



# Pen City Current

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## Cleaning up the city



Above, volunteers like Fort Madison Mayor Brad Randolph, far left, gear up for the Fort Madison Chamber's annual City Clean Up. At left, Chamber Director Laura Francisco heaves a bag of trash into the GR-WWA trailer in Central Park Saturday.

Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

## Bloodhounds hold off Burlington on the road

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

BURLINGTON - The Fort Madison Bloodhounds boys tennis team continues to make easy work of local dual meets.

The Hounds knocked off host Burlington 7-2 on Friday night in a makeup event that was rained out earlier this month.

As has been the case this year, FMHS is getting out to a quick start winning in the high-seed matches.

Sam Avery made easy

work of Brett Levins at No. 1 singles with a 6-1, 6-0 win. Johnny Hernandez then blanked Kyle Miller at No. 2 singles with a 6-0, 6-0 win.

Junior Austin Krueger, who has probably one of the strongest serves on the squad, dropped Zach Hull at No. 3 singles 6-2, 6-3.

The Grayhounds got on the board at No. 4 when Blake Feuerhammer fell in a tiebreak to the Grayhounds' Cody Newman.

"That match could have gone either way. It was a very well played, hard

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Adam Krueger continues his hot play at No. 3 singles for the Bloodhounds. Krueger won 6-2, 6-3 Friday vs. Burlington in a Hounds 7-2 win.

## OPINION

# Too much in play behind the scenes

It's not supposed to work like this. I find myself perplexed these past few weeks about the functionality of our county officials.

I'm extremely confused about the bizarre moving of the Lee County Health Department from their current leased space to the North Lee County office buildings. Lee County Attorney Ross Braden advised the LCHD staff to relocate temporarily and said he hoped more information would be available next week.



C. VANDENBERG

The timing is crazy considering the LCHD is looking to county voters to pass a referendum to construct a new \$2.6 million operations-ready facility west of the current Lee County Jail on May 2, a mere nine days away.

Braden and other county officials say that has nothing to do with this, it's just really bad timing. Let's take that at face value, but look at the issue closer.

The LCHD obviously needed a legal opinion from the top legal officer in the county and he gave his advice, which they took. But why did they need a legal opinion? Personally, it sounds like a lease issue. I've never understood why the LCHD is in a lease that requires them to absorb maintenance costs on issues like furnaces in a building they don't own. I certainly wouldn't sign a rental agreement if the landlord said those kind of repairs were on my dime.

But as I've run this over and over in my mind and spoke on background with lots of people close to the situation, I've come to the realization that I don't really care why they moved. I'm not bright enough to see an advantage in the election for moving to the county building other than creating an image of 'it's not working out' in the current building. Not to mention the large "Vote Here" sign now in front of the county building. What is a bigger concern is why the public isn't entitled to that information?

Iowa's Sunshine laws are geared toward keeping most of the work of public bodies and officials in front of the public and not done with a disregard for their right to know most of what is going on. But again, my instincts are that this IS something else and an issue that just happened, fortuitous or not for Braden and the LCHD, both of whom are on the ballot May 2.

I tried to reach AgeMark, the company that owns

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Sports

# Lady Hounds surpass goal mark in win

*Shannan continues hot foot with four goals Friday*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

WASHINGTON - Just five games into the season, the Fort Madison girls soccer team has hit a milestone.

The Lady Hounds blasted eight goals in Friday's 8-0 win over Washington on the road in Southeast Conference high school girls soccer action.

Head Coach Sebastian Seifert said his squad has already scored as many goals this year as they have in any year in the past.

In the three seasons of this program's existence we have never scored

more than 15 goals," Seifert said. "We are now at that milestone, having scored 15 goals in the first five games. That fact alone is very exciting for us."

Junior Taylor Shannan again led the way for Fort Madison with four goals from her left wing position. Senior Emily Wolf, who was voted co-player of the game along with Shannan, had three goals and Dezire Kline added the eighth score.

Fort Madison didn't score until the 15 minute mark in the first half, but then rattled off five more shots in the net before the end of the first half to take a 6-0 lead at halftime.

"We had a rough start to the game, our passes didn't connect quite as well as Coach Burken and I would have liked but the girls figured it out after a while and with about 15 minutes into the first half we scored our first goal," Seifert said. "We put in a lot of subs throughout the game. We have three games next week so we wanted to rotate quite a bit. Allison Brune and Kalifa McCaleb played a good game as our defensive mids making sure the ball didn't penetrate through our defensive line. We only allowed a couple of shots on our goal all game."

Seifert also said the team's 3-2 record is an exciting part of the season.

"That's something this program has not experienced before so we are just excited about the little things in life right now. We are happy that the team is getting along



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FMHS' Allison Brune (12) and Kaycee McGregor (8) close in on a Mt. Pleasant defender earlier this week on the road. The Lady Hounds downed Washington Friday night to move to 3-2 on the season.

so well. We have a really good chemistry at the moment. We are happy that we have minimal injuries and that we had

a good turnout at the beginning of the season."

