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Notre Dame trips up Crusaders in extra innings.

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Heritage on display at Denmark festival

The annual Sunday tractor parade is a big draw for the Denmark Heritage Days Festival that took place this past Friday through Sunday in Denmark.



Photo by Ashlyn Butler/PCC

Annual event brings new flare with cooking competition

BY ASHLYN BUTLER

DENMARK - Throngs were bustling through Denmark's Star Park over the weekend to participate in the town's annual Heritage Days Festival, which for the first time ever featured a competitive cookout.

The 13th annual Heritage Days Festival started at 7 a.m. on Friday with the registration of engines and tractors and ended with the traditional tractor parade at noon on Sunday. People from Denmark and the

surrounding area gathered together to shop different vendors and food stands.

The festival is a chance for locals to show off their tractors and engines as well as their cooking skills. Some other special activities include a horse carriage ride around the town, the Mr. and Miss Heritage Days contest for kids between the ages of four and ten years old, and the West Burlington Fire Department bringing down its fire house for kids to see what an actual house fire is like, as well as learning fire safety from real firefighters.

Gayla Young, who has helped run the event throughout the years said the event is a chance for newcomers

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FMCH, Blessing to close Keokuk clinic

BY PCC STAFF

KEOKUK - Fort Madison Community Hospital announced Friday that it will be closing the Keokuk Medical Center after a decision to break with Blessing Health Systems.

In separate releases from FMCH and Blessing Health Systems, it

was announced that the clinic will stop seeing patients on Aug. 31, but will remain open for four more weeks to allow for the transition of patient records.

FMCH officials indicated in their release that the partnership with Blessing Health System to operate Keokuk Medical Center (KMC) in Keokuk has

three years.

"While this has been a successful joint effort, the determination has been made to discontinue the partnership between FMCH and Blessing, therefore, closing KMC. Patients will continue to be seen at KMC through August 31st," the release indicated. "KMC filled a

been in place for the past void in health care in the Keokuk market during a difficult time. Since then, other healthcare providers in the region have expanded their primary healthcare services, leading to the decision to close Keokuk Medical Center, allowing FMCH and Blessing to focus on

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NEST





Blossom ate my wedding ring

Blossom doesn't like being weaned. Not one bit. When I go in her pen to check her calf starter, hay, and water, she pesters me to no end, nose bumping me for milk and sucking on anything she can get ahold of—like clothing, fingers, or elbows. (She thinks I'm her mother.) That nose bumping hurts, especially when she comes up from behind and nails me in the rear!

Curt confronts Blossom with his ringless finger. She neither confirms nor denies any knowledge of its whereabouts, as she she tries to get another taste. To pacify her, so that I can get to her feed and water, I had taken to letting her suck my fingers while I tend to her food. This was awkward at best—her sucking on one hand, leaving my other hand free to feed and water, but it got the job done and kept her from ramming me. I hate it when I'm carrying a bucket of water or feed and she slams into me, knocking everything two-ways-to-thunder. She's a big calf at seven weeks, maybe 200 pounds. So, I had become adept at letting Blossom suck the fingers on my left hand, leaving my right hand free to work on the feed and water.

It was after morning chores, while I was eating breakfast, that I noticed my wedding ring was gone. I checked the sink where I wash my hands. Not there. I checked everywhere. Nothing. Then it hit me—Blossom! Uh, oh. It was the fingers on my left hand that I let her suck. I've been losing weight and my wedding ring was loose. It had to be her! Maybe she had sucked the ring off and spit it out.

I scurried out to her pen and scoured the ground. Nothing. I called a retired veterinarian friend and explained the "unusual" situation. He chuckled and patiently explained that bovine have four stomachs, and in a seven-week old calf, the stomachs are hardly developed. If the ring was in her, it would morethan-likely stay. I needed to have her x-rayed. If the ring did pass through, it would probably take 48

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Obituaries/Area News

OBITUARIES

YOLANDA LEE CHEEK (SAM)

Yolanda Lee Cheek (Sam), age 80, of Mt. Pleasant Iowa, formerly of Fort Madison, passed away Friday June 1, surrounded by her loving family. She was born October 23, 1937 to Eugene Bruno and Wanda (Coppage) Eicher.

