/01/18 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one smoke detector malfunction

09/02/18 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to four medical calls, one smoke alarm

09/03/18 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to four medical calls one flash fire

09/04/18 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one medical call, one vehicle accident with injuries, one vehicle accident with leaking fluid.

### CURRENT-LEE

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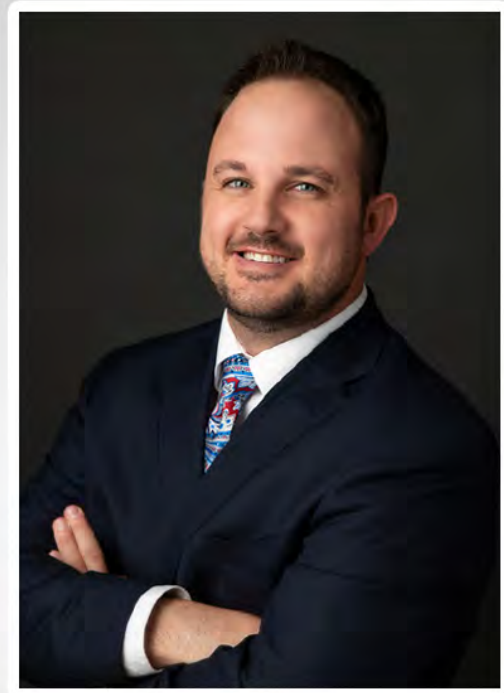
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At top, Sherry Cervi gets close to the barrel on the second turn in the CINCH Shootout barrel racing event Wednesday night. At left, bullrider, Trevor Reisto escapes to the left as rodeo clowns distract the bucking animal.

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**Sports**

# FM Bloodhound girls sweep Fairfield in three sets

*Spikers have taken five of the last six matches after tough season-opening tourney*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FAIRFIELD - The Fort Madison girls volleyball team is on a five-match win streak taking four out of five contests on Saturday at the Quincy Tournament and then going to Fairfield and sweeping the highly touted Trojans in three straight.

The Hounds move to 9-4 on the year and 2-0 in conference play. After coming out of the Bondurant-Farrar tourney splitting six matches to open the season, the Hounds have won six of their last seven with the only loss to coming to Pekin, Ill., at the Quincy Tournament on Saturday.

On Tuesday at Fairfield, Fort Madison won 25-23, 25-20, and 25-21. Junior Jillian Wiseman had 16 kills on 37 attacks at the net for the Hounds on the night. Sophomore Lauren Bailey went 16-16 serving with an ace and offered up 33 assists on the night.

Senior Kaeli Hutson was 30-34 on attacks with nine kills and eight blocks in the front for Fort Madison. Senior Josie Pumphrey went 14-14 at the service line with a couple of aces and 22 digs. Other top hitters for Fort Madison included senior Jassmine Bass with six kills and two blocks, senior Olivia Williams was 23-25 attacking and had five kills and 10 digs.

Head Coach Kent Bailey said the tournament play early in the season has helped.



BAILEY

“The kids played well. Playing in two tough tournaments helped prepared us for Fairfield,” he said. “We served 69-73, or 94.5% on the night with five aces.”

On Saturday, the girls traveled to the Quincy Tournament where they dropped the first match 0-2 to Pekin. But then rebounded winning all four of the rest of their matches against Quincy varsity, Quincy junior varsity, and East St. Louis, which the Hounds beat in back-to-back matches.

In the Pekin match, Williams had four kills on 17 attacks with Wiseman, Hutson, and Bass combining for nine kills on 42 attacks at the net. Bailey led the squad with 10 assists and Pumphrey had 15 digs on defense in the 13-25, 15-25 loss.

Against Quincy’s varsity squad, the Hounds dropped the first game 17-25, but rebounded for a 26-24 win and then won the tiebreaker 15-12. Bailey was 11-11 serving with 25 assists moving the ball to hitters Wiseman, Bass, Williams, and Hutson. Wiseman had 11 kills on 30 attacks over the three-game match. Hutson had seven kills on 26 attacks. Junior Jenna Jones went 14 of 15 at the service line with two aces in the win.

