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Union calls out ISP on recent assault

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - An assault on a correctional officer at Iowa State Penitentiary last week has prompted local union officials to meet with prison officials again about ongoing staffing concerns.

On Friday, ISP officials released a statement that a correctional officer had been assaulted by an inmate with punches and then kicks once the officer was on the ground. The release indicated that other officers in the area responded quickly and got the situation under control. The officer was taken to Fort Madison Community Hospital for treatment and was released.

On Thursday, the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 61 released a statement that the Iowa Department of Corrections hadn't released the full scope of the incident.

In the statement, AFSCME Council 61 president Danny Homan wrote that according to eyewitnesses four inmates were involved in the assault. Homan stops short of saying there were involved in the attack on the officer, but instead tried to slow down other

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Finding the clues

Fort Madison library patrons signed up for a creepy Edgar Allen Poe Escape Room on Thursday evening at the Fort Madison Public Library. Clues and ciphers were used to try and escape the "room" in 15 minutes.

Local student rubs elbows with world agriculture leaders

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A 16-year old Holy Trinity Catholic student rubbed elbows with some of the brightest agriculture minds in the world as part of the Global Youth Institute in Des Moines last week.

Junior Wyatt Hellman attended the event on an invitation after submitting a

paper on water scarcity issues in Algeria on the African continent.

His paper focused on several ways the Algerians could increase water supply including desalination, which can potentially turn sea water into potable water, but requires a lot of energy. Algeria sits on the Mediterranean Sea to its north, but has desert climates in the center and

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Crusaders Advance

Holy Trinity looks seasoned in semifinal win

Next up: East Union in Region 8, Class 1A finals with state tourney on the line

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

BLOOMFIELD - It was deja vu all over again Thursday night for the Holy Trinity Catholic Crusaders.

The girls in blue put up 25-9, 25-9, 25-9 wins over Seymour to advance to the Region 8, Class 1A finals Tuesday against East Union at Evans Middle School. The game had an earlier start time of 6 p.m. East Union has won five in a row and knocked off Southeast Warren 3-1 in the bottom half of the regional bracket Thursday. Southeast Warren took five sets from the Eagles without a loss in the regular season.

But the Crusaders were busy jumping all over the Lady Warriors in all three sets of a match that lasted less than an hour.

Senior Mya Lawlor and Bailey Hellweg kick started the night pushing the Crusaders to a 5-1 lead and then missed her only serve of the night as Seymour's defense had trouble adjusting to Head Coach Melissa Freesmeier's placement calls. Lawlor went a sparkling 26-27 serving with six aces on the night.

Lawlor said her serving was the thing she wanted to work on most in this, her senior year. Several of her serves on the night were arch serves that just cleared the net in the front row.

"This season that has been the worst thing I've had to work on. So whenever she gives me a short spot, I really have to focus," Lawlor said.

The Crusaders kept the Lady Warriors at an arm's distance through the set, but had cut the lead to 8-4 when senior Taylor Boeding went long on an attack, but came back for a side out with a kill on the next point. Sophomore Katie Denning got a kill from her



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Obituaries/Area News

JANET LEE CLARKSON

Janet Lee Clarkson, 68, of Fort Madison, Iowa, passed away at 9:11 p.m. Wednesday, October 24, 2018, at the Great River Hospice House in West Burlington, Iowa.

Born July 23, 1950, in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of Albert and Genevieve (Schlicher) Fraise.



CLARKSON

Survivors include two sons: Tom Ruble of Donnellson and Jason (Rachel) Ruble of Fort Madison; three grandchildren: Genevieve, Gabrielle and Roan Ruble; three step-grandchildren: Camdon, Reuben and Renzo Eid; one brother: Steve (Debbie) Fraise of Montrose; two sisters: Sandy (Mike) Smith of Marengo and Sara (Gary) Sandburg of Fort Madison. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; two grandchildren: Thomas Ruble and Taylor Ruble and step-father: Keith Fraise.

Janet attended Central Lee High School. She worked at the Keokuk Area Hospital for over twenty-five years. She was a member of the Cardiac Kapers and American Quarter Horse Association. She enjoyed horse riding, camping at the Tri-State Rodeo, her dogs and cats, traveling to South Dakota to trail ride and spending time with her sons and grandchildren.