Sam enjoyed many years of her life working as a bartender, where she loved social-

izing and meeting new people; she never met a stranger. Following her years bartending, she began working for Trailmobile Trailers in Jonesboro, Arkansas; a job she always said she loved. She enjoyed baking cookies and other goodies for everyone in her department.

Sam always put everyone's feelings and needs above her own and would do anything she could to help out others whether family, friend, or stranger. Her heart was pure gold and she will be missed by anyone that was blessed to have met her.

Sam is survived by her five children, Mike (Laura) Yaunk of Corpus Christi, TX, Chuck (Kayla) Yaunk of Pensacola, FL, Cory (Yvonne) Yaunk of Cape Coral FL, Lee (Chuck) Vandenberg of Fort Madison, and Kelly (Mike) Holdefer of Mt. Pleasant; brothers Ronald (Mary Ann) Bruno of Iowa City, Rick Eicher of Le Claire; and sisters Phyllis (Leonard) Anderson and Connie Clark of Fort Madison. She also leaves behind seventeen grandchildren, Mikey Yaunk, Jason Yaunk, Charlie Tunstall, Tara Farris, Sara McMorris, David McDowell, Samantha Douglas, Chad Yaunk, Stephanie L. Yaunk, Danielle Yaunk, Austin Taylor, Kelsey Vandenberg, Taylor Vandenberg, Sean VanTiger, Samantha Dowell, Paul Holdefer, and

Jared Holdefer as well as nineteen great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers Rio Bruno and Pete Eicher and grandchildren Amy Yaunk and Cody Morgan.

Graveside services will be held at Oakland Cemetery in Fort Madison on Wednesday June 6th at 11:30 AM, followed by a Celebration of Life at the Eagles in Fort Madison.

Flowers should be sent to the Services for Yolanda Cheek, c/o Murphy Funeral Home, 408 N. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641 for delivery to the cemetery.

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Alliant donates \$45K to area non-profits

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa – Twenty-four area nonprofit organizations are receiving community grants totaling \$44,772 from the Alliant Energy Foundation this spring.

"These organizations do such valuable work that makes our communities stronger," said Julie Bauer, executive director of the Alliant Energy Foundation. "Our investments support their crucial activities in the areas of helping families, education and the environment."

Another round of giving will take place in the fall.

Spring grant recipients include:

- State University of Iowa Foundation, Iowa City \$5,000 Women in Science and Engineering (WiSE)
- Southeastern Community College Foundation, West Burlington \$2,000 for SCC Girls Coding Camp Challenge STEM focus
- Eagle Point Nature Society, Clinton \$2,500 for trail and grounds access and improvement
- Clayton County Conservation Board, Elkader \$2,874 for backpacking equipment for Clayton County
- N-Compass, Inc., Marion \$3,000 for Iowa Project AWARE (A Watershed Awareness River Expedition)
- Camp Courageous of Iowa, Monticello \$2,500 for Camp Courageous of Iowa Camperships
 - River Bend Food Reservoir, Davenport \$2,500 for mobile pantry program
 - The Arc of Southeast Iowa, Iowa City \$2,000 for job-seeking skills training
- Bur Oak Land Trust, Iowa City \$5,089 for restoring habitat for native pollinators

• City of Solon, Solon, \$2,500 for Solon Recreation and Nature Area Phase IV Also receiving grants are: Young House Family Services, Burlington; Bluff Elementary, Clinton; Clinton Public Library, Clinton; River Cities Information, Referral & Assistance Services, Clinton; Sunflower Childcare Center, Inc., Decorah; Central Lee Community Schools, Donnellson; Test Kitchen Education Foundation, Fort Madison; City of Low Moor, Low Moor; Future Farmers of America State Associations and Local Chapter, Baldwin; Healthy Henry County Communities, Mt. Pleasant; North Bend Elementary Parent Teacher Group, North Liberty; North Liberty Community Pantry, North Liberty; Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District, Vinton; Southeastern Community College Foundation, West Burlington.