The Hounds didn’t drop another set the rest of the day knocking off Quincy JV 25-15, 25-18 and then taking two from East St. Louis, 25-19, 25-22 and 25-14, 25-22.

The ladies play host to Washington on Thursday in a freshmen, junior varsity, varsity tilt beginning at 5:45 p.m.

**HOUNDS PREVIEW**

## Clear Creek offers test for Hounds

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - It’s deja vu all over again as the Fort Madison Bloodhounds enter week 3 with a 2-0 record and facing a stiff test.

In 2017, the Hounds, fresh off lopsided wins over Davis County and Central Lee, rolled into Oskaloosa and got a dose of reality with a 14-58 loss. The loss triggered a string of four losses in the next five games. This year the Hounds have dispatched Central Lee 21-0 and West Burlington 46-0.

On Friday, Fort Madison takes on 2-0 Clear Creek Amana in Tiffin. The Clippers run a sneaky read offense that has quarterback Andrew Rohret leading the team in offense with 206 yards through the air and 180 on the ground. Sophomore speedster Alex Figueroa is second on the team in rushing with more

than 90 yards.

The Clippers have knocked off the Hounds’ District 6 opponents Mt. Pleasant and Fairfield the first-two games of the season and will give the Hounds somewhat of a different look in the backfield as Rohret is well coached at keeping the ball hidden from defenses.

“They run their read option well and they’re gonna capitalize on the mistakes

you make defensively, Shiffman said. “They are well-coached,

West Burlington popped a couple of those on us and if they aren’t playing with freshmen and sophomores they’re hitting a couple of those big plays. Clear Creek is the same way except they’re playing with juniors and seniors who’ve

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 7/3/2018

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 7, 2018, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Randolph presided with Council Members Grenwald, Morawitz, Andrews, Lair and Cangas present. Council Member Rink was absent.

Matt Mohrfeld, candidate for the 3rd Ward Council vacancy was interviewed. On motion, Council appointed Matt Mohrfeld as Third Ward Council Member. Mohrfeld was sworn in by Mayor Randolph and took his seat at the Council table.

On motion, Council approved the agenda as written. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 7/17/2018; June Financial Report; Payment of Claims; New 14-Day Liquor License for Holy Trinity Catholic Schools, effective 8/29/2018; Liquor License Modification to MOD Convenience Store, 1531 Avenue H – effective 8/8/2018; and Liquor License Renewals: Lost Duck Brewing Company, L.C., 723-725 Avenue H, effective 7/15/2018, Shopko #142, 4810 Avenue O, effective 9/28/2018 and Fort Madison Sports Complex, 909-48th Street, effective 8/10/2018.

Mayor Randolph opened the public hearing Concerning the Transfer of City-owned property Great River Regional Waste Authority

(GRRWA) at 5:39 P.M. There were no oral or written comments. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2018-45, transferring and authorizing the Mayor and Clerk's signatures on a Quit Claim Deed for certain City-owned property located on the GRRWA side of a boundary line, recently established by survey.

Mayor Randolph opened the public hearing Concerning the Extension of the City-Wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District (URTED) Plan at 5:43 P.M. There were no oral or written comments. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2018-46, extending the time frame of the City-Wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District Plan until October 13, 2021.

A motion to table a resolution amending the City Personnel Manual failed. A motion to adopt an amended City Personnel Manual failed.

