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Local American Legion officials reviewing new VA law

BY **CHUCK VANDENBERG**
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A new veterans' health care bill was signed into law by President Donald Trump in a ceremony on Wednesday and local officials are looking forward to the new benefits of the law and their impact on area veterans.

The new law takes a closer look at distances to Veteran's Administration facilities, types and timeliness of services and appointments and whether veterans are

facing "excessive burdens".

The new law builds on previous legislation championed by the American Legion that pushed for medical services to be more accessible to all veterans. In 2012 the American Legion put forward a resolution that stated the VA must "develop a well-defined and consistent non-VA care coordination program, policy and procedure that includes a patient-centered care strategy which takes veterans' unique medical injuries and illnesses as well as their travel and distance into account."

The new law also contains provisions to streamline

community care programs, provides funding for those programs through 2019 and strengthens the department's abilities to staff and recruit high quality medical personnel including offering two and four year scholarships and residencies at VA facilities.

George Shields, the adjutant with the local American Legion Post #82 said the new law offers good news to area veterans and encouraged them to contact the local chapter for any assistance they may need interpreting

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Courtesy Photo



Kim Fehseke, Director of Marketing for Connection Bank & Insurance, presents a check to Tim Gobble, Fort Madison Partners Director, for the 2018 fireworks show, above. Below, Pilot Grove representatives Melissa Flowers, Justin Menke, and Diane Huddleson also present a check to Gobble for the show.

Old Settlers group releases summer concert series

First concert set for June 22, with Pen City Cruiser car show

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Old Settlers "Music in the Park" free summer concert series gets underway this month as part of the groups 18th year putting on the event.

At each concert, dinner is served by volunteers at 5 p.m. with the free concert taking place from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m..

This year's three-concert series kicks off on June 22 with Amarillo out of Mt. Pleasant, as well as the 4th Annual Pen City Cruisers Car Show. The Fort Madison Lions Club will be assisting serving the meals. The menu will consist of a grilled chicken sandwich or jumbo beef hot dog, sides, dessert and cold drinks.

On Friday July 27, Richie Lee and the Fabulous 50's from Des Moines will be back by popular demand. The Lee County Pork Producers will be grilling pork loin sandwiches with sides, dessert and cold drinks.

Then on Aug. 18, the River City 6 returns to the park with the Local Elk's Lodge serving grilled chicken, coney dogs, sides, desserts and drinks.

The park is located at Fourth Street and Avenue E, and all proceeds from food sales go toward maintenance and improvements in Old Settlers Park.

Concerts are rain or shine with rain location at First United Methodist Church at 9th Street and Avenue E in Fort Madison.

Jim Baier Ford, Connection Bank, Fort Madison

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Obituaries/Local News

OBITUARIES

ROBIN L. DECKER

Robin L. Decker, 62, of West Point, passed away at 1:04 AM on Friday, June 08, 2018 at the Ft. Madison Community Hospital.



DECKER

She was born on June 12, 1955 in Windber, PA to William and Frances Weaver Gephart. Robin was a CNA in Michigan. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Survivors include ten children, Nicholas Grassi of PA, Vinson Wax of PA, Christie Winklesas of TN, Joseph Gephart of MI, Larry Snider Jr. of West Point, Tiffany Snider of Ft. Madison, Brandy Snider of Ft. Madison, Candi Snider of Ft. Madison, April Snider of MI, Tina Lavorgna of CA and Don Snider of CA; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren and eight siblings. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and there will be no formal services at this time. Online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

WILLIAM EDWARD ADAMS

William Edward Adams, 84 of Keokuk, IA died Thursday, June 7, 2018 at the Levering Regional Healthcare Center in Hannibal, MO.



ADAMS

He was born October 13, 1933 in Keokuk, IA the son of Nicholas and Florence McKay Adams.

William enjoyed watching western shows on television.

He is survived by one brother, Charles Adams of Ft. Madison, IA, one sister, Jane Rogers (Robert) of Keokuk, and two nephews, Jason Rogers (Amanda) of Keokuk and David Rogers (Samantha) of IN.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A graveside service will be held at noon on Monday at Sunset Memorial Park in Keokuk. The procession to the cemetery will leave Vigen Memorial Home at 11:45 a.m.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

Farm Credit Services helps local food pantry

Submitted article

FORT MADISON - The North Lee County Food Pantry is one of 86 organizations to receive a Working Here Fund grant in the first quarter of 2018. With this grant the Food Pantry will purchase foods to continue keeping the Pantry's shelves filled. In 2017 the Food Pantry served 3697 families throughout Lee County, providing them with the food necessary to ensure proper nutrition. This number was an increase of 400 families from the year before. The Food Pantry is open each week Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9am to noon and 1 to 3 pm.