These grants are among 188 the Foundation awarded this grant cycle, totaling over \$465,000.



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Celebrations/From the Front

Wife just shakes her head at life on the farm

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hours, give or take.

I went to our friendly rental store and rented a metal detector and scanned the ground in Blossom's pen. Nothing. Now, twice a day, I take a trowel and begrudgingly poke through the fresh cow-pies in hopes of finding the ring. I refuse to have Blossom x-rayed. If the ring is in her it would require



surgery. Let's see, a \$2,000 dollar surgery versus a \$500 wedding band. But there's sentimental value in the ring. Hmm. Naw. Ginnie just shakes her head in wonder at life on the Empty Nest Farm.

Meanwhile, Blossom chews her cud and curiously watches me from the corner of her pen while I pick through her cow-pies. There's a little gleam in her eye, like, "That'll teach'm to wean me."

It was after this morning chore that, when I went to feed and water the chickens, I found three dead hens. The mink was back. Aaarrgh! The age-old battle between man and nature! But I knew what to do. I got the live animal trap, baited it with one of the dead hens, and set it where I thought it might be effective. I then proceeded to mow.

Out of the corner of my eye, I thought I caught a glimpse of a little furry animal under the hen house. I told myself that it must be a baby rabbit.

After mowing, I checked the live animal trap to see if it was still set. I'll be darned, the trap was tripped and in it was a not-too-happy mink. I couldn't believe it. The mink had returned in broad daylight while I was mowing, penetrated the electric mesh fence, and got caught in the trap. Will wonders never cease?!

Mr. or Ms. Mink got a long, long ride.

Now, if I could just find that wedding band.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at <u>curtswarm@yahoo.com</u> or find him on Facebook. Curt's stories are also read at 106.3 FM in Farmington.

Birth Announcement

LAMOSI AMARA BREWER

KEOKUK - Cheyenne Crenshaw and Corey Brewer of Keokuk announce the birth of their daughter LaMosi Amara Brewer on May 31, 2018 at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Grandparents are Wendy Crenshaw, Eric Crenshaw, Kim Brewer and Alonzo Brewer, all of Keokuk.

Great-grandparents are Cathy Bostic of Keokuk, Clyde Bostic of Ozarks, Mo., Charles Boyd of Keokuk and Andrey Worley of Keokuk.

Pen City Current congratulates the family on this wonderful news.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police report

05/31/18 - 8:23 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary on 29th Place. 05/31/18 - 9:38 a.m.

- Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue M. 05/31/18 - 11:34 a.m.
- Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1400 block of Avenue J. 05/31/18 - 1:44 p.m.
- Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary on Oak Drive. 05/31/18 - 2:01 p.m.
- Fort Madison Police

responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 900 block of Avenue H. 05/31/18 - 2:23 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the Lee County area. 06/01/18 - 6:38 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of

Lee County Sheriff's report

a larceny/theft in the 600

block of 34th Street.

05/31/18 - 12:27 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Payton Wrage VanPelt-Vice, 22, for Fort Madison, in the 1300 block of Hwy. 2 in Donnellson on warrants for assault

with injury and accessory after the fact. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond. 05/31/18 - 3:34 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Travis Earl Nelson, 39, of Donnellson in the 1700 block of 160th Avenue in Fort Madison on a charge of violating a temporary restraining order. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 05/31/18 - 5:02 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested William Gene Moyers, 56, of Newton, at the Newton Correctional Facility on a court ordered hold. He was held in custody.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

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Clear Skies High- 74.1° F | Low - 64.6° F

TUE 05 Jun



Clear Skies High- 81.3° F | Low - 69.0° F

WED 06 Jun



Clear Skies High- 77.6° F | Low - 72.5° F

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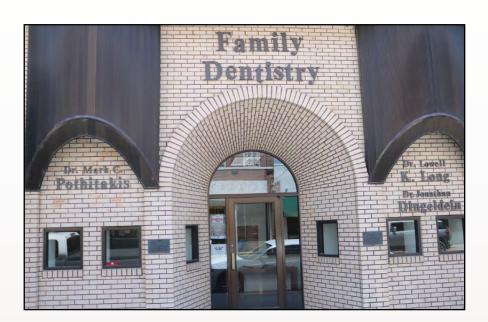
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Sports/From the Front

HTC boys fall in extra innings to Notre Dame

Crusaders had bases loaded in top half of eighth inning

BY PCC STAFF

BURLINGTON - The Holy Trinity Crusaders had the bases loaded in the bottom of the 8th inning, but couldn't get a runner around and dropped a 7-8 extra inning affair Friday against the Nikes in boys high school baseball action.

