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Tri-State Rodeo ends with a Pardi

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - With the campfires being stamped out and trailers finding their way outta town, the 2017 Tri-State Rodeo may be remembered as one of the best ever.

Added events like the Friday night bullfights, coupled with the wildly popular CINCH Shootout, taking a flyer on 90s sensation Smash Mouth, and some awesome weather has General Chairman Josh Denning exhaling and thinking toward 2018.

Saturday's performance put a wrap on the season with Nashville Country Star Jon Pardi giving the crowd one more reason to whoop and holler after MC Boyd Polhamus said goodbye to the crowd and Rodeo competitors left it all on the arena dirt to walk away with Tri-State Rodeo championships.

Denning said Saturday night was close to a sellout and preliminary numbers indicate that more than 32,000 people came to the performances Wednesday through Saturday and that doesn't include the Lil Spurs rodeo and Special Kids rodeos that were free. Those two events set records for participation, too.

"We had record numbers on our Li'l Spurs Rodeo," Denning said. "We had to shut down the registration early and next year we'll probably have to cap that at 166 riders. And we just had a huge turnout for the Special Kids Rodeo on Sunday."

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Friday turned upside down for this bull rider at the Tri-State Rodeo. Below left Gregg Brockman, a.k.a. "Shoeloose", entertains Saturday during the parade and bottom right, Smash Mouth performs Friday night.

Rodeo action photos courtesy of Devan Andrews, Devan Marie Photography



Oskaloosa hands Hounds first loss

WB-ND up next on Friday night at home

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

OSKALOOSA - The night turned upside down in hurry for the Bloodhounds in a 58-14 loss to Oskaloosa Friday night.

Coming into the game 2-0, the Hounds were hoping to give the Indians, whose only loss was to top-ranked Pella, a run for their money on the road.

But the first series set the tone for the game as Oskaloosa was all over the Hounds from the get go forcing

two Lennon Barker incompletions on the first series of the game. On 4 and 12 the snap sailed over the head of Barker and into the endzone. Barker flipped the ball out of the back of the endzone for a safety. Oskaloosa then returned the ensuing kick for a touchdown, but that was nullified by a holding penalty and the hosts took over at the Hounds' 41.

The Bloodhounds didn't have an answer for the Indians senior quarterback Seth Howard who had success running and throwing against the Hounds all night. He started by going 5 of 5 including a 19-yard touchdown to Tanner DeKock on their first drive of the game to give

the Indians a 9-0 lead.

The Hounds regrouped and Barker found Lorenzo Riles twice on the Hounds' next possession, including a 16-yard completion on 1-10 from the 20 and then again for 31 yards on 3rd and 16 to get the ball to the Indians' 11. On the next snap, Barker found Quentin Estrada for a 10-yard gain to the 1, where Alex Gully pushed across the goal line. The PAT was blocked and the Hounds were down 9-6.

The Indians got two first downs in the next series and then attempted a 53-yard field goal that came up just short right and the Hounds took

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Now's not the time to pull on the depot reins

The Fort Madison City Council may very soon be faced with an up or down vote to continue working toward moving the Amtrak depot back to its original location at the historic depot near downtown.

Fort Madison City Councilman Rusty Andrews has voiced concerns on several occasions about the continued usage of city funds on promot-

ing the city's history. Solid stewardship of city funds is an admirable endeavor, and to Andrews' credit, he wasn't on the council when the ball started rolling on moving the Amtrak depot from its current location near the city's waste water



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Obituaries/Local News

BNSF bridge repairs to start with 3-hour closure on Monday

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison city officials and Burlington Northern Santa Fe officials have released times and dates for several closures of the swingspan bridge from Fort Madison to Illinois in the upcoming weeks and during the fall.

The first closure will take place on Monday, Sept. 11 and will be a three-hour single lane closure of the north bound lane for delivery and hoist of equipment. No times were provided for the three and four-hour closures of the bridge.