Jill Yule, Vice President of retail operations at FCS America's Mt. Pleasant Office said, "We are proud to support organizations dedicated to addressing food and hunger issues in our local communities." Farm Credit Services of Amer-



On behalf of the Farm Credit Services of America Working Here Fund For Hunger Nutrition, RSVP Director Tammy Hudson presents a \$2000 check to Lin Cramer, President of the North Lee County Food Pantry Board of Directors.

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TUE 05 Sep Moderate Rain
High- 87.1° F | Low - 72.8° F

WED 06 Sep Light Rain
High- 75.8° F | Low - 62.7° F

THU 07 Sep Clear Skies
High- 81.3° F | Low - 66.8° F


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For the Record/Lottery Numbers

For the Record

Fort Madison Police report

06/05/18 - 11:28 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at Hwy 61 and Henry Ladyn Drive.
 06/05/18 - 2:47 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1700 block of Avenue H.
 06/05/18 - 11:45 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Jim Anthony Tancredi, 40, of Ottumwa, in the 1600 block of 20th Street, on charge of stowing away. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 06/07/18 - 1:11 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Tiffany Marie Pennington, 27, of Fort Madison, in the 4600 block of Avenue J. on a charge of child endangerment. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 06/07/18 - 2:13 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 500 block of Avenue G
 06/07/18 - 3:18 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident.
 06/07/18 - 5:04 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report

of a burglary in the 400 block of Avenue A.
 06/07/18 - 7:00 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Amy Marie Worrell, 43, of Montrose, at the police department on charge of 3rd-degree criminal mischief and criminal trespass. She was released on a promise to appear.
 06/07/18 -7:21 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 400 block of Avenue D.
 06/07/18 - 8:18 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at 48th Street and Avenue L.
 06/07/18 - 8:26 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1100 block of 13th Street.

Lee County Sheriff's report

06/05/18 - no time listed - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested William Dean Bigelow, 62, of Keokuk in the 100 block of N. 7th Street, on a warrant for failure to appear, and charges of driving while barred, no insurance, possession of a controlled substance and failure to display registration plate. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

06/05/18 - 5:13 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Accquilli Laronce Jones, Jr., of Burlington at the sheriff's office on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 06/05/18 - 9:16 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Troy Burke Daman, 40, of Fort Madison, in the 100 block of 2nd Street in Fort Madison on a charge of OWI-2nd offense. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 06/06/18 - 11:31 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident at the intersection of Hwy 61 and Henry Ladyn Drive. A semi-tractor trailer driven by Kyle Aaron Hamelton rolled onto it's side after failing to navigate a turn heading northbound making a left turn onto Henry Ladyn. No injuries were reported. Hamelton was cited for failure to maintain control.
 06/06/18 - 3:05 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jason Michael Dye, 39, of Keokuk at the sheriff's office on a warrant for a judgment entry.
 06/07/18 - 4:25 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Billi Jo Weir, 45, of Quincy, Ill.,

at the sheriff's office on a warrant for felony forgery. He was released on bond.
 06/07/18 - 8:43 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested David James Markell, 22, of Keokuk, in the 600 block Palean Street in Keokuk on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report

06/06/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical call, one assist
 06/07/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical call.
 06/08/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical call.

New VA health law should benefit local veterans

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and accessing the new law's provisions.

"Local American Legion officials are looking into the new law and how it can benefit our local veterans," Shields said. "We stand at the ready to help move our veterans into the health care program that best fits their needs within the parameters of the new laws."

Title II of the law requires the VA to assess the capacity of each Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) and identify deficiencies within each VISN.

Title III focuses on improving the recruitment and retention of quality health care professionals by providing two to four-year scholarships to medical students in exchange for service to the VA. The VA MISSION Act also increases the amount of education debt reduction available from \$120,000 to \$200,000 over five years, and establishes the VA Specialty Education Loan Repayment Program. Title III also establishes a pilot program for veterans healing veterans supporting four years of medical school education costs for two veterans at select medical schools. There's also a provision requiring the VA to ensure clinical staff are able to participate in the Education Debt Reduction Program.

Other sections of the law focus on reporting streamlining and transparency, as well as looking into underperforming facilities and flagging facilities for medical deployment teams to go to facilities and take corrective measures. The law will also identifying facilities for medical residency programs.