Sophomore Reed Fehseke, senior Collin Thornton and freshman Jason Thurman all drew walks to open the bottom of the eighth. But Fehseke was gunned down at the plate on a fielder's choice when junior Kyle Bredemeyer hit a grounder to first. Bredemeyer reached on the fielder's choice, to keep the bases loaded with one out.

Freshman Kadin Medland and senior Zander Schweiss both fanned in the next two at bats to end the game.

Fehseke went 3-for-4 with a double, a run scored and an RBI in the loss. Sophomore Quentin Schneider went 2-for-3 with a run scored and an RBI.

The Crusaders jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the top of the second inning when Bredemeyer led off with a single and then Medland got plunked putting two men on. Senior Zander Schweiss reached on an infield

HTC junior high squad splits with NL

BY PCC STAFF

NEW LONDON - The Holy Trinity junior high softball team split a pair of games at New London Thursday night.

In game one, New London edged the Crusaders 12-11 with Anna Sobczak going 2-for-2 at the plate and taking the loss on the mound. Breanne Peterson went 2-for 4. Laura Mehmert, Kayla Box and Jenna DiPrima each had hits for HTC.

Holy Trinity won the second game 12-5 with Mary Hellige getting the win and getting two hits. Box went 4-for-4, Brooke Mueller and Raquel Schneider each went 3-for-5, Alexa Dingman had a couple of hits and Sobczak added a hit for the Crusaders.

HTC is 6-2 on the year and will host Cardinal of Eldon in West Point on Friday in a double header starting at 5:30 p.m.

error that scored Bredemeyer from second. Medland scored when freshman Garrett Hannum grounded out to second. Schneider reached on walk with one out and moved to second on Jason Thurman's ground out to short and then scored when Fehseke singled to center. Collin Thornton popped out to third to end the

The Nikes came back with six runs in the bottom half of the inning, chasing starter Medland for Jason Thurman. The Nikes' Drew Chiprez, Mitchell Brent and Nick Skerik all doubled in the inning. Two fielder's choices, a hit batsman, and a couple of singles did the rest of the damage and the Nikes were up 6-4.

HTC put two more up in the top of the third inning. Vasin Thurman, Bredemeyer and Schweiss all reached on fielding errors. Thurman scored on one of the errors and Bredemeyer came around to score on Schneider's two-out double to left to tie the game at six.

The Nikes took the lead again in the bottom of the third when Carson Chiprez knocked in Riley Koenig for a 7-6 lead. Jason Thurman then settled in and held the Nikes in check until the eighth inning. The Crusaders tied the game in the sixth when Fehseke lined a one-out double to the corner in left and came around to score with two outs when Collin Thornton reached on a two-base error at third.

The Crusaders fall to 2-5 on the season and play host to Van Buren on Monday night at South Park

On Thursday, Collin Thornton when 3-for-3 with a double, triple and three RBIs in the 5-14 loss to New London at South Park.

Schneider, Jason Thurman and Fehseke all drew walks to open the bottom of the first after spotting the Tigers a two-run top half. Thornton reached on an error, that plated Schneider. Vasin Thurman then reached on a fielder's choice at short that scored Jason Thurman and the Crusaders tied up the game at two after the first inning.

The Tigers broke the game open in the second and sixth innings, and then plated four more in the seventh. Freshman Cole Thornton threw the first 1 1/3 giving up five runs all earned on three hits and one strike out. Fehseke came in with one out in the second and went 3 1/3 innings giving up four runs, one earned, on five hits and four strikeouts. Vasin Thurman threw two innings and gave up five runs. Kyle Bredemeyer was brought in in the top of the seventh to record the final out.