Family will meet with friends from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 27, 2018, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson.

A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. with Reverend Mark P. Spring officiating. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in West Point, Iowa. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in her memory. Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be made at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

The Current runs obituaries at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes.

WALLACE EUGENE GALBREATH

Wallace "Wally" Eugene Galbreath, 91, of East Point, GA, formerly of Keokuk, IA died peacefully at his home on October 16, 2018.

Wally was born November 28, 1926 in Keokuk, Iowa to Obie and Adah (Roach) Galbreath. Wally spent his childhood in Keokuk before being drafted into the military,



GALBREATH

where he served in the US Army's Red Ball Express Transportation Unit during World War II.

Wally returned to Keokuk after the war and welcomed a daughter, Jacqueline. He soon moved to Evanston, Illinois where he met and fell in love with Rosary Bacon. They were married June 26, 1952. In 1958, they welcomed a son, Keith, and two years later, a daughter, Nona. Wally worked as a mechanic and was Past Commander for VFW Post 7186 in



Evanston.

Aside from fixing cars, Wally enjoyed fishing, woodworking, and was an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs. After retiring, he moved back to Keokuk with his wife, who soon after preceded him in death. Wally kept up with his hobbies and enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. In 2014, he moved to Atlanta, where he remained until his passing.

Wallace is survived by his sister, Lillian Clark, his daughter, Jacqueline (Joe) Scott, and son, Keith (Tina) Galbreath, all of Keokuk; daughter, Nona (Arthur) Galbreath Allen, of Atlanta, Georgia, granddaughters, Amber Garza, of Atlanta, and Angelina (Robert) Tomow, of Mount Pleasant, Iowa; grandsons Jay (Sarah) Scott, Travis (Brianne) Scott, and Jarod Galbreath, all of Keokuk, and Randall Galbreath, of Chicago, Illinois; as well as former daughter-in-law, Karen Hudson-Galbreath and her son, Aaron Dunlop, both of Chicago. In addition to his wife, Rosary, Wallace was preceded in death by his sister, Dorryce Houston, and brother, Paul Galbreath.

Memorial services for Wally will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, October 30 at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with Pastor Sylvia Tillman officiating. Burial with military rites will take place immediately afterwards at Keokuk National Cemetery

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk is assisting the family with arrangements.

On-line condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

State Patrol names other victim of Oct. 6 crash

BY PCC STAFF

LEE COUNTY - The Iowa State Patrol has identified 26-year-old Taylor Joseph Ruble of Afton as the second victim in a fiery two-vehicle collision west of Fort Madison on Hwy. 2 Oct. 6. that claimed two lives.

Vincent Seaver, 47 of Hamilton, Ill., was identified as the other victim of the Saturday morning tragedy. Seaver's name was released the day of the investigation, but Iowa State Patrol officials didn't release the name of Ruble pending further identification.

The ISP crash reporting website didn't update the report and only holds about eight days worth of reports so the name was never listed on a published report. ISP officials said this morning the name had been on the report for some time, but doesn't get updated on the website.

Pen City Current only inquired today about the second name at which time ISP officials in Mt. Pleasant indicated the name had been released.

The collision occurred on Highway 2 about three miles east of Fort Madison near Appleberry Orchard and 248th Avenue at 11:53 a.m.

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Obituaries/Lottery Numbers

AMY MARIE KEEFE

Amy Marie Keefe, 50, of Argyle, Iowa, passed away at 3:10 p.m. Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at her home after a three year battle with cancer.

She was born September 9, 1968, in Fort Madison, Iowa, the daughter of Rodney and Lena (Aldridge) Link. On August 24, 1984, she married David E. Keefe in Anson, Missouri.



KEEFE

Survivors include her husband: David of Argyle; four children: Tony (Rosemary) Keefe of Donnellson, Cody (Erin) Keefe of Iowa City, Ashley Keefe of Argyle and Jessie (Sarah Strother) Keefe of Donnellson; seven grandchildren: Grayce, Elyjah, Finley, Ruxin, Chloe, Caden and Noah; parents: Rodney and Lena Link of Argyle; grandmother: Hazel Hawes of Argyle; four brothers and sisters: Tracy (Orville) Krogmeier of Denmark, Robin (Gerry) Ashton of Topeka, Kansas, John (Michelle) Fuger of Shanghai, China and Matt (Heather) Fuger of Donnellson; mother and father-in-law: Carolyn and Harold Pundt of Keokuk, Iowa and father-in-law: Larry Fuger of Plant City, Florida. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents.