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Sports

Fort Madison's Camp for Champs set for July

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Registration is now open for the annual Fort Madison Wrestling Camp of Champs.

The event will be held July 10-13 at the Fort Madison High School Wrestling Room and is open to all wrestlers in grades 3 through 12.

Featured clinician for this year has yet to be determined by FMHS head coach Ryan Smith said "it's guaranteed it will be a good one". Past clinicians have included Mark Ironside - 2x NCAA champion Iowa, Mark Perry - 2x NCAA champion Iowa, Gary Steffensmeier - 3x NCAA All-American UNI, Russell Weakley - 3x All-American from UNC-P, Jeff McGinnis - 2x NCAA Champion Iowa.

The Camp runs from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. each day and campers registered by the

end of the day Monday will receive a free camp shirt and shorts.

A copy of the camp flyer can be accessed by clicking the link below. The cost of the camp is \$35 and is limited to the first 50 campers so register this weekend to secure your spot at the camp.

Wrestlers must bring their own wrestling gear, headgear is optional but recommended. Street shoes are not allowed on the mats.

The Camp of Champs brings proven champions with different wrestling styles as counselors to assist in preparing young wrestlers for higher levels of competition. The camp will focus on all aspects of wrestling and will provide campers with a better understanding of the sport of wrestling that includes the mental, physical, and nutritional aspects of training.

CAMP PHILOSOPHY
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Mike Evans: 3X All-American for Iowa
Gary Steffensmeier: 3X All-American for UNI
Russell Weakley: 3X All-American for UNC-P
Dakota Gray: All-American for Luther
Daniel Dennis: All-American/US Olympian
TJ Miller: NCAA Champ/HC Loras College

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PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

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Due to space limitations, only the first 50 applications will be accepted - sign up early!

"Once you've wrestled, everything else in life is easier!"

-Dan Gable

Central Lee's Cass gets Great River scholarship

BY PCC STAFF

WEST BURLINGTON - Great River Friends recently awarded \$10,000 in scholarships to students pursuing health care careers.

Ten \$1,000 scholarships were given in two categories. Scholarships for high school seniors were awarded to:

Carleigh Cass, Central Lee High School, Pre-Medicine, University of Iowa

Thea Good, Notre Dame High School, Nursing, Luther College

Gunnar Hoffer, Danville High School, Paramedic,

Southeastern Community College

Elizabeth Larson, Mount Pleasant High School, Pre-Medicine, University of Iowa

Isaac Eigner-Bybee, Mediapolis High School, Pre-Medicine, University of Iowa

Continuing-college scholarship winners were:

Hannah Delaney, Speech Pathology and Audiology, Marquette University

Mallory LaFary, Occupational Therapy, St. Ambrose University

Ashley Maccholz, Exercise Science and Wellness, Iowa Wesleyan University

Trina Smith, Master of Science in Nursing, Walden University

Megan Wilson, Radiologic Technology, University of Iowa

Great River Friends is a community of donors and volunteers that supports Great River Health Systems with the gifts of time, talent and treasure. For more information, please call Great River Medical Center Volunteer Services at 319-768-3340.

HTC junior high girls go 2 and 4 last week

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - HTC's junior high softball team split a pair of games on June 1st, with Cardinal in West Point.

In the first game, the Crusaders won 13-9. Paige Wasielewski went 2-for-2, Natalie Randolph, Laura Mehmert, Jenna DiPrimia, Kelli Meierotto, Kayla Box, Raquel Schneider, Brooke Mueller, and Mary Hellige all had hits for HTC. Anna Sobczak was the winning pitcher.

In the second game of the matchup HTC lost 16-1. Wasielewski again had two hits to lead Holy Trinity. Hellige, Mueller and Sobczak each had a hit. Hellige took the loss.

On Tuesday, the Crusaders split again at West Burlington.

The Lady Falcons tagged HTC for 13-1 loss in the first game with Breanna Peterson, Schneider, Mueller and Hellige getting the hits for HTC. Rachel Menke was the losing pitcher.

In game two, HTC shutout WB. Wasielewski went 3-for 4 at the plate. Box and Mueller each were 2 for 4. Schneider, Hellige, Mehmert and Menke all had a hit each. Hellige through the shutout and had six strikeouts.

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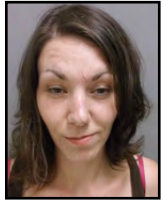
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Task force gets FM, Keokuk women

Fort Madison woman charged with child endangerment

BY PCC STAFF
LEE COUNTY - The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of 2 Lee County residents on Felony and Misdemeanor Charges.