On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on an Agreement for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program Federal-Aid Swap funds for PIP 2018-04, Reconstruction of Old Highway 61 – 2nd to 6th Streets. On motion, Council approved the bid of Peters Heating and Air Conditioning in the amount of \$30,633 for the replacement of the Library's remaining original air conditioning units. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on an Amendment to an Agreement for Surface Transportation Block Program

(STB) funding for the BNSF Bridge Study Agreement. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a "Location Cooperation Agreement" between the City of Fort Madison, the City Airport Commission and Great River

General	\$ 51,753.65
Special Rev.	105,118.80
Road Use	33,712.87
Capital	148,617.49
Water	68,759.16
Sewer	227,210.32
Solid Waste/IW	213,521.39
SW Utility	1,038.63
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<b>PAYROLL</b>	<b>7/20/2018</b>
General	\$187,285.94
Spec. Revenues	13,685.91
Road Use	26,355.32
Water	28,576.52
Sewer	41,702.31
Solid Waste	11,349.07
Storm Water	3,456.20
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ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC	24,704.05
ALTORFER MACHINERY CO., MAINT ON CAT	1,577.99

Regional Waste Authority. At 6:24 P.M. on motion, Council adjourned until August 21, 2018, at 5:30 P.M. /s/ Bradley A. Randolph, Mayor  
ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

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Sp. Rev. Funds	261,227.45
Road Use	105,495.99
Debt	8,464.60
Capital	6,620.86
Water	360,337.74
Sewer	522,202.71
Storm Water/IW	64,915.87
SW Utility	18,162.80
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<b>PAYROLL</b>	<b>8/3/2018</b>
General	\$171,500.30
Spec. Revenues	7,158.49
Road Use	26,451.26
Water	29,876.36
Sewer	40,983.59
Solid Waste	11,076.24
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DUES .....191  
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DEPT, RV PARK .....37.84  
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.....189.45  
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ED WASTE .....4,523.04  
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.....2,820.00  
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LAB SUPPLIES  
.....3,133.18  
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PRODUCTS, RISERS  
.....1,450.00  
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SECTIONS .....4,337.00  
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CTION & INC, ARMORTI-  
LE.....2,664.00  
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ADS.....265.5  
HISTORICAL FOLK  
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ITEMS.....253.45

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INC, REMOVE HANGING  
LIMB.....2,600.00  
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FEES .....5,452.25  
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MACHINE, UNIFORMS &  
MISC REPAIR.....435.58  
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.....368.95  
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SUPPLIES.....93.07  
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.....34.05  
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.....3,643.00  
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.....200  
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.....566.25  
JOURNAL STAR, AD  
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LLC, TROUBLE WITH  
CLOTHES DRYER  
.....100  
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.....40  
KEOKUK CONTRAC-  
TORS, JET LEACHATE  
LINES .....5,615.50  
KILBURG EQUIPMENT  
LLC, CART TIPPER RE-  
PAIR.....5,726.00  
KNIPE, LISA, BAND

.....610  
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.....490  
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.....40  
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CHARGE  
.....8,840.80  
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HEATING .....52.8  
LILY SCOTT, BAND .....80  
LOGAN CONTRACTORS  
SUPPLY, FILTERS  
.....451.52  
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.....40  
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PLIES .....183.79  
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.....40  
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BAND .....80  
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TESTING.....240.45  
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BAND .....70  
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.....244,771.34  
WATER SOLUTIONS UN-  
LIMITED, CHEMICALS  
.....15,997.36  
WELBORN, TERI, BAND  
.....10  
WINDSTREAM, PHONE  
SERVICE .....49.65  
TOTAL.....678389.19  
GENERAL.....35735.82  
SPECIAL REVENUES  
.....5447.84  
ROAD USE.....21052.39  
CAPITAL PROJECTS  
.....137645.38  
WATER .....39502.06  
WASTEWATER  
.....224882.91  
SOLID WASTE  
.....213139.16  
STORM WATER.....983.63  
TOTAL.....678389.19

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AIRMED CARE NET-  
WORK, 2018/19 COVER-  
AGE .....4,620.00  
ALLIANT ENERGY,  
ELECTRIC .....50,049.64  
CABINETION, POST CAP  
- CENTRAL PARK  
.....560.00  
DAVIS RADIOLOGY PC,  
ON JOB INJURY....161.40  
DEMCO, SHELF BACK-  
STOP .....248.23  
EASYPERMIT POSTAGE,  
WATER BILLS & PAST  
DUE NOTICES  
.....1,471.83  
INDEPENDENT CAN  
COMPANY, 2ND QTR  
TARG JOB W/H TAX  
.....7,908.96  
JONES CONTRACTING  
CORP, FINAL PAY -27TH