The Crusaders gave up nine runs over the last four innings but only managed to score three runs over the same period as New London pulled away for the win. Fehseke scored in the third off Collin Thornton's triple. Jason Thurman came around to score in the bottom of the seventh on Thornton's double, and then Fehseke came around to score on a ground out. Medland grounded out to short to end the game.

Keokuk Medical Clinic will see patients through Aug. 31

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other strategic healthcare needs in the region."

Officials said Dr.
Annette Oetken and Dr.
Misty Bowen and their
professional staff will
continue to see patients
through August 31st,
2018. Personal letters
will be sent to all patients
currently under the care
of Dr. Oetken and Dr.
Bowen with more details

for continuity of care and how to attain their medical records. The KMC office will be open through September 28th for that purpose.

FMCH and Blessing are working with all of the team members at KMC to help them find new positions after the closing.

The center was opened in 2014 to help enhance

access to primary healthcare services in Keokuk and surrounding communities. Since then, other healthcare providers in the region have expanded their primary healthcare services, leading to the decision to close the Keokuk Medical Center, allowing Fort Madison and Blessing to focus on other strategic healthcare needs

in the region, according to the release.

Between now and August 31, Keokuk Medical Center staff will work with patients to help them find another provider.

Blessing Health System owns the Keokuk Medical Center building and will assess its future over the coming weeks.









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From the Front/Classifieds

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and past residents to get a fresh look at the community.

"I've seen people this weekend that have moved away that have come back for this. People have been able to really see our community really close up," Young said.

DeAnne Boner, who has also helped in putting on the event said the point of the event is to get together with others and enjoy the weekend.

"Just get together and just have a good time and visit. Nobody takes the time to sit and socialize."

She also urged people to check out the Denmark Heritage Days Facebook page for more information about what the Heritage Days Festival holds at https://www.facebook.com/DenmarkHeritageDays/.

"We have just a little bit for everyone...the church is involved, the firemen are involved..." said Boner.

The closing day of the festival holds the most popular event - the tractor parade. People who register their tractors and other vehicles have the opportunity to participate in the parade along with the Denmark Fire Department.

"The parade is "where it all started," said Young, expressing the importance of the community coming together.

"This face-to-face is what we need," she said.

The Denmark Heritage Days Festival takes place in the first weekend of June. Young and Boner said the best way to understand the importance of the festival is for people to come check it out themselves.



Photo by Ashlyn Butler/PC

Tractor enthusiasts had plenty to see over the weekend in Denmark's Star Park as the Heritage Days Festival took place over the weekend.

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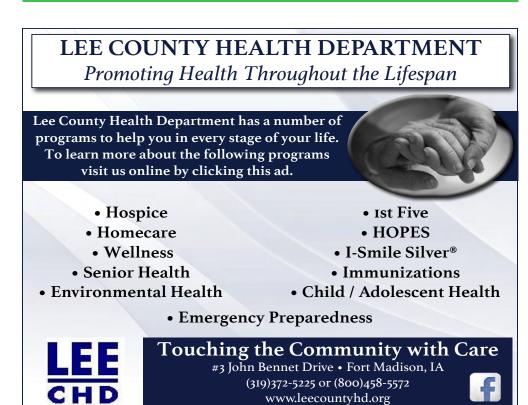
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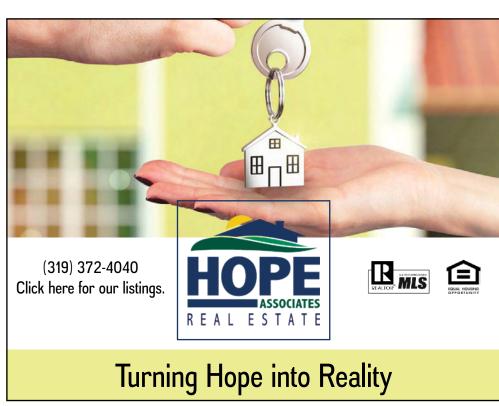




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