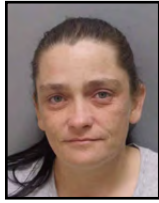
PENNINGTON
Tiffany Marie Pennington, 27, of 4635 Ave J, Fort Madison, Iowa was arrested on June 7th, 2018 at her residence on felony and misdemeanor drug charges. Pennington is charged with possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine in excess of five grams within 1000 feet of a park, a class

B felony with an enhancement and a drug tax stamp violation. Also the following misdemeanor charges: child endangerment, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia. If convicted, Pennington faces up to 41 years and in a state correctional facility.

The arrest of Pennington stems from the Fort Madison police department investigating the welfare of children. During the course of this investigation items to support the charges were discovered.

On an unrelated case another Lee County resident was arrested on Felony drug charges.

Joni Christine Kite, 38 of Keokuk, Iowa was arrested on June 7th 2018. Kite is charged with two counts of delivery of methamphetamine, second or subsequent offense, a class C felony with



enhancements. If convicted, Kite faces up to 60 years in a state correctional facility. Kite also had a pending probation violation warrant.

The Lee County Attorney's Office, Lee County Sheriff's Office, Keokuk Police Department, and the Fort Madison Police Department, assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation.

CURRENT-LEE

The following is a list of events currently going on in north Lee County as submitted to Pen City Current.

City Band plays Sunday in Central Park

FORT MADISON - This Sunday in Central Part at 7:30 pm the Ft. Madison City Band will be continuing their summer concert series with a concert Sponsored by Connection Bank and Chalk Ridge Vineyard. Music will include The NC-4 March by Bigelow, Exaltations by James Swearingen, Appalachian Expedition by Chris Bernotas, Where the Black Hawk Soars by Robert W. Smith, The Trombone King by Karl King, The West Wing, Summertime from Porgy and Bess, The Pink Panther by Henry Mancini, Light Cavalry Overture by Fillmore, and the Clear Track Polka.

Trail meetings set

LEE COUNTY - The Mississippi and Des Moines Rivers SET Confluence Region of Lee County, Iowa, Clark County, Missouri and Hancock County, Illinois will kick off county trails and routes planning on June 12th and 13th. There will be three 90-minute public planning sessions; Tuesday, June 12, 3 p.m. at Lee County Conservation, Tuesday, June 12, 6 p.m. at Kahoka Fire Department and Wednesday, June 13, 9 a.m. at Carthage City Hall.

Children's Immunization Clinic

Lee County Health Department will be holding a Children's Immunization Clinic June 14 at Trinity Methodist Church, 2330 Plank Road in Keokuk from noon til 4:30pm. The clinic is open to children who have no insurance, are insured by Iowa Medicaid, or those who have private health insurance that does not cover the cost of vaccines. Written parental consent is required for minors to receive vaccinations when in the care of another adult. Free lead testing is available for children ages 6 months to 6 years who reside in Iowa. Please call 1-319-372-5225 with questions or visit our website at www.leecountyhd.org

EASY SHARPS DISPOSAL for greater community health & safety

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Community Hospital, Preceptor Delta Phi Sorority, Pilot Grove Savings Bank, MidwestOne Bank, Dan Willits, Seither and Cherry Services, and Rose Briggs Memorial. Contributions toward expenses have also been received from DuPont, Iowa Fertilizer Plant, and the Doddie Jerome Memorial.

On Oct. 30, Old Settlers Park will be the scene of Halloween Trick or Treat night in Old Settlers Park from 5 to 7 p.m. Fraise Real Estate will provide a light supper to families, with OSA volunteers hosting the evening of safe, friendly, monitored, and lighted fun for all families. Groups can also reserve a table to hand out treats by calling 372-7813.

The Old Settlers Park committee is focused on family friendly and free community events in historical Old Settlers Park.

Great River Regional Waste Authority now has a new sharps disposal bin at the Fort Madison facility. Making disposal easy for our customers and allowing safer handling for our employees. A similar sharps disposal bin will soon be available at our Keokuk Transfer Station.

The health and safety of our staff and our community members is of the utmost importance and we urge

our residents to use regulated containers specifically made for sharps. Empty Sharps containers can be obtained in the at both the Fort Madison and Keokuk facilities.

For the safety of everyone involved, please do not place plastic jugs or bottles containing sharps in your recycling tote or in any non-designated bin at our drop off sites.



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