& AVE L.....10,547.48  
LIBERTY UTILITIES,  
HEATING .....53.48  
MIDWEST ANESTHESIA  
CARE, ON JOB INJURY  
.....780.47  
RATHBUN REG'L WATER  
ASSOC, WATER  
.....51.79  
WELLMARK BC/BS,  
HEALTH INS PREMIUMS  
.....87,500.56  
TOTAL.....163,953.84  
GENERAL.....12,148.27  
SPECIAL REVENUES  
.....96,151.24  
ROAD USE.....12,660.48  
CAPITAL PROJECTS  
.....10,972.11  
WATER .....29,257.10  
WASTEWATER  
.....2,327.41  
SOLID WASTE.....382.23  
STORM WATER.....55.00  
TOTAL.....163,953.84

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BRARY MATERIALS  
.....1,828.53  
CENGAGE LEARNING  
LIBRARY, MATERIALS  
.....24.69  
DES MOINES REGISTER,  
SUBSCRIPTION  
.....740.93  
DODD PRINTING & STA-  
TIONERY, CALENDARS  
.....42.77  
HELLIGE LAWN CARE,  
WEEDING AT LIBRARY  
.....210  
KEMPKERS TRUE VAL-  
UE, RADA CEIL TILE  
.....195.07  
LIBRARY CORPORA-  
TION, SCAN SUPPORT  
.....77  
MEDIACOM, PHONE  
SERVICE .....213.01  
MID AMERICAN ENER-  
GY CO., HEATING  
.....11.08  
OVERDRIVE, INC,  
E-BOOK SUBSCRIP-  
TIONS.....1,676.63  
PENGUIN RANDOM  
HOUSE, LIBRARY MATE-  
RIALS .....63.75  
PETTY CASH - SARAH  
CLENDINENG, AMAZON  
ITEMS & CANDY ....66.91  
QUILL CORPORATION,  
OFFICE SUPPLIES  
.....397.75  
SERVICE MASTER, JANI-  
TORIAL SERVICE  
.....905.1  
SHOWCASES, DVD POLY  
52  
STATE LIBRARY OF  
IOWA, E-BOOK SUB-  
SCRIPTIONS.....748.06  
TECHSOUP, SYMANTEC  
SMALL BUSINESS .....136  
TOTAL.....7,389.28  
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.....3519.72  
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## From the Front/Sports

# IFC kicks in \$40K on city's behalf for bridge study

**COUNCIL** - Continued from Page 1

100 years," Cangas said. "I would hope even in my lifetime we don't see this come to an end."

Randolph said the festival was more than tradition, but a part of the fabric of the city.

"This is really a part of the fabric of who we are as a city and if there's even a small way we can help keep this festival going we should do that," Randolph said.

Councilman Mark Lair asked if going forward, the festival committee should be approaching the tourism commission for funds to help with the event.

Varley said the commission, under current guidelines, would not be a source for funding because of the number of years the festival has been occurring. But Randolph said the festival might consider talking with the city's tourism director Jean Peiton.

"She has some discre-

tionary funds in her budget that she might be able to help the festival with."

The council voted 4-0 to approve the contribution. Councilmen Rusty Andrews, Matt Mohrfeld, and Kevin Rink were absent from the meeting.

In an unrelated issue, Varley said the first meeting on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe bridge study will take place Thursday.

The city had committed \$72,000 for the study and Randolph at the time said he was going to try to solicit some support from area industries and businesses.

He said working through the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission, he notified area businesses and industries of the city's intent to help with the study of the current bridge.

