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This is Halloween



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Halloween on 19th Street was back this year thanks to Kempker's True Value Rental, Fareway Grocery, Halls Ice Cream, and 10th Street Station. Goblins and ghouls were able to get candy, a drink, and a hot dog with the side street between Fareway and Kempker's blocked off for a safe trick or treating experience.



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One of the other growing traditions in Fort Madison on Halloween is the Old Settlers Park safe trick or treat. Fraise Auction and Real Estate provided a hot dog and drink and vendors lined the park with goodies for trick or treaters.



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Cuuuh--ssshhh Darth Vader leads a group of Star Wars characters east on Avenue G as businesses had goodies for youngsters and adults alike in the Main Street Downtown Safe Trick or Treat Tuesday night in Fort Madison.

CRUSADERS STATE BOUND!

HTC spikers bound again

Crusader offense too much for Warhawks in regional final

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

OTTUMWA - The cylinders were all firing and so was junior Emily Box Tuesday night as Holy Trinity advanced to the state volleyball tournament with a three-game win over Southeast Warren-Liberty Center in Class 1A Region 8 finals.

Box finished with 47-49 hitting with 28 kills to lead the Crusaders to a 25-13, 25-15, 25-14 victory at Evans Middle School.



BOX

SE Warren was never really in any of the matches as HTC played one of their cleanest matches of the post season with an eye cast to the U.S. Cellular Center and state action beginning on Tuesday, November 7. The Crusaders (37-5) will play Starmont (30-5) in first round action on Wednesday, November 8, 8pm, on Court One.

"We knew we had to control our side of the net," said head coach Melissa Freesmeier. "Our kids did a good job of that, controlling the tempo of the game. Southeast Warren did a good job of keeping the ball up and we had some great plays. Our kids



FREESMEIER

stayed intense and kept pushing points. Good night for us, though we missed a few serves and that happens with the nerves."

The Crusaders got all over the Warhawks early pushing a 10-2 lead in game one with highlighted by four kills by Box, while junior Taylor Boeding served six straight, and Mya Lawlor adding three service points with another Box kill. Southeast Warren was called on four double hits in the first five plays and moved away from setting in favor of bump sets in the early one.

With Box playing full rotation, she moved into

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OBITUARIES

SUE E. VANDENBERG

Sue E. Vandenberg, 55, of rural Donnellson, Iowa passed away 5:53 a.m. Tuesday, October 31, 2017



VANDENBERG

at her home after a courageous nine month battle with Glioblastoma. Born August 31, 1962 in Fort Madison, Iowa, she was the daughter of Gerald, Jr. and Lorene (Moeller) Wheeler. On September 8, 1984, she married Brad Vandenberg at St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Point, Iowa.

Survivors include her husband, Brad; two daughters, Trisha (Andy) Becker of Marion, Iowa and Lindsey (Matt) Krogmeier of West Point, Iowa; one son, Derek Vandenberg of Donnellson, Iowa; one granddaughter, Rylee Sue Becker; her mother, Lorene Wheeler of West Point, Iowa; five sisters, Linda (Ron) McGuire of Shueyville, Iowa, Jan (Jeff) Beard of Gainesville, Florida, Sandy (Gene) Mehmert of St. Paul, Iowa, Cindy (Dave) Hines of Mt. Prospect, Illinois, and Angie (LeRoy) Wagner of Waukee, Iowa; father and mother-in-law, Bert and Kay Vandenberg of Donnellson, Iowa; brothers and sisters-in-law, David (Michelle) Vandenberg Farmington and Todd (Penny) Vandenberg of Ankeny, Iowa; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Gerald, and one nephew, Jack Beard.

Sue was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point. She was a 1980 graduate of Marquette High School. She then attended Kirkwood Community College. Sue was a Loan Operations Supervisor at Pilot Grove Savings Bank, where she worked since 1981, and she especially enjoyed being the School Bank Teller at Holy Trinity

Catholic Elementary. Sue was heavily involved in her community and was always willing to lend a hand, evidenced by the many organizations that she was part of over the years. She has always enjoyed being outside, especially mowing her yard and tending her garden and numerous flowers. Sue loved being with her many close friends, but her biggest joy was her family. She never missed any of her children's activities and enjoyed spending time with her granddaughter. Sue will always be known for her gracious heart, friendly smile, and her caramel brownies. Sue and her family have been so thankful for all of the kind words, thoughts, prayers, and deeds over the past nine months.

Friends may call after 12:00 noon Friday, November 3, 2017 at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point, where the family will meet with friends from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. that evening. A Parish Rosary will be recited at 3:30 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, November 4, 2017 at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point with Father Bruce DeRammelaere and Father Dennis Hoffman as Celebrants.

Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in West Point. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Holy Trinity Catholic Elementary School Project or Great River Hospice.

The Schmitz Funeral Homes in West Point are assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

SHARON FRAZER

Sharon Frazer, 57, of Donnellson, passed away at 9:15 P.M. Monday October 30, 2017 at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics in Iowa City. Funeral services are pending at the Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Downtown business owner supports Randolph for Mayor

Dear citizens of Fort Madison, I am happy that we have our current mayor and that he will continue to lead us, by running again in our upcoming election.

Mayor Randolph has always strived to make our community better, not only as mayor but as a citizen. He has served on many of the committees and special groups that bring us together as a community. While I was the former director of RSVP, the retired senior volunteer program, he was instrumental in bringing new volunteer opportunities to Fort Madison to include the Fort Madison Community Garden, Green Bike, and educational programs we provided to Fort Madison.

Mayor Randolph has spent countless hours as a reserve officer for our police dept, with no pay. This speaks volumes about this man's character. He has financially donated heavily to our town and our local

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Sports

Crusaders take control of Warhawks early

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the back row and Eryn Anderson took over at the net for HTC. After sending her first long, she converted three straight kills to push HTC's lead to 16-4. The blue kept Southeast Warren at a 12-point deficit the rest of the game, which ended on another double hit by the Warhawks.

Game two started with an attack that went long by Box, but then she put away five points of HTC's first six. The Warhawks stayed close with a kill by junior Blaire Steenhoek at 6-5, but the Crusaders' fluid rotation and defense proved to be too much as Boeding, Anderson, and senior Maya Rashid kept the visitors confused by moving the ball well all along the net. HTC ran out to a 20-11 lead with Box serving before Steenhoek put another point away to get SE Warren within eight 20-12. HTC outscored them 5-2 running away with a Box kill to put the game

away 25-15.

The final game quickly turned ugly for the Warhawks as HTC raced to a 6-0 lead with Anderson serving and the whole front line of Box, Boeding, and Madison Mohrfeld all recording kills, forcing a Warhawk time out. The Crusaders would keep SE Warren at a 7 point deficit throughout the game and pushed it to 9 on a Box kill at 22-13. She repeatedly pounded the midlines of SE Warren's defense on the next two points and finished the match with a kill at 25-14.

Freesmeier said the kids should enjoy the game, but they will quickly move to thinking about state play.

"We gotta go next game mode. We'll pick up the pieces tonight and see who we've got to play and scout. But these kids can sit back and enjoy this win tonight. It was just a great team effort tonight."

Junior Elyse Pothitakis,

who had five digs on the game and played libero for the entire season until Mya Lawlor's return in the second round of post season play, said the Crusaders' strategy was to control their side of the net.

"This game, we knew coming in it wasn't going to be easy. We knew it would be somewhat of a fight, after all, they got to this point, too," she said. "But we really took care of our side of the net and we knew if we could do that, we'd be fine."

She said previous trips to state have been nervous for her, so she said she's a bit more prepared this time.

"There's always nerves going into it. All the juniors and seniors have our part to play and we just need to stay strong."

Box said the difference in this game was the lack of hard attacks from the Warhawks.

"We were consistent this game. They didn't

have many hard attacks and we were able to set things up and get big kills," she said.

She said state play will be different for her this year because her role has changed.

"This year I played full rotation and I'm looking to get the ball as much as possible. For me, I'm the one that can get that big kill and they look to me for that. So this year at state I just need to stay focused and on top of my game."

Rashid said state will be different for her this year because she's the main setter in the team's 5-1 scheme.

"We're running a 5-1 and I don't have my buddy Ali (Randolph) anymore so I have to really lead the team in setting. This year we've quickened up the offense but if we control our runs we're gonna be ok," she said.

Eryn Anderson was 11 of 13 hitting with eight

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kills and Boeding was 17-22 attacking with seven kills. Madison Mohrfeld was 9-11 with two kills and Sam Hoenig was 9 of 10 attacking with three kills.

Anderson was also 18 of 18 serving with

two aces and eight digs. Boeding was 20 of 22 serving with 2 aces and 17 digs, and Mya Lawlor was 7 of 7 serving and had 20 digs to lead the Crusaders. Maya Rashid had 45 sets to lead the Crusaders again.



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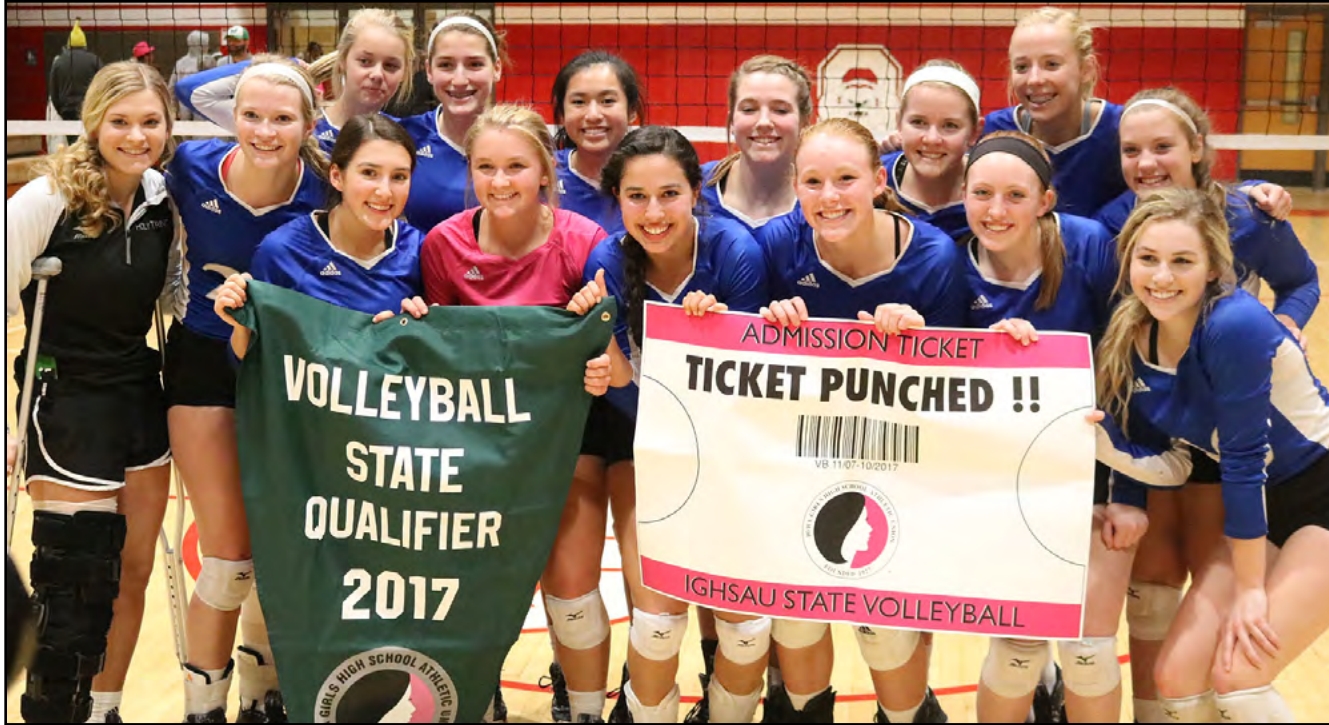
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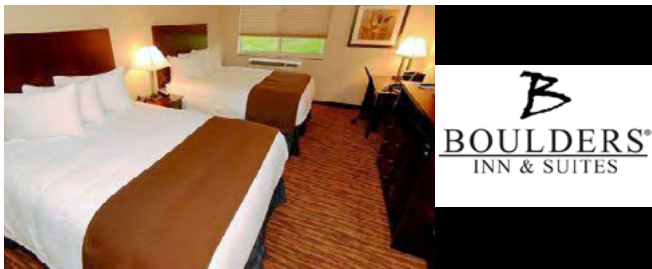


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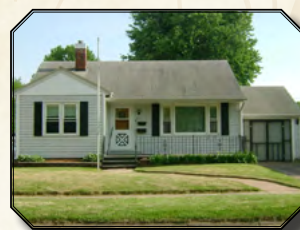
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OBITUARIES

GEORGIA HARMEYER

Georgia Harmeyer, 90, formerly of West Point, Iowa, passed away in Liberty, Missouri on October 27, 2017.



HARMEYER

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Henry Harmeyer, and by her grandson, Charles Bennett "Henry" Ledbetter.

Georgia Del Clark was born May 16, 1927, at Hillsboro, Iowa, the only child of Fay Irvin and Burl Madison Clark. She was married to Don Harmeyer on February 5th, 1951, at St. Mary's Church, West Point, Iowa. They were the parents of four children: Allan Harmeyer (Katherine) of Phoenix, AZ; Charles Harmeyer (Cecelia) of Fort Myers, Florida; Lisa Harmeyer Ledbetter (Ben) of Liberty, Missouri; and Dean Harmeyer (Yas Sadri) of Dallas, Texas. There are six surviving grandchildren.

A graduate of Mount Pleasant Iowa High School in 1944, Mrs. Harmeyer received an AA degree from Stephens College in 1946, and a BA degree from the University of Missouri in Columbia in 1948. She did graduate work at Western Illinois University and Penn State. Mrs. Harmeyer was a secondary teacher and assistant principal at Marquette Catholic School in West Point, Iowa for 24 years, retiring in 1989. At Marquette, she was the drill team coordinator in the 1970s.

Mrs. Harmeyer was the first president of the Marquette Foundation when founded in 1984. Interested in education, she was a member of the West Point Independent School Board at the time of its consolidation into the Fort Madison, Iowa Community School District. She served as a member of the West Point Library Board during the 1950's and again from 1990-94.

Active in community affairs, she was a life member of Holtz-Geers American Legion Auxiliary unit, serving

as president from 1958-59, and 1977-78. She was First District Auxiliary President in 1964-65, and was a department chairperson for Auxiliary committees and a counselor at American Legion Girls State in 1972.

Additional affiliations included Lifetime Member of the University of Missouri Alumni Association, Lifetime Member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Lifetime Member of P.E.O., Lifetime Member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Lifetime Member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and Founding Member of The US Korean War Memorial in Washington DC, which she and Don attended as representatives of Iowa, and a Lifetime Member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority. Her interest in genealogy led to her membership in Daughters of the American Colonists and other genealogical societies. She served as president of the Old Fort Genealogy Society, Fort Madison, Iowa, in 1985-86.

She and Don were residents of West Point for many years before retiring to golf and bridge in Columbia, Missouri where they enjoyed many friends. She spent later years with her daughter Lisa's family in both Birmingham, Alabama and Liberty, Missouri. In addition to civic and social organizations, Georgia was an supporter of veterans and their families, as well as those who are forgotten due to poverty or unforeseen circumstances. She was a lifelong fan of the University of Missouri sports teams, and she adored animals and had numerous pets throughout her 90 years. She was loved for her teachings of non-judgment of others and her belief that kindness, forgiveness and simplicity still has a place in this world.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, November 11, 2017 at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in West Point.

The family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. until noon in the Ossenbrink Center at St. Mary's Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Holy Trinity Catholic School Foundation or the West Point American Legion Auxiliary.

The Schmitz Funeral Homes in West Point are assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneral-homes.com.

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Health News/Lottery Numbers

FMCH Walk-In Clinic entrance moves



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Walk-in clinic features nurse practitioners

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The My Care Walk-in Clinic at Fort Madison Community Hospital will start seeing patients in Suite 120, effective November 1st. Suite 120 is located across from the FMCH Pediatric Clinic – easy access is available through the entrance located in the back of the building near the Emergency Department. The My Care Walk-in clinic is currently located in the Main FMCH clinic.

The FMCH My Care Walk-in Clinic was established in 2011 to offer guests the convenience of receiving health care when it best fits their schedule. The My Care Walk-in Clinic sees patients on a

walk-in basis, no appointment necessary, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In the My Care Walk-in Clinic you will be seen by an Advanced Practice Professional. These Nurse Practitioners will take the time to listen, diagnose and provide a treatment plan for every member of your family. They include Gwen Scott, Tiffany Rhoades, Bobbi Marshall, Carrie Barnes, Carrie Skibba, Chelsea Youmans, and Nicole Wilcox. The staff in the FMCH My Care Walk-in Clinic is available to treat non-emergency conditions like allergies and infections, abrasions and bruises, colds and flu, and sprains and pains. A full list of conditions seen in the My Care Walk-in clinic can be found at www.fmchosp.com.

Patients experiencing life threatening symptoms should seek treatment at the FMCH Emergency Department.



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GO WASTE FREE:



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FRIDAY

COMPOSTING:



Build or purchase a composting bin for food & yard waste. Use your composted goods to better build a healthy garden in the Spring.

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Business News/Area News

Task force arrests Quincy man on felony warrants

BY PCC STAFF

LEE COUNTY – The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of a Quincy, Illinois man on felony drug warrants.

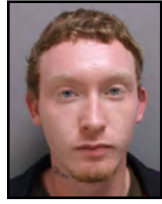
Adam Keith Rickert, 22, of 902 Country Club Heights #300, Quincy, Illinois was arrested on October 26th, 2017 at the Adams County jail on felony drug warrants. Rickert is charged with delivery of marijuana, a class D felony and delivery of less than five grams of methamphetamine, a class C felony. If convicted, Rickert faces up to 15 years in a state correctional facility.

The arrest of Rickert stems from an investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force into allegations that he was involved in the distribution of illegal narcotics in the Lee County area.

The Lee County Attorney's Office, Lee County Sheriff's Office, and Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation.

The defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

The Lee County Narcotics Task Force is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Justice and the funds administered by the Iowa Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy.



RICKERT

Denmark fire gets \$5K from pipeline

BY PCC STAFF

Denmark Fire Department recently received a \$5,000.00 grant from Trans Canada pipeline.

The department is going to use the money to put together a 6x6 response unit for timber fires. It also will be used to get to patients that are in remote areas that are difficult to get to with a regular vehicle.

The unit will be available to all departments in the county provided that Denmark has the personnel available at the time to operate it.



Courtesy photo

Pictured receiving the money for the department is Assistant Chief Todd Ross and Trans Canada is represented by Chad Vice.

Dollhouse Dreams announces winner

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – Dollhouse Dreams in downtown Fort Madison recently announced Pat Henson as the prize winner of their Mythical Creature giveaway. Pat had a choice of the unicorn or dragon and she chose the unicorn.

The giveaway was part of Dollhouse Dreams' 4th anniversary celebration and kicked off their 25% off Melissa and Doug toy sale which lasted throughout October.

Owner Brenda Derr thanks everyone that participated and who supports small businesses.



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Dollhouse Dreams' 4th Anniversary giveaway winner Pat Henson poses with her prize – the mythical unicorn.

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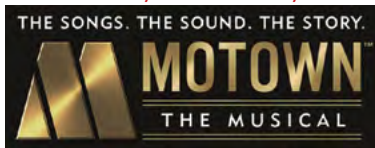
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