Amy was a 1986 graduate of Central Lee High School. She worked as a bus driver for Central Lee Schools, provided daycare in her home and taught Sunday School. She was a member of Argyle Presbyterian Church and the Teamsters Union Local 238. Amy enjoyed quilting, reading and spending time with her grandchildren and family.

Family will receive friends from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, October 28, 2018, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, October 29, 2018 at Argyle Presbyterian Church in Argyle with Pastor Shelby Whitney officiating.

Burial will be at the Keokuk National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in her memory.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

DOC official says union leader politicizing staff assaults

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officers from helping.

Homan said the offender threw six punches and kicked the at officers head 13 times.

Homan also said on Thursday union members met with Warden Patty Wachtendorf over their concerns about the safety of staff at the facility. Details of that meeting were not released.

DOC Communications Director Cord Overton issued a statement via email to Pen City Current indicating the DOC was standing by its original statement, which he stating it was both accurate and timely.

"Our staff and their well-being is the highest priority of this department," Overton wrote. "After any assault on staff or other inmates, the department initiates an investigation into the incident. Any attempt to preemptively release the confidential details and evidence compiled as part of that investigation undermines the integrity of the investigation and the security of the correctional system. Attempts to politicize attacks on our staff, damages the overall security of our facilities and the safety of our staff."

The assault is the fifth attack on an officer since July 2017 and the third this year. On March 28, a correctional officer sustained minor injuries as a result of a head butt to the face from an inmate in restraints. In January, an correctional officer was attacked by an offender while a search was being done on the offender's cell. That officer received medical treatment at ISP and resumed his duties that day.



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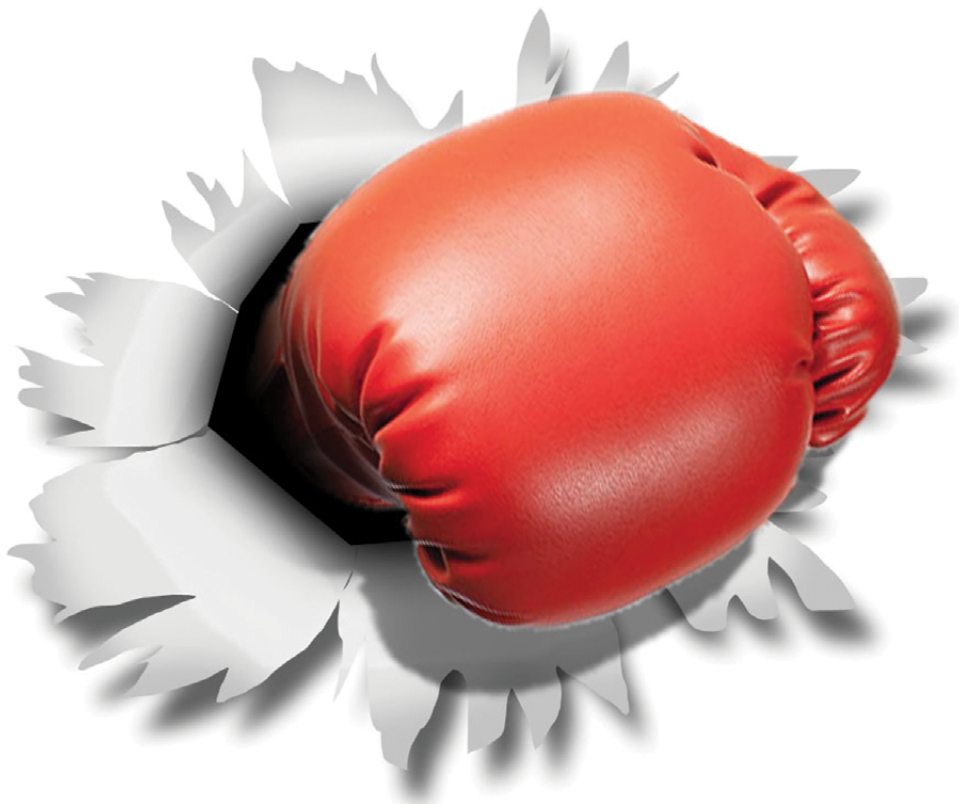


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Witches Walk

Fort Madison's Main Street will be hosting a Witches Walk October 26th from 5 to 7 p.m. in downtown Fort Madison. For more information contact the Partner's offices at 319-372-5471. Wear your witches costume and shop downtown.

