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Supervisors to approve new county ME

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE - The Lee County Board of Supervisors will vote on Tuesday to approve the new medical examiner as part of a three-county agreement to share expenses.

Great River Health Systems, who under an agreement already approved by the supervisors, has appointed Dr. Craig Huston, from Great River Medical Center to be the new medical examiner for Des

Moines, Lee and Henry counties. Per terms of the agreement, each board separately has to pass a resolution approving the physician appointed by GRHS.

The new appointment, once approved, will be effective July 1, 2017. Huston will be filling the unexpired term of Dr. Eugenio Torres and will have authority to appoint Deputy Medical Examiners as needed.

The appointment is for two years and may be automatically renewed unless the agreement is terminated by any of the counties or GRHS.

BESIDE THE POINT

Civic group could help with missing people searches

On Sunday I spent the better part of a half hour talking with the mom of a 15-year-old girl who has a broken neck and compressed vertabrate fracture as a result of a 4-wheeler accident last week. I'm not going to use their names, that's not germaine to this conversation.

Two girls were injured in the accident. The other suffered serious head trauma when they were thrown from the vehicle just off Old Quarry Road sometime after 5 p.m June 30th. The girls were found at just minutes before midnight. Those two girls laid in a ditch unable to move due to their injuries, for at least five hours - probably closer to six.

Both girls are recovering at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Doctors say, according to mom, they are very, very lucky girls.

According to one of the mothers, the girls were riding a new four-wheeler that a father had recently purchased. A male friend had stayed back at the father's house while the girls took the vehicle for a ride. After the girls hadn't returned for an hour, the father took a ride to see if he could locate them. After several attempts and a couple hours had gone by, he notified the mother and law enforcement and a deputy were dispatched to the home. The mom notified the other girl's mother and they got together with the deputy and questions were asked of the parents to determine if the kids would have run away or sneaked off somewhere.

"She wasn't that type of girl," mom says. "And the other girl has an 8 o'clock curfew and she doesn't mess around with her mom. She does what she's told. I knew this was something different and tried to tell the officer that."

Mom said the deputy told her he would look in the area but couldn't leave his vehicle, according to procedure. The mom asked the deputy to bring in extra help to find the child and the deputy contacted a supervisor who said the deputy could contact air support to see if they could help search the area. The deputy contacted Air Evac and was told that if the girls weren't found by the morning they might be able to help, but are not insured for that type of rescue. The mother hit Facebook to try and gather as many volunteers as she could find to start looking for her lost daughter. Family and

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison Area Arts Association Director Brian Riggs talks with about 30 students in the FMAAA Art Camp at Elliott Test Kitchen on Thursday afternoon. The students attended the camp Tuesday through Friday.

FM library hosts mental health speaker

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - In her book, "Sentenced to Life: The Mark Becker Story", Joan Becker shares her families experiences that served as the catalyst for her to become an advocate and public speaker for individuals with mental illness. Her focus is to open the doors and promote change in our mental health system. Joan will be sharing her story at the Fort Madison Public Library on Tuesday, July 25 beginning at 5:30 pm. This free program is open to everyone, no registration required.

Joan Becker lives in Iowa with her husband of 36 years, David Becker. They have three sons, Brad (Jackie), Scott (Nikki), and Mark. She and Dave believe God wants them to share their family's story about Mark and the experience their family had coping with Paranoid Schizophrenia in the hope that it will help other families, caregivers, and professionals understand how they can

make a difference in moving forward and improving our mental health system.

Mental health and treatment for mental illnesses are an important topic for discussion across the county. One in five adults, or roughly 600,000 Iowans, live with some form of mental illness. About 37,000 grapple with serious mental illness daily. On top of that, nearly 60% of adults with a mental illness didn't receive mental health services in the previous year. It's time to provide support, educate our communities, and end the stigma of living with a mental illness. Joan speaks regularly to colleges, churches, NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) groups, high schools, communities, and mental health service providers. She has also been interviewed by newspapers, TV stations and radio programs across the country.

For additional information about this program, contact Sarah Clendinning, (319) 372-5721, SarahClen@fortmadison.lib.ia.us.

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

LEONARD JOSEPH "JOE" FRANTZ

FORT MADISON - Leonard Joseph "Joe" Frantz Jr, 94 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died at 9:00 am Friday, July 7, 2017 at the Fort Madison Community Hospital in Fort Madison. He was born December 23, 1922 in Aurora, Illinois, a son of Leonard Joseph Sr. and Florence Edith (Wright) Frantz.

His family moved to Fort Madison in 1929, and he was a 1941 graduate of Fort Madison High School. He attended the University of Iowa and earned his BS in Chemistry and MS in Organic

Chemistry.