Wednesday, Oct. 4, will be the next closure with the northbound lane closed from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. for additional delivery, off loading and hoisting of equipment at the toll booth.

Another single lane closure will take place on Monday, Nov. 13 for the removal of the existing west traffic gate and the installation of the new gate. This will be a full day closure from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. of the westbound or north lane. A 3-hour closure will follow on Thursday, Nov. 16 to test the new west traffic gate.

A single lane closure for the removal of the existing east traffic gate and the installation of the new gate will take place on Monday, Nov. 27. This will be a full-day closure from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. of the eastbound or south lane.

On Wednesday, Nov. 30th, both lanes will be closed for three hours to test the new eastbound traffic gate. On Monday, Dec. 4 crews will be doing a full 4-hour bridge closure to test the traffic controls and bridge operating systems.

BNSF officials said the durations of closures are fixed, but based on installation schedules, delivery of equipment and installation progress, some of the dates are subject to change.

OBITUARIES

JOANNE SPIESZ

Joanne Spiesz, 75 of rural Croton, Iowa, passed away at 3:06 a.m. Friday, September 8, 2017 at the Fort Madison Community Hospital in Fort Madison, Iowa.

Born December 31, 1941 in Cincinnati, Ohio, she was the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Sorrells) Wagner. On July 2, 1966, she married Eugene Spiesz near Croton, Iowa.

Survivors include her husband, Eugene; two daughters, Kathy Woodley of Keokuk, Iowa and Diane Holcomb of Isom, Kentucky; four grandchildren, Barry Combs, Elizabeth Miles, Brandon Holcomb, and Kevin Holcomb; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one half-sister, Bettie Davis.

Joanne was a member of the Embury United Methodist Church. She retired from Sheaffer Pen Company, where she worked as an inspector. Joanne enjoyed quilting, crocheting, cross stitching, watching movies, and collecting antiques. She was an avid Iowa Hawkeye Fan.

Friends may call from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 10, 2017 at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson, Iowa, where the family will meet with friends from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, September 11, 2017 at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson, Iowa with Pastor Peg Ellingson officiating.

Burial will be in Embury Cemetery in rural Donnellson, Iowa.

Memorials may be made to Embury Cemetery.

Schmitz Funeral Home Donnellson is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Online Condolences may be sent to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

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Mega Ball: 14
Megaplier: 3



9/9
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Powerball: 22
Power Play: 2

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Pick 3 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
Pick 3 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm
Pick 4 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
Pick 4 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm



9/9
5 19 24 36 41
Hot Ball: 9
Sizzler: 3



9/8 MID-DAY
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9 3 0

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Sports

Hounds defense kept on its heels most of game

FOOTBALL - Continued from Page 1

over at the 20 and went four and out.

Howard led the Indians back down the field for a 10-play, 52-yard drive capped by a Howard pass to 6'8" wideout Cole Henry who drug Sheymouhr Redd-Donald into the end zone after a short 6 yard pass play for a 16-6 lead.

The Hounds had something going on the next possession, but a 16-yard sack of Barker on 3rd and 13 forced a punt. Howard took the next snap at the 34 and scampered through the middle of the field and cut right and down the sideline to put the Indians up 23-6.

Barker suffered his first interception of the year on the next possession on 3rd and 14. Howard and Indians running back Casey Hill went right to work on the Hounds. Miller rushed for 20 yards on two carries in the series and Howard completed two passes for 20 yards and then ran it in from 15 yards out to put the lead at 30-6. Howard would score again on the Indians next possession after holding the Hounds to a 4 and out, on an eight-yard run.

Fort Madison would get back on the board in the next series after Gully returned the kick 13 yards to the 14. Barker went 5-6 for 74 yards that ended with a 2-yard touchdown pass to Shance Redd-Donald. The two also hooked up on the conversion to make it 37-14, which would be the Hounds last score of the game.