Ghost Hunt

The Fort Madison Partners are sponsoring a Ghost Hunt on Oct. 26-27 with Iowa Paranormal conducting investigations at some of the most haunted homes west of the Mississippi. For more information or tickets contact the Partners office at 319-372-5471.

Key Club Halloween Carnival

The annual Fort Madison High School Key Club and Fort Madison Kiwanis Halloween Carnival will be held on Oct. 27 from noon to 2 p.m. at the high school with games, costume contests and prizes.

PORT Boo-Athlon

The Fort Madison PORT Trail committee will be holding it's annual Boo-Athlon on Saturday, Oct. 27 at the Baxter Sports Complex. A 5K Walk/Run, a 10-mile bike ride and Duathlon will start at 9 a.m. Registration forms can be found online at www.fortmadison-ia.com under the Community tab/PORT; on the PORT of Fort Madison Facebook page or by calling Kathy Benda at 319-470-7848. and are due by Oct. 13 to guarantee a t-shirt.

Fort Madison Beggar's Night

The Fort Madison Public Library will be the site of a Haunted House from 3:45 to 5:45 p.m. on Oct. 30 hosted by the Anime Club and Thursday Crafternoons.

19th Street Trick or Treat

Kempker's, Fareway, Hall's Ice Cream, Holtkamp's and New Dimensions will host a Beggars' Night from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 19th Street and Avenue H. Beggar's will be treated to a hot dog, drink and candy.

Fort Madison Beggar's Night

The citywide beggar's night begins at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30 throughout the city of Fort Madison.

Old Settler's 3rd annual Trick or Treat


The Old Settlers Association is once again holding a lighted, safe Trick or Treat night at Old Settler's Park on 4th Street and Avenue E from 5 to 7 p.m. A light supper is provided by Fraise Auction & Real Estate. Contact Sheryl at 372-7813 on reserving a table.

P.A.W. Taco Supper


P.A.W. Animal Shelter will be holding a taco supper fundraiser at Sunnybrook, 5025 River Valley Road from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. All meals include two fried soft tacos, spanish rice and a cookie. For orders of 10 or more call 24 hours in advance at 319-372-8611. \$6 dine-in or carry out, \$8 for delivery.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST


FRI 26 Oct

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SAT 27 Oct

 Light Rain
High– 50.4° F | Low – 36.8° F

SUN 28 Oct

 Light Rain
High– 49.7° F | Low – 40.5° F

MON 29 Oct

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High – 54.3° F | Low – 45.4° F

TUE 30 Oct

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High– 59.6° F | Low – 52.0° F

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Young Professionals Food Drive

The Fort Madison Young Professionals will host a food drive on Nov. 1 at Kinnick South from 5 to 7 p.m. to help bolster supplies at the Fort Madison Food Pantry. Non-perishable food items, toiletries and monetary donations will be accepted.

Veteran's Breakfast at Sunnybrook

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From the Front

HTC junior says agriculture may now be in his future



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Holy Trinity's Wyatt Hellman poses with his Global Youth Initiative certificate after participating in the 3-day symposium on dealing with world food crises.

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south regions.

"They don't have much water and it's made worse by infrastructural issues and the large amount that goes toward agriculture," Hellman said. "Another issue they have is they are very successful compared to most African countries because the oil and gas reserves are in that country. That's the only industry, so when that market dips, the whole country dips. To solve that economic issue, you have to solve the water problem."

He said he proposed in his paper that the country invest in technology that makes farming systems more water efficient. He said the proportion of water used in farming and the food that farming produces is off because farming doesn't produce

near enough food to feed the country.

"With more efficient farming irrigation systems, you could switch some of the water usage back over to the people and that would be one way to help solve the problem," he said.