The girls travel to Macomb, Ill on Monday for a 4:30 p.m. kickoff.

## Hounds move to 4-1 with Friday win

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fought match," said FMHS Head Coach Dean Hogan.

Feuerhammer won the first set 7-5, but lost the second 4-6 and then fell behind a serve in the tiebreak and lost 10-7 to lose the match.

The Hounds won at Nos. 5 and 6 when Tim Shin defeated Alex Nelson 6-0, 6-1 and Gage Hind downed Jackson Villont 6-2, 6-1.

In doubles action, the Hounds' Avery and Kreuger defeated Levins and Miller 6-2, 6-2. Hernandez and Feuerhammer had a tougher time with their match

dropping the first set 4-6, but then coming back for a 6-4 win to send the match to a first-to-10-by-two tiebreaker, which the Hounds won 10-8.

The Grayhounds won the No. 3 doubles match when Nelson and Villont downed Shin and Hind in another tiebreaker with Fort Madison winning the first set 6-1, but then dropping the second set 4-6 and the tiebreaker 4-10.

The Hounds will test the 4-1 dual record Tuesday when they host Fairfield at FMHS.

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# Death Notices/Local News



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Amy Hogan of Lee County Bank shows her excitement after her number was drawn at the Business After Hours Monday hosted by C.U.R.E. Business Solutions. C.U.R.E. proprietor Sam Boyer is behind holding up the new laptop computer Hogan won. At left, Neal Dodd of Dodd Printing & Stationery is presented a tablet he won at the event. Other prizes including an Amazon Echo were also given away at the event.

## DEATH NOTICE

### DENNIS E. CRAMBLIT

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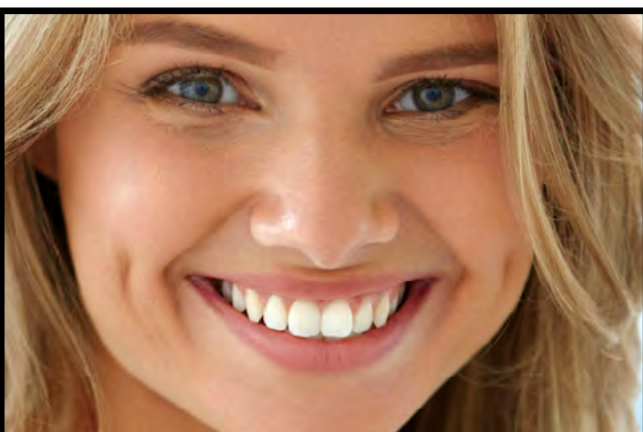
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Notice - - Curbside Voting  
Any voter who is physically unable to enter a polling place has the right to vote in the voter's vehicle. Please contact the County Auditor's Office for details. You may contact us by phone at (319) 372-3705 or by email at [auditor@leecounty.org](mailto:auditor@leecounty.org).

Any voter who has not yet registered to vote may do so at the polls. They will need to provide proof of residency and identity and should plan on extra time for the transaction. Acceptable forms of ID are a current Iowa Driver's license or another ID as long as it contains a photo and is current, valid and contains

an expiration date. Acceptable forms of residency are a residential lease, property tax statement, utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government documents.

Note: The polling location for Fort Madison Wards 4A and 4B has changed. If you previously voted at the HTC Senior High School, you will now vote at Rolling Hall, 2210 Avenue I, Fort Madison.

The polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

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Agenda  
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Pledge of Allegiance  
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Personnel Actions:  
A. Step Increase-Health Department (2)  
B. Step Increase-Treasurer's Office  
C. Step Increase-Secondary Roads  
D. New Hire-Sheriffs  
E. Per Diem Increase-Board of Review (3)  
Oath of Office for New Deputy Sheriff Thomas Oberman  
Approve Tuesday, April 18, 2017 Board Minutes  
Consider Approval of Claims  
Public Input  
Update on Mooar/Pow-

dertown  
Discuss and Consider Approval of Resolution to Amend SEIL Mental Health and Disability Services 28E Agreement  
Consider Approval of Fund Transfer from Rural Basic to Secondary Roads  
Consider Approval to Hire Sheriffs Deputy due to Vacancy  
Reports:  
A. Sheriffs Reports of Fees Collected (3)  
B. Manure Management Annual Update-Dobson Farms  
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<p>Lee County, State of Iowa</p> <p><b>Official Ballot Special Election May 2, 2017</b></p> <p><i>Denise Fraise</i></p> <p>Denise Fraise County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections</p>	<p>County Attorney To Fill Vacancy Vote For No More Than One</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Clinton Boddicker <input type="radio"/> Ross J. Braden <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in vote, if any)</p>	<p><b>PUBLIC MEASURE</b></p> <p>Notice to voters. To vote to approve any question on this ballot, fill in the oval in front of the word "Yes". To vote against a question, fill in the oval in front of the word "No".</p> <p><b>Referendum A</b></p> <p>Shall the following Public Measure be adopted?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p> <p>Shall the County of Lee, State of Iowa, enter into a loan agreement and issue its general obligation bonds in an amount not exceeding the amount of \$2,600,000 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping a building for use as a county office building for the county health department and other county purposes, including related site improvements and relocation costs?</p>
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<p>____ Precinct Official's Initials</p>		<p>Typ:01 Seq:0001 Spt:01</p>