Both teams went out on downs on their next possessions. After a Lennon Barker punt to

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”
 -Tony Shiffman
 FMHS Head Coach

the Indians 42, Howard dropped back on first and 10 and Shance Redd-Donald was patrolling the middle and picked the pass off and raced down the right sideline to about the 20-yard line. However Redd-Donald was flagged for a personal foul getting up and then another flag went flying when a Hound questioned the call. After all was said and done the Hounds suffered a 30-yard penalty.

“We were just undisciplined there. That was not us,” Head Coach Tony Shiffman said after the game. “I’m not angry that we lost, I’m disappointed. This is not the way we know how to play. This is not us.”

Barker threw a couple incompletions and was sacked for a 10-yard loss forcing the Hounds to punt again. Flags were all over on the next series, a total of seven on the series. But the Indians were able to move the ball down the field with 1:23 left in the half and scored when Howard found Henry again on a 4-yard score.

The Indians’ Hill found the end zone on the first possession after the half to push the lead to 51-14 starting a running clock. Sophomore Tyler Miller would add another score

in the fourth quarter to set the final score at 58-14.

Senior Alex Gully would break off another run on the last drive but was pushed out at the one after a 44-yard run. The Hounds next three attempts at the goal were shot down by the Indians.

Gully finished with 91 yards on 17 carries including a touchdown to lead the Hounds on the ground. Barker was 15 of 31 for 187 yards, a touchdown, and two interceptions on the night. Redd-Donald had six receptions for 68 yards, one touchdown, and a two-point conversion. Riles II finished with two receptions for 58 yards.

Redd-Donald and Sam Hayes led the Hounds on defense with four solo tackles each.

“This was a tough one,”



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Lorenzo Riles II makes a tackle on the Indians’ Nicolas Dykstra Friday night while Diego Lozano (17) and Sheymouhr Redd-Donald close in on the action.

Shiffman said. “We played well at times, but we’re just not there yet. We don’t know how to handle adversity yet.”

He said the Hounds prepared for what Oskaloosa

brought to the game.

“Everything we saw... everything they ran, we practiced against. It came down to us not executing on offense or defense.”

He said the offense

struggled executing and getting the ball into the right players’ hands.

“We were trying to use the field and get the ball to our best athletes and make plays. These changes aren’t going to happen overnight and I’m the one that has to be patient and understand that. That was a good football team and they are well-coached, but they aren’t 44 points better than us.”

The Hounds return home Friday to take on West Burlington-Notre Dame-Danville starting at 7:30 p.m.



Above, senior Quentin Estrada, hauls in a pass at the 1-yard line. The Hounds would score on the next play. At left, senior Alex Gully returns a kick in early action of Friday night’s 58-14 loss by the Hounds to Oskaloosa. Gully finished with 91 yards on 17 carries and a touchdown on the night.

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Sports/Local News

Lady Hounds breeze past Washington

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WASHINGTON - The Fort Madison Lady Hounds went deep into the bench in a sweep of Washington Thursday night, 25-9, 25-2, 25-15 in Southeast Conference volleyball.

Junior Kaeli Hutson was 18-19 hitting with six kills and 2 blocks on a night that saw FMHS Head Coach Kent Bailey swapping in personnel regularly.

Senior Leigh Johnson had 22 assists and had two blocks and senior Kamryn Bailey led the Hounds serving going 17-18 from the line with six aces to go with six digs from the back row.

Senior Amber Dilsaver was 19-21 hitting with 11 kills and three blocks patrolling the net area for Fort Madison.

Juniors Josie Pumphrey was a perfect 11 of 11 serving with two aces and Olivia Williams was 14 of 15 serving with three digs.

"Our serving was on tonight which made it tough on Washington to run their offense," Bailey said. "Our hitters had open lanes to swing which led to kills. Leigh distributed the ball well and during the third game we substituted liberally."