"Of the \$72,000 the city committed to the study, one industry committed \$40,000 and that industry

*"This is really a part of the fabric of who we are as a city and if there's even a small way we can help keep this festival going, we should do that."*

*-Brad Randolph, Fort Madison Mayor*

was Iowa Fertilizer Company. We appreciate them stepping up and contributing such a large amount to this study."

Varley said the city didn't budget the full \$32,000 that was remaining on the city's contribution, but he said staff will be looking into ways to come up with the remainder of the city's share.

# FMHS on the road at Tiffin

**PREVIEW** - Continued from Page 4

been in the program."

Shiffman said Fort Madison will have to continue to play assignment defense and contain Rohret and Figueroa and watch for junior Sam Stevens out of the backfield and through the air. Sophomore TJ Bollers also runs both sides of the field as a cornerback and a wideout. Rohret has only completed 13 passes combined in the last two games for two scores.

He said the team's motto on defense is just do your job and if everyone does their job the Hounds will be fine.

"We've gotta play with confidence, not arrogance," Shiffman said. "I gave the guys a quote this week that said, 'Arrogance is thinking you're above someone else, confidence is knowing no one is above you.' We gotta play with confidence and not arrogance. If we do that we'll be fine."

The Hounds had success shutting down the Hawks and Falcons offensively and have recorded 14 tackles for losses with speedy

Romeo Maestro and Quentin Schneider playing containment and a veteran linebacking corp of senior Sam Hayes and junior Diego Lozano. Seniors Alex Lauber and Danen Settles anchor the Hounds' defensive line.

Hayes lead the Hounds with 10 total tackles, while Maestro and Schneider each have nine plus and have combined for nine tackles-for-loss, four sacks and a safety.

Shiffman said Rohret hasn't established the pass yet, but said he can throw and the Hounds need to have their eyes open and stick to their assignments.

"He's not a true passing threat, but he can pass it, and pass it well, so we have to be prepared for that," he said. "They've got a couple different guys that can play running back, too, so we've just gotta be prepared."

Offensively Fort Madison has been spreading the ball around efficiently with senior quarterback Lenon Barker completing 42 of 70 passes for 621 yards

and two scores. He's yet to throw an interception. Barker's hooked up with seven different receivers led by senior Shaymour Redd-Donald with 205 yards. Dom Frantz is right behind at 197 and has both of Barker's scoring throws.

Lozano leads the Hounds on the ground with a 112 yards on 13 carries gobbling up 8.6 yards per attempt.

Shiffman said he has no plans to change what's been working for the Hounds with the ball. The Clippers run a three-man front with the rest of the defensive running zones in the flats and secondary.

"We saw it a bit against Mediapolis," he said. "It's not a problem, it's just different. "They've got a real good defensive line, definitely, and we have to do a good job protecting and getting the ball out quick. We've gotta find the windows to hit in the passing game and the bubbles and alleys we can hit in the run game."

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# CyberHounds make Test Kitchen their new home

**KUMAR** - Continued from Page 1

“This year we’re doing something different on Monday,” he said. “Last year, the FMHS started CyberHounds, a school robotics club. They had to raise money for that and they went to the highest competitions in the state. I had them bring their robotics stuff to our open house at the middle school last week and kids were excited about that.”

The CyberHounds got up and running during the last school year and now the Test Kitchen will be the headquarters for the club’s work and fundraising activities.



**KUMAR**

“Now those students will be bringing their stuff in here on Monday which will be their headquarters for CyberHounds,” Wickramasingha said. “We told them at our open house at the middle school any kids that want to learn robotics can come over here and those high school kids will come and do some activities with them. At the same time they will can work on sponsorships. Now you make these young kids part of what you’re doing and then you start to get the whole community involved. We’ll make some t-shirts and start creating awareness and then their club can grow and sponsorships will come along with that.”

The Test Kitchen opened four years ago and Wickramasingha said his original plans included programming for 25 to 30 students per year. His goal was to provide a studying outlet that incorporated healthy foods. He said this year he will have to program for about 230 slots.