He is survived by one sister, Barbara Mauck of Martinsburg, West Virginia; nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother Thomas Frantz, and one sister Marjorie Jean (Senf) Overton.

His body has been cremated. Private burial will be at a later date at Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison. Barr Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.



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Opinion/Classifieds

Social media can help with lost people

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friends started looking for the missing girls.

At about 11 p.m. a different deputy arrived on rotation and began searching the area from his vehicle. At just minutes before midnight July 1, he found a path where it looked like the vehicle may have left the roadway. He grabbed a spotlight from the cruiser and looked in the area of the path and saw the ATV. Upon getting to the vehicle he found the girls about 15 feet away. Rescue efforts began from there. Helicopters were called to the scene but couldn't land in the area due to no clearing. So they landed at FMCH and Great River Medical Center and the girls were transported in two ambulances to the heli-pads and then airlifted to Iowa City where they had to land at the airport and be transported again as the elevator was broken to the helipad at UIHC.

To say it was a traumatic accident for both families, that continues to unfold, is a tremendous understatement.

But what, if anything, could have been done different? The sheriff's department runs typically with two deputies on patrol, and boots on the streets is something that Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber has been trying to increase. But as we look forward with pained gazes to the next incident, it's imperative that we ask ourselves what we can do better.

As a county, do we have a responsibility to help in these situations? We certainly have the heart to do it. The same heart that goes out to these families when they think of their girls laying in a ditch for five hours with no medical help and a scant few trying to find them. The sheriff's department can't divert everyone to the scene without firm evidence that the girls are in danger...despite mom's intuition, which was spot on.

The sheriff's department has a new K9 unit that would have come in very handy, but his training isn't complete and he wasn't even in the department at the time of the accident. The state patrol has a search plane with infrared, but the girls were found before that air support would have arrived.

Another dog is planned for late fall or winter so a dog will be available for tracking day and night. Mom says that's great for the department and may help with the next incident, but she feels her instincts were ignored by the department, specifically in getting more people to the scene to help.

"If this would have been an issue of an escaped convict, they would have all kinds of people and air support in a matter of minutes, but why not for these girls?"

The question is tough. Protocols and procedures dictate a certain measured response from law enforcement. But that measured response doesn't have to apply to us as citizens.

I've been there, but had a much better outcome. My oldest daughter got lost while coming back from Fairfield. She had a cellphone. It went dead so her GPS went dead. She made a wrong turn and ended up down in the bottoms by Bonaparte and didn't know how to get out. She was terrified. We were terrified. After an hour had passed since she was supposed to be home...10 p.m. I called 9-1-1 and gave a description of the car. I had family hit the roads to try and find her. A deputy found her and somehow she had just found the right road home so he followed her without pulling her over until she got to West Point. We were notified and I met her there. I'll never forget the tears in my wife's eyes as she said "Bring her home to me" as I left to find her.

How these families and friends must have been feeling at that time is not lost on me. We were lucky...they may feel lucky at this point but their ordeals are just beginning.

So what do we do? We have a digital world. Facebook is second-by-second responsive and one of mom's instincts was to hit social media for help. Our digital news outlet is second-by-second responsive as well. This community has set up neighborhood watches to help contain crime. Is there...in this hyper informative world- a way to set up a social media network, under very responsible hands, that can be put into action when someone needs help locating someone? Maybe at the direction of a deputy or law enforcement agency. When they deem that a family is desperate to locate someone, could this civil search group go into action?

Our county and our communities have limited resources. It's hard to insinuate that the sheriff's deputies weren't following protocol and we have a very large county by comparison. A sheriff's deputy found the girls. Would finding them any earlier have changed the medical conditions... its possible, but it's a certainty that the fear and unknown would have been reduced.

I'm just thinking outside the box. What if there was a Lee County Civil Response Network, that people could sign up for and at the direction of the local law enforcement, one person could send out a call for help when people are missing. As the say on radio talk shows. "I'll hang up now and listen for your responses."

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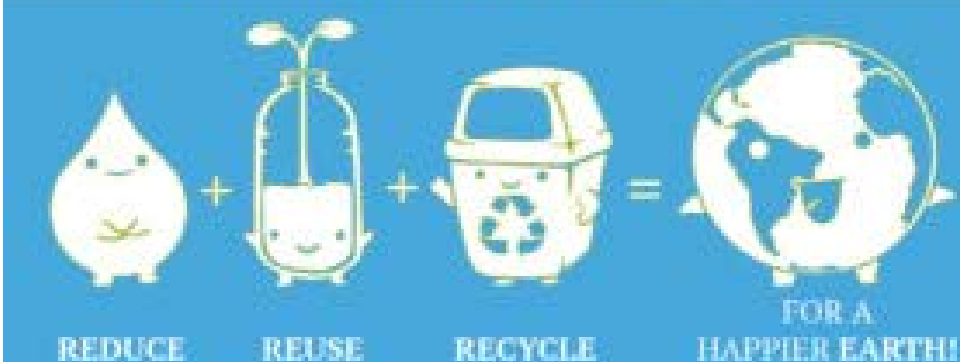
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- Avoid over-packaged & disposable goods
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- Make 2-sided copies whenever possible
- Maintain central files for multiple individuals
- Use electronic mail/communications or a central bulletin board