Braxtyn McGhghy was 7-9 from the line with two aces, and while Vanessa Golowach served 4 of 4 with two aces and Lilli Scott as 2 of 3 with an ace.

Shyla Farmer was 8 of 10 hitting with three kills, McKenna Fehseke was 7 of 8 hitting with four kills, Courtney Woodley was 4 of 4 hitting with 2 kills and Jassmine Bass was 4 of 4 hitting with one kill and two blocks.

"The kids are getting better at keeping their focus on playing on every play," Bailey said.

The Hounds are now 8-4 overall and 3-0 in the Southeast Conference and play at Keokuk on Tuesday.



Courtesy photo

Fort Madison Police Chief Tim Sittig, left, presents Capt. Rob Hogan with a plaque for Hogan's 25 years of service. Courtesy photo.

FMMS 8th graders start with win

BY PCC STAFF

FAIRFIELD - The Fort Madison 8th grade football team started the season with a 6-0 shut out Tuesday in Fairfield.

Landes Williams scored the only touchdown of the game on a 76-yard run. He also completed 5-of-7 passes for 63 yards. Tate Johnson had four of the receptions for 51 yards and Jacob McGowan hauled in one pass for 12 yards.

Williams led FMMS with 109 yards on six carries. Johnson and had seven rushes for 38 yards and Gavin Wiseman carried the ball five times for 17 yards.

Wiseman and McGowan led FM with six takes and Williams picked off two Fairfield passes to highlight the defensive efforts for FM.

Landes scored his touchdown in the 2nd quarter and helped seal the win with his second interception coming with under two minutes left in the game as Fairfield was inside the 20 looking to score.

Fort Madison will take on Central Lee Tuesday at home with 7th graders starting at 4:30 and the 8th grade game will follow.

Dennis wins junior high cross country meet at Van Buren

BY PCC STAFF

VAN BUREN - Katelyn Dennis motored to a first-place finish at the Van Buren cross country meet last week to pace Fort Madison Middle School.

Dennis ran the 1.5 mile meet with a time of 9:17, eight seconds ahead of Van Buren's Faith Neeley.

Tauren Settles was fourth overall in the meet and second for Fort Madison with a mark of 9:38.

Other top finishers for Fort Madison included Emily Steffensmeier 10:24, Myla Blanchard 10:48, Ellie Schulte, 10:52, Breeann Walston 10:53, Mcleena Cashman, 11:03,

Lauren Otte, 11:04, and Jordyn Boyer 11:29.

HTC girls run

Elliott Dostalek led the Holy Trinity Junior High girls with a time of 11:26 good for 35th place overall. Mary Hellige ran the course in 11:44, and Brooke Mueller 12:49.

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Regular Meeting
Agenda
DATE: TUESDAY,
September 12, 2017
MEETING
CONVENING TIME:
9:00 A.M.
LOCATION:
Correctional Center, 2530
255th St.,
Montrose, IA 52639
AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Agenda
Consider Approval of
Tuesday, September 5, 2017
Board Minutes
Consider Approval of
Claims
Public Input
Consider Approval of
Contracts for South Lee
Courthouse Roof Replace-
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Consider Approval of
Possible Change Orders for
Tuck Point Project at South
Lee Courthouse Personnel
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Department (4)
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Lee County, Iowa
Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
Agenda
DATE: FRIDAY,
September 15, 2017
MEETING
CONVENING TIME:
9:00 A.M.
LOCATION:

North Lee Office
Building, 933 Avenue H,
Fort Madison, IA 52627
AGENDA

Approve Agenda
Canvass of September 12,
2017 School Election
Adjourn

**PUBLIC MEETING -
CITIZENS WELCOME**

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Meeting Notice
CITY OF FORT
MADISON
Board of Adjustment
WILL MEET ON
Wednesday,
September 13, 2017, 6:00
PM
AT THE Council Cham-
bers at City Hall, 811 Ave
E.
TO DISCUSS THE
FOLLOWING:
AGENDA
1. Roll Call
2. Approval of minutes
8/9/17 meeting
3. Non-agenda item com-
ments, (if any)
4. Case #17-12: Special
Use Permit to allow for
Drive-up Coffee Shop at 909
48th St.
5. Case #17-13: Special
Use Permit to allow an
expired nonconforming use
to be converted to a special
use for Salvador Gonzales
to operate an event center,
catering business, part time
restaurant, and potentially
reuse of the apartments at
3525 Ave Q
6. Case #17-14: Variance
to exceed the maximum al-
lowable height of a residen-
tial accessory structure.
7. Case #17-15: Variance
to reduce required front yard
setback.
8. Adjournment

PUBLIC NOTICE
Lee County
Conservation Board
Special Meeting Agenda
September 12, 2017
6:00 p.m.
Lee County
Conservation Center,
2652 Highway 61 ,
Montrose, IA 52639
1. Call to order
2. Approval of minutes
from August 14, 2017
3. Public Input
This is the time of the
meeting that a citizen
may address the Board
on any matters pertain-
ing to the Lee County
Conservation Board.
The Board cannot take
formal action at the
meeting on matters not
included on the regular
agenda, but may ask
the staff to research
the matter or have the
matter placed on a sub-
sequent agenda.
4. Approval of Bills
5. Approval of Financial
Report
6. Review/Approve Step
Increase from Class V Step
1 at 17.57 to Class V Step
2 at 18.08 for Assistant
Naturalist
7. Accept donation of a
used 1988 John Deere 7200
planter from the Lee County
Pheasants Forever Chapter
(value \$5,500)
8. Discussion on Indian
Path Boat Ramp
9. Alliant Energy Work at
Red Wing Access
10. Staff Reports
11. Board Member Com-
ments
12. Closed session for the
purpose to discuss strategy
with counsel in matters that
are presently in litigation or
where litigation is imminent
where its disclosure would
be likely to prejudice or dis-
advantage the position of the
governmental body in that
litigation. Pursuant to the
provisions of section 21.5(1)
(c), Code of Iowa 2017
13. Possible action on
matters discussed in closed
session
14. Adjournment
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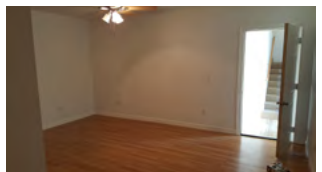


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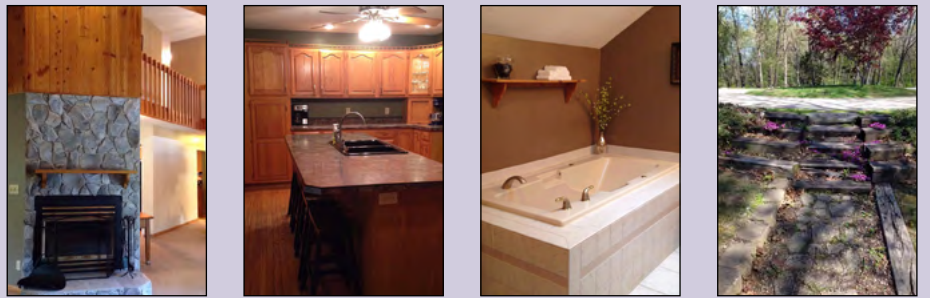
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Fort Madison Police Report

