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Saturday night caps wet 71st rodeo



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC



The Tri-State Rodeo wrapped up its 71st edition with a cool, dry evening even though the grounds were still heavy with mud. Above a saddle bronc rider tries to ride out the eight seconds. Above left, 7-year-old Callie Walker gets upended winning the mutton bustin' rides. At left, bull rider Jimy Marten wears the mud of his 8-second ride, and below the Tri-State Rodeo committee takes a curtain call Saturday night.



Auditions coming for OFP winter show

Submitted article

FORT MADISON - If you have a creative spark, enjoy community theater or just want to come make some new friends, the Old Fort Players theater is looking for you!

Stop by the downtown Fort Madison location at 725 Ave. G on Sept. 18th and 20th at 6 p.m. to audition for the Christmas production of Making God Laugh. The audition will simply require a reading from the script. There's nothing to memorize and no previous experience is required.

OFP is looking for new faces for this show so don't be shy if you've never been on stage before. Join the cast of Old Fort Players next production and you can check it off your bucket list.

An additional night on Sept. 21st at 6 p.m. has also been set aside for auditions. Call-backs for anyone needing closer consideration for a role will also be held on the 21st. You can also contact OFP via Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=old%20fort%20players>

Cast members must be available for rehearsals during October and November as well as any publicity opportunities that may arise. Check your calendar to be sure you're available for show dates (December 7-9 and 14-16).

Directed by Angela Sanford, Making God Laugh by Sean Grennan, will be presented by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc. (www.playscripts.com). The play follows one typical American family over the course of thirty years' worth of holidays. Starting in 1980, Ruthie and Bill's grown children -- a priest, an aspiring actress,

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Deadline nearing for leadership program

BY PCC STAFF

LEE COUNTY - The Lee County Leadership Program is a collaborative effort designed to bring emerging and existing leaders together to guide and foster positive change in Lee County.

Each year participants are trained in community-based leadership skills. In addition, participants will interact with local leaders and learn about Lee County resources during community organized tours and leadership panel discussions.

Applications are being accepted online on the Chambers' and Extension websites. Applications will be accepted through September 14, 2018.

"We are looking for individuals who want to become more involved in community leadership. Participants

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North Lee County Relay for Life

Please note the date change from Sept. 29 to Sept. 14. The event will begin at 5 p.m. at the Fort Madison High School track and will conclude with closing ceremonies at 10:30 p.m. Visit the Relay Facebook page here at <https://www.facebook.com/RelayforLifeofNorthLeeCounty/?ref=bookmarks>

Fort Madison Depot Farmer's Market

Every Monday local vendors have farmer's market options available at the Old Santa Fe Depot on the Riverfront in Fort Madison. The farmer's market runs every Monday until Oct. 8 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the parking lot west of the depot.

Veteran's Breakfast at Sunnybrook

Each month on the third Tuesday of the month, Sunnybrook Assisted Living hosts a Veteran's Breakfast from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at 5025 River Valley Road in Fort Madison.

Chamber Ladies Golf Outing

The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce's Ladies only golf outing will be held Sept. 21 at Sheaffer Golf Course. To register email the chamber at chamber@fortmadison.com

FMHS Marching Band Classic

The Fort Madison High School's annual Marching Band Classic will take place at Richmond Stadium on Sept. 15. Schools from around the area will be in town to compete on their musical and on-field performances. The Fort Madison High School Marching Bloodhounds will also perform an exhibition during the day's events.

United Way Fundraiser

The United Way of the Great River Region will be holding a chicken dinner fundraiser at Charleston Board of Trade on Sept. 16 from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are available at the United Way offices in Keokuk and Fort Madison at \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under.

West Point Library, Kensington team up for senior program

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT - A new program is starting at the West Point Public Library for Seniors this month in a partnership with The Kensington.

The Kensington is partnering with the library to hold a program for Seniors age 55 and up on the first Tuesday of the month from 2 p.m. - 3:30 pm. Based on a survey completed by seniors in the West Point community, this program will involve both exercise and games. The first program was Sept. 4th with Chair Yoga by Velocity with games and refreshments following.

Dara Sanders, the program director at the

West Point Public Library was approached by The Kensington's senior living consultant, Victoria Matlock who was wanting to work with area seniors and wanted to create a monthly event for them, which would encourage social interaction in a safe environment through thought provoking and interactive activities as well as the joy of eating.

"As West Point is a community with many seniors and the library was wanting to add to its senior programming, it was a perfect fit," Sanders said.

The library decided to add to its programming after developing and running a community survey at the end of July and beginning of August.

Sanders said the library

used the results of the survey to look for programming options that fit the information provided in the survey.

"We had a total of 24 responses. We based the program around the results from the survey. From among 10 choices, the majority of responses were evenly split between some type of exercise group and games. The time and day were also chosen based on the senior's responses."

She said activities will vary week to week and seniors suggestions will be considered in determining what games and activities to include each month.

For more information on the program, contact Sanders at the library at 319-837-6315.

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Tri-State Rodeo



Clockwise from top left, Bobby Reid gets ready for a landing from the sky to start Saturday's festivities. Above, Ben Kilburg jumps off in the steer wrestling event, below Saray Bay, of Cuba, Ill., celebrates her birthday with a little mud from the front row. Moving left, Garrett Wall gets thrown left off his bull, and Jimmy Marten gets caught under his bull as help comes to the rescue.



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Sports

Clear Creek blows by Fort Madison 38-0

Barker throws first two picks of the year as Hounds get shut out by Clippers

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

TIFFIN - As it was in 2017, the Fort Madison Bloodhounds took a 2-0 record on the road and found themselves overmatched trying to get a third win.

FMHS went 70 miles northwest of Fort Madison to be outmanned in a 0-38 loss to Clear Creek Amana in non-district high school football action Friday night.

Head Coach Tony Shiffman said the Clippers were everything the Bloodhounds saw on video and the Hounds just couldn't execute outside of a couple drives in the second half in order to compete with 3-0 Clear Creek.

Fort Madison took the kick to open the game and got a first down on its first possession when Kaeli Maestro pounded his way inside and laid a hit on the Clippers' safety that resulted in a 13-yard gain, but that would be about the best run of the night for the Hounds.

Lennon Barker hit Shaymour Redd-Donald for a five-yard gain to give the Hounds a 3rd and 5 but Barker got nothing going on the next carry and Fort Madison was forced to punt. The Clippers then took over at their own 44 and went 56 yards in nine plays including 27 yards on the ground from sophomore Alex Figueroa. Senior quarterback Andrew Rohret ran it in from seven yards out to put Clear Creek on the board with just over five minutes gone in the first



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Bloodhound Romeo Maestro (23) gets after a loose ball coughed up by Clear Creek Amana's Andrew Rohret (5) in the third quarter of Friday's 38-0 loss by the Hounds.

period.

Fort Madison had a four-and-out on the next possession and Lennon Barker's punt from the shotgun wiggled out of bounds at the Hounds' 35. Rohret threw incomplete and then ran for nine to make it 3rd and 1, but Hound senior linebacker Sam Hayes sniffed out the next running play for a six-yard loss forcing the Clippers into a 4th and 4 situation.

But Rohret found senior Zach Kabbage in a seam down the Hounds' left secondary for a 17-yard gain and a first down. The Hounds' defense would hold

over the next seven plays aided by two Clear Creek illegal motion penalties. But the Clippers managed a field goal from the 7-yard line to make it 10-0 with about 44 seconds left in the opening period.

Fort Madison took the next kickoff at the 20 on a touchback. On the first play of the series, senior Lennon Barker threw his first interception of the year when Rohret picked off a swing pass and was tackled at the 30. Then Rohret went to work and, on the

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Sports

Shiffman: "They out-everythinged us"

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Clippers first play, found senior Nolan Schwarting in the back corner for a leaping touchdown grab to make it 17-0 with the PAT.

The Hounds suffered another 4 and out and punted to Clear Creek's 30. But their defense held again forcing the Clippers to punt and the kick rolled dead at the Fort Madison 48. Hayes again had another 3-yard tackle for a loss to help force the punt. He finished with 4.5 tackles on the night, with two coming for losses.

Fort Madison couldn't do anything with the good field position and had to punt again, this time with Barker pinning Clear Creek at the 7.

The Clippers then reeled off 15 plays for 93 yards and another score on a nice catch in the back of the endzone by sophomore TJ Boller. Boller was heavily guarded by junior Jace Burgher who had good coverage on the 6'4" Boller. Boller timed his leap perfectly and hauled in the Rohret offering while falling backward behind Burgher for a 29-yard scoring strike. The extra point was added for a 23-0 Clipper Lead.

Barker would get picked off again at 3rd and 10 from the Hounds' own 43 yard line by Clear Creek's Zach Cabbage who returned it to the Bloodhounds' 42. The Clippers would cough up the ball on 2nd and 11 to the Hounds' Romeo Maestro. The Hounds wouldn't be able to capitalize on the fumble and punted back to Clear Creek who ran a couple runs with Figueroa, but let the half run out with the Clippers up 24-0.

The Hounds kicked off to Clear Creek to start the second half and the Clippers would score on the fourth play from scrimmage on Rohret's run through the Hounds' left side for a 40-yard scamper.

With 10:38 left in the period, Fort Madison put together its best drive of the night, going 11 plays and 59 yards, and had 3rd and 2 from the Clippers' 22 yard line when Barker was called for a questionable delay of game. The



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Junior Mike Mosen takes a hit from the Clippers' Quentin Gisleson (11) after a catch in the third period Friday night.

"We got out-worked, out-performed, out-coached, out-everythinged and that showed on the scoreboard."

-Tony Shiffman, FMHS Head Coach

Hounds had the clap and snap before the whistle, but got flagged, and after a Barker incomplection, the Hounds turned it over on downs at the 27.

"It was execution. We'd get something going and then we'd get a bad play or a bad call and things that aren't going our way," Shiffman said after the game. "We need to learn to handle that and fight through."

"It's tough coming up to Iowa City from south-east Iowa because you're not going to