REUSE

* Reuse products for the same purpose or for a different purpose

It makes economic & environmental sense to reuse products. Sometimes it takes a creative mind to do so.

- Sell or Donate old clothes, appliances, toys & furniture
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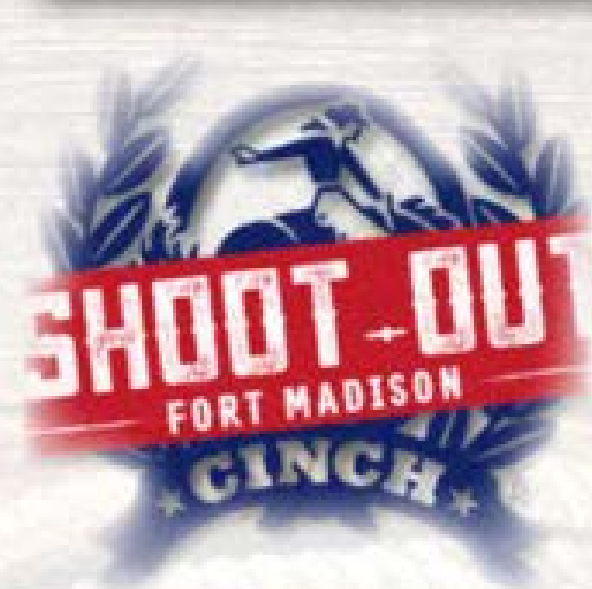
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Fort Madison Police Report

07/12/17 - 2:04 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in progress at the corner of 10th Street and Avenue E.
07/12/17 - 2:13 p.m. - Fort

Madison police arrested David Patrick Mortimer, 52, of Fort Madison, in the 500 block of 10th Street on a charge of attempted burglary-3rd degree and two warrants for probation violation. He was taken to

Lee County Jail and held. 07/12/17 - 6:29 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a gas drive off in the 1700 block of Avenue H.
07/12/17 - 9:13 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Trevor Paul Driggers, 26, of Fort Madison, in the 2700 block of Avenue K, on a charge of simple assault. He was released.
07/12/17 - 11:30 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested

Ernest William Sawyer, Jr., 40, of Fort Madison, in the 1100 block of 16th Street on a warrant for failure to appear-domestic abuse. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
07/13/17 - 11:51 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1200 block of 40th Street.
07/13/17 - 5:19 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded

to a report of a property damage accident in the 1700 block of Avenue H. Clarissa Dawn Childress, 21, of Fort Madison was cited at the scene for no insurance.
07/13/17 - 5:27 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 800 block of Avenue G.
07/13/17 - 7:05 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L.
07/13/17 - 7:24 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2700 block of Avenue D.
07/13/17 - 8:14 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 1400 block of Avenue G.
07/13/17 - 9:16 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 400 block of 23rd Street.

of Hwy 61 and 175th Street. A vehicle driven by Sarah Claudia M. Wilson, 21, of Davenport collided with a vehicle driven by Shannon Ray Todd, 45, of Burlington. According to the report, Todd had slowed to turn west on 175th Street and Wilson failed to change lanes or slow to avoid the collision. No injuries were reported at the scene. Wilson was cited for failure to maintain control. All persons in these listings are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

07/11/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical calls
07/12/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one medical call, one burn complaint and one gas line leak.
07/13/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to four medical calls.
07/14/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

07/12/17 - No information to report
07/13/17 - 8:36 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

SUN Jul 16



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TUE 18 Jul



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Low - 80.4° F | High - 90.5° F

WED 19 Jul



Clear Skies

Low - 80.4° F | High - 91.0° F

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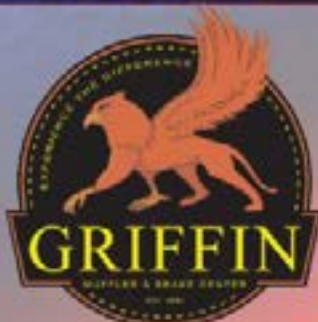
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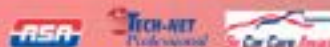
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