09/06/17 - 1:24 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1700 block of Avenue H.
 09/06/17 - 3:20 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1000 block of Avenue H.
 09/06/17 - 3:42 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 200 block of Avenue L.
 09/07/17 - 12:53 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited and released Crystal Lynne Wolf, 44, of Fort Madison on a charge of dog running at large.
 09/07/17 - 8:57 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1400 block of Avenue C.
 09/07/17 - 9:11 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 3000 block of Avenue N.
 09/07/17 - 11:01 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of property damage accident in the 5400

block of Avenue O.
 09/07/17 - 11:25 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1700 block of Avenue H.
 09/07/17 - 12:32 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1400 block of Avenue I.
 09/07/17 - 1:15 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Robert Alan Ulik, 36 of Fort Madison, in the 1700 block of Avenue H, on a warrant for driving while barred and for a separate charge of driving while barred. He was held at the Lee County Jail.
 09/07/17 - 9:55 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited and released Richard Jay Wells, 46 of Fort Madison in the 4000 block of Avenue J on a charge of driving under suspension.
 09/08/17 - 3:06 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Gregory Allen Johnson, 46 of St. Charles, Mo., on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance out of St. Louis County, Mo., He was taken and held at the Lee County Jail.
 09/08/17 - 12:51 a.m. - Fort Madison police

arrested Christopher Allen Seitz, 40, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of Avenue H and 26th Street, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

09/06/17 - 4:41 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kimberly Ann Sandeffer-Boorman, 32, of Fort Madison, at the Lee County Sheriff's office on warrants for failure to appear and contempt of court. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 09/06/17 - 5:57 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Eric Eugene Fortune, Jr., 24, of Fort Madison in the 2300 block of 220th Street in Donnellson on charges of criminal mischief and criminal trespass. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 09/07/17 - midnight - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Dereck Franklin Kent Harwood, 34 of Keokuk at the Lee County Sheriff's office on warrant

for probation violation. he was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 09/07/17 - 1:15 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Robert Alan Ulick, 36 of Fort Madison, in the 1700 block of Avenue H, on a warrant for failure to appear and a charge of driving while barred. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 09/07/17 - 1:36 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Benjamin G. Trane, 39, of Idaho Falls, ID at the Lee County Sheriff's office on warrants for sexual exploitation, child endangerment and sexual abuse. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 09/07/17 - 4:11 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Thurman Purdman III, 26 of Keokuk at the Lee County Sheriff's office, on a judgement entry. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 09/07/17 - 6:18 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jeremiah Matthew Bollin, 36 of Elvaston, Ill., at the Lee County Sheriff's office,

on a judgment entry.
 09/08/17 - 4:52 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Timothy Aaron Williams, 35, of Donnellson, in the 2300 block of 220th Street in Donnellson on a charge of 2nd degree burglary. 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

09/07/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one lift assist.
 09/08/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one medical call and one false alarm.

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Riders deboarding near downtown is a better bet

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treatment plant, into its former location at the historical depot.

But this literally and figuratively is like trying to stop a train in motion.

City Manager David Varley said Tuesday the city could be looking at \$50,000 plus per year to maintain the depot in the new location. He and Mayor Brad Randolph have both said those numbers are probably high because they didn't want to underestimate and end up with sticker shock come budget time.

The city's close to having an agreement ready for the council's approval to enter into a 20-year agreement with Amtrak. Varley said a more realistic number, once all the unknowns become 'knowns' would be \$30,000 or less. So we're talking about \$600,000 over the time of the agreement.

Attendance numbers of Amtrak riders through Fort Madison have dwindled from 9,000 riders in previous years to a projected 8,500 now and it's a good question to ask how many of those riders are fresh riders or people that already get off in Fort Madison. Maybe a real number of people who actually come into the town fresh is closer to 3,000 or 4,000. Some people want that studied to know what the impact is.

But even if it's 3,000, that's 3,000 you run the risk of losing if we don't do something with the depot and we've already spent \$600K on getting the depot ready. Sure, that improvement also helped the North Lee County Historical Society and the museum that's housed there, but.. they're already there and that investment will not result in any additional revenues to neighborhood businesses.

But there certainly won't be any incremental increase in traffic downtown or potential further increased revenues from possibilities that exist with the riverfront because of that \$600K if they don't move the depot.

Councilman Chris Greenwald threw down a gauntlet of sorts saying if the council voted against moving the depot, then he was going to push for a hard look at other ventures the city supports that don't generate revenues for self-sufficiency - specifically The Old Fort.