But Hellman said the real solution is going to result in a combination of many improvements including shoring up a leaky water supply system, fixing infrastructure, improving agricultural usage efficiency, and then incorporating such technologies as hydroponic and aeroponic crops that don't require as much water.

He said he applied and was accepted at the state level of the World Food Prize events, which is a one-day event at Iowa

State University. Both invitations came from Hellman's efforts on his research paper. He said he had to expand a little to be accepted at the Global Youth Initiative, which coincides with World Hunger Day, typically in October.

More than 300 students were invited to the Des Moines event, where the \$250,000 World Food Prize ceremony takes place. It was a three-day event and Hellman was the only student from HTC to make the trip and the first to go in many years, he said.

The event also included small group sessions with world ag leaders. Hellman's group included Dr. Laura Merrick of Iowa State University, Professor Linus Opara, of

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HTC junior

the International Horticulture Congress, and Dr. Li Chemin of the Chinese Academy of Agriculture Science.

He said in the small groups the leaders led discussions on how the students' papers and propositions could be expanded and cultivated into deeper thoughts on solutions.

"My favorite part after the small groups was meeting everyone from across the world," he said. "This is the first year I've been to the Global Youth Institute. Now having attended that, I have the opportunity to attend the Borlaug Ruan Institute, which is an opportunity for 24 or 25 kids that attended the Global Youth Institute. I'm in the process of applying for that internship now, which is two months at a research facility outside the U.S. That would be an awesome opportunity."

Hellman, who admits to not having any firm plans outside of high school, said the experience has now muddled up that process even more.

"Most of the students there were looking at careers in agriculture. I don't have any firm plans," he said. "This whole thing threw a wrench into it. I didn't have any particular interest in agriculture when I went, but now it has me maybe reconsidering a career in agriculture. Kind of made me think about things all over again."

He said the students in Des Moines represented 27 different states and 10 countries. Seventy of the students were from Iowa.

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Sports

Defense, serving boost HTC in semifinal win

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outside hitter spot to push the lead to six, but then HTC would race off on a 12-3 run capped by a double block with Claire Pothitakis and senior Emily Box on the left side to give HTC a comfortable 23-8 lead.

With Seymour's Acey Jellison serving, Box was all over the place in the middle of the court in a five-side rally and the senior ended the point with a mid-net kill to give a 24-9 lead. A defensive error from the Warriors ended the set.

Seymour jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the early going of the second set with a kill from Jellison to open the set and an attack that went long from Pothitakis. A Warrior swat at the net went deep left and then, at 1-2 with Lawlor at the service line again, the Warriors got into their offense and had a set at the net, but Box went up and knocked the ball out of the set to an open spot to steal the point. Box finished with 14 kills on 34-of-36 hitting in the match.



LAWLOR

HTC was then off to the races with a 15-4 run highlighted by four Box smashes and a kill from junior Avery Hopper at 11-5. At 17-6 senior Elyse Pothitakis went completely horizontal in the back row to dig up an attack. Several other Crusaders, including seniors Taylor Boeding and Katie Scoville, also made full-on dives at hard hit balls. The defensive ramp up didn't go unnoticed by

Freesmeier.

"I thought we did some great things defensively, and that's at the net and in the back row," she said. "Our kids were so consistent tonight all the way around. That's what we've been looking for all year around and I know they have it. They just need to believe in themselves. That was the best team effort we put out this year."

Lawlor then finished out the second set with two aces, with some help from Box who had a block for a point and two kills to put the set away.

In the third set, Seymour couldn't get anything going, trailing by as much as 14-3 in the early going. A kill by Eryn Anderson, who finished with seven on the night going 12-13 at the net, put HTC up 15-5. Boeding countered with another kill on the next point and then freshman Kassi Randolph threw in an ace to push the lead to 17-5. The Crusaders would then go an 8-4 run highlighted by three straight kills from Box, Boeding, and Claire Pothitakis to go up 22-8.

Lawlor pitched an ace on the next point and a couple of Seymour errors wrapped up the match.

Box said the Crusaders wanted to come in with the same mindset they've had in practice all week.

"Tonight we knew we had to all come in with the same intensity," she said. "In practice we worked on staying up and not accumulating the errors. Tonight we had to work on that and we stay hyped up and we just had a lot of energy and we played very well."