“I first opened in 2015 and we’ve had an open house every year. My very first one I had 20 kids show up because they didn’t know what it was all about,” Wickramasingha said.

This year’s he’s had 66 sign up for the Monday STEM classes alone, just from the junior high school.

He currently has 172 slots taken up during the regular weekly programming, not including additional National Honor Society and ACT sessions, which brings the total number of seats being filled to 232. He said some of the slots are taken up by the same students, but each student will get a meal at each session.

The ACT preparation classes are held on Sundays with the next session starting on Sept. 16. A testing class will be held on Oct. 27. Classes begin at 6 p.m.

The current programs underway are full, but Wickramasingha said there are still spots available in the upcoming ACT sessions. He said anyone wishing to sign up for the upcoming ACT sessions needs to sign up right away.

Students can sign up by visiting [www.tkef.org](http://www.tkef.org) or at the Test Kitchen’s Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ElliottTestKitchen/> or by calling 319-250-9052.

Wickramasingha said he points to programming as the main reason for the growth in attendance.

“The very first year it was only homework-oriented, but we learned we needed to program to be more specific and generate higher interest. So we looked at six weeks of Spanish, six weeks of reading, and then six weeks of math, which is always on Wednesday, and then we did six weeks of robotics and that was a hit.”

He said current attendance numbers are higher than what he originally planned for, but he said it’s a good problem to have.

“This program is set up for 25 to 30 so I might have to divide them up. I have a problem in my hands, but it’s a good problem so I’m going to figure it out.”

Despite adding programming and students to the schedule, Wickramasingha said it’s food that binds everything together.

“My personal philosophy is that I wanted to create food and education together. That’s a good combination. The student doesn’t feel like they’re coming to an institutional thing and I’m 100% convinced that’s the way to go,” he said. “The success is that this is all done over a meal. That’s where we’re building a bond. It’s not just homework and that’s the real secret.”

The reaction from the community over the past year, and Wickramasingha’s willingness to open the kitchen for special events, has helped bridge the gap from an idea to a successful enterprise.

“I didn’t know how people were going to react, but I created a story and we used Facebook and kept injecting this into the community for people to see the value of the



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Patrons of the Fort Madison Main Street were able to enjoy a meal at the Test Kitchen in January last year. Wickramasingha regularly opens to the facility to community organizations to showcase students mentored cooking skills.

program. We had footage on social media of this kid or that getting a 33 on an ACT,” he said. “You just didn’t see those types of things before.”

Over the past four years, former Governor Terry Branstad and Iowa Public Television, and many area and local media outlets, have made stops to check out the programs and community events taking place at the kitchen.

“Those people that were here gave it a nice thing, but they all went away saying, ‘Let’s see how this goes’ but now I have the numbers and the data and the reaction from the community to show how this is helping students,” he said.

The programs are also free of charge and support comes from area businesses and individual donations to the Elliott Test Kitchen Foundation, a non-profit 501c3 organization.

“There is no charge. If I were to have charged I think

this would have gone down the drain,” he said.

Sessions typically run from 3:30 to 6 with snacks and dinner included, with transportation provided from Fort Madison Middle School to the Test Kitchen on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Mondays are STEM study sessions with the Fort Madison Robotics Club, or CyberHounds. Tuesdays are dedicated to Middle School students with teachers on hand for various academic enrichments such as Spanish, science, cooking, and even chess. Wednesdays are math days for students in grades 4th -12th, and Thursdays are dedicated to science fair preparation.

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**FRI 07 Sep**



Heavy Intensity Rain  
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**SAT 08 Sep**



Moderate Rain  
High— 63.5° F | Low — 60.4° F

**SUN 09 Sep**



Moderate Rain  
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SEPT. 14<sup>TH</sup> & 15<sup>TH</sup>

**Traditional Mexican Dancing**  
**Food Vendors - Open at 11am**  
(Homemade Mexican Food)  
**Beer Tent Mariachi Band**

**8PM - MIDNIGHT BOTH NIGHTS!**

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