"That was built in 1985 with the intention of being self-sufficient and it never has been," Greenwald said at Tuesday's meeting. "If we aren't correct with this, then how are we correct with that." Greenwald also said at \$30,000 per year with 9,000 riders that equates to \$3.30 per rider. He said he thinks the city will get that back. Obviously that figure is fluid on both ends, but Greenwald is correct in saying those riders aren't doing any spending downtown where they're currently being dropped off.

It seems retrograde politics to us to agree to spend the money to improve the facility and prepare it for the new depot platform, then back off when it comes time to start building it.

Amtrak has struggled with ridership in the past and Congress almost pulled some funding this year due to poor revenues. Because the government subsidizes that ridership, just like the city will have to subsidize the depot. But Amtrak is trying to push communities to refurbish their depots and make them destination stops to help increase riders. If you don't, they have indicated they may pull your stop. If it works, more people would potentially make a stop at your depot.

At the current location, that may not be that big of deal despite Randolph and Greenwald both saying it "shrinks" the community when you pull infrastructure. If the depot was already downtown in it's former state and Amtrak said fix it or lose it, we would hope they would have chosen to fix it.

Following that logic, it's the right move for the city to potentially help these businesses downtown by at least



bringing those 3,000 to 4,000 people closer to the Main Street district.

There also is a push to create an art district along Main Street and people will bring a train into a town to visit those types of day stops or weekend stops and that will certainly convert to dollars for those business and gallery owners.

Councilman Brian Wright has said he's not sure he thinks the city should spend that money annually. Councilman Mark Lair has asked what happens if the council votes against the agreement. Councilman Chad Cangas said he didn't think moving the depot was a bad idea, but wanted to know how to tell his constituents that it was a good fiscal decision.

A lot of time you just don't know. But we agree with Greenwald when he said the city will find out if they don't do it.

Leaving that depot where it is may cost us the stop. Moving it certainly opens up the possibility of helping business owners downtown. Isn't that potential alone, knowing that you've already spent over half a million prepping the place, a reason to move forward?

By the way, Fort Madison mayoral candidates Chris Sorrentino and Brad Randolph were campaigning from the rodeo parade Saturday. Randolph rode a segway, which is a homonym for 'segue', a seamless move from one act to another without interruption....hmmm.

But that's Beside the Point.

Rodeo may reach out to fans for planning 2018

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Denning, who has one more year left as General Chairman said this was by far the best rodeo in terms of numbers in his term.

"I don't know how it would rank among the other chairman. I think Mike Culbertson set a record, but I think we'll have about 32,000 people through so it might be in the top five," Denning said.

He said the temperatures that hovered in the 60s and 70s for the performances and breezes during the day events in the early part of the week helped with the attendance.

"I couldn't have asked for better weather. Cody Johnson put on a great show Thursday and Smash Mouth was great on Friday."

The CINCH Shootout continues to pack the C.E. "Eddie" Richards Arena on Wednesday night. Denning said the competitors are giving the fans everything to be expected.

"It's just an awesome event. That's a (National Finals Rodeo) NFR caliber event and they gave exactly what we were looking for."

This was also the first-year for the Bull Fighters Only event that was held Friday. Denning said the rodeo committee may look at expanding that event next year.

"I've heard some really good things from people about the BFO event. We thought that was a great event and we'll see what we can do to get them back for maybe more than one night next year."

He said the committee may also look to social media next year to firm up what kind of music the fans want to have as part of the rodeo.

"We're still trying to gauge if they are coming out for the rodeo or the music. It's a juggling act and we want to be able to provide what the fans want. So we want to get to our crowd on Facebook or whatever and just ask what they like and what they want as part of the rodeo, while at the same time keeping the tickets affordable. We come up against that every year. We'd love to bring in a Garth Brooks but we can't just can't keep it affordable that way," Denning said.

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