She said the defensive effort was crisp and there were some great plays, but they still need to work on some things.

"We played very well on defense considering when the ball was hit to us, but we can do better on the little things like picking up tips and things like that."

Freesmeier said this was the type of game the girls needed in preparation for the regional final Tuesday.

"They gained some confidence tonight and it was just a big big night for everyone. It was nice to see that team click and come together. That's the team we see at practice every night."

Boeding finished the night going 19-21 with seven kills. She was also 8 of 8 serving with six digs on defensive mode. Kassi Randolph had 14 assists on the night to lead HTC.

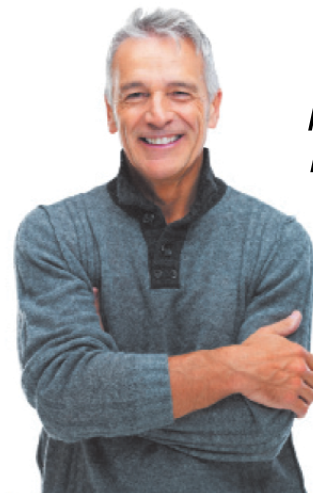
HTC moves to 36-3 on the year and is one game away from another trip to the Class 1A State Tournament in Cedar Rapids.



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Sophomore Katie Denning and senior Emily Box team up for a block in Thursday's action. The Crusaders downed Seymour 25-9, 25-9, 25-9 to advance to Tuesday's Region 8, Class 1A final in Ottumwa.

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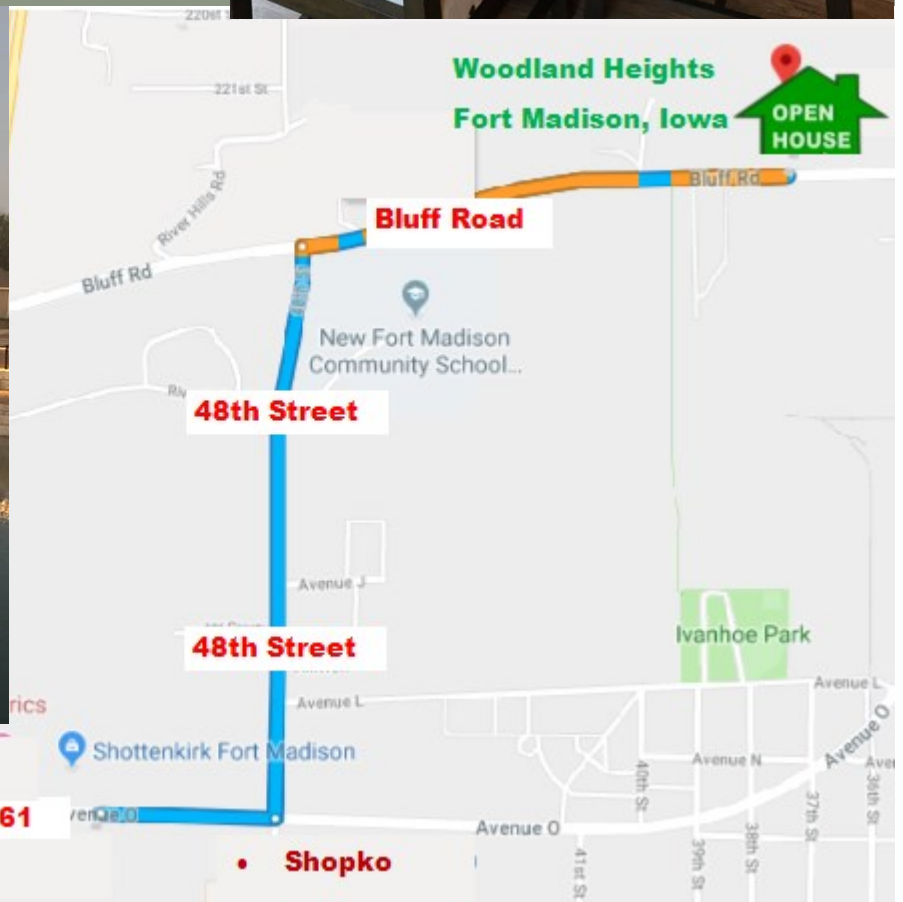
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