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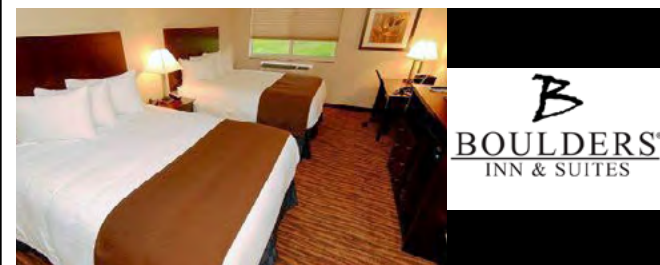
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**From the Front**

# It's up to all of us to keep public discourse happening

**OPINION** - Continued from Page 1

the building from which LCHD leases space. Obviously no one returned that call. None of these people or agencies, aside from AgeMark, are immune from conducting business in a fashion that is consumable by the public as a whole.

Consumable being the key word. In my time in Fort Madison media, which is more than just the past 15 months, most public bodies do their best to only conduct business outside of public view when it is necessary to protect privacy or not to tip their hands in a legal battle. But the public has the responsibility to stay informed of what's going on. Public meeting notices are posted on our website and social media outlets and in local papers. Not knowing the speed limit doesn't excuse you from paying the fine. It was posted. If you didn't know...you didn't read.

This is at the heart of a recent Lee County Conservation board's decision to not hire Rick Tebbs, a local conservation department employee who was clearly, according to comments made in a recent Pen City Current article, being groomed to take over the position. When Tebbs didn't get the gig, more than 30 people descended on the board's meeting in April to criticize

the board for not hiring Tebbs.

The Daily Democrat called for the ouster of all the board members except for Sandra Fullhart-Snyer who voted for Tebbs. Personally, I think that's a knee jerk reaction and has a huge chilling effect on John Q. Public's ambition to serve on boards. However the behavior of

most of the board in not reading submitted letters of support for Tebbs is a poor performance on their part to be sure. And shows that maybe the handwriting was already on the wall, so to speak.

Lee County Supervisor Don Hunold said at

last week's supervisor meeting that the board made the best decision for the county, "end of story". Maybe... but for many on the board and for those in attendance... maybe not.

I'm not naive to the fact that a lot of public business is done over a cup of coffee or a sandwich, but the message to the elected and appointed officials is this... It should never ever be about what you want, but what we need.

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FMHS Senior Brady Reynolds signs his letter to play baseball at Morton College in Cicero, Illinois. Reynolds said he's happy to play at the Div. II junior college and hopes to build on his baseball career and is willing to go as far as it will take him.



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FMHS senior Chase Lowney signs her letter Wednesday with her father and coach to play at Southeastern Community College.



Lexi Schmidt is flanked by her mother and coach as she signs her letter of intent to play softball at Clarke College in Dubuque. "I want to go into physical therapy and they have a really good program. They have a direct-admit program so I can get a head start." She pitched in high school and said that will be her focus on the field in college as well.



From left to right back Mercedes and Mariah Trimble, Brady Reynolds, and Austin Rose and front left to right, Brynn Schroeder, Chase Lowney, Lexi Schmidt and Hope Gray all signed national letters of intent on Wednesday to play collegiate athletics. See page 8 for more individual information and pictures. Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC.

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Austin Rose is surrounded by family and coaches as he signs to play basketball at Clarke College in Dubuque. "I saw a lot of potential in the team and the coaches." Rose said he may be asked to play guard which will be a transition from his post play at Fort Madison. "It'll be a big transition but I think I can handle it."



FMHS Senior Brynn Schroeder signs her letter of intent to play soccer and run track at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis. "When I went on a visit they asked what sports I was interested in and I told them track and soccer and they said soccer was in the fall and they had several athletes that did both sports."



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Hope Gray is joined by her parents and FMHS coach Amy Doherty as she signs to play tennis at Central College.



FMHS senior sisters Mariah and Mercedes Trimble both sign letters with their family and coach to play basketball at Prairie State College. Mariah said she likes being able to play at the same school with her sister. Mariah said she may play a little guard and post and really likes their program and the coach and how positive he was. "He told me what he liked about my game and that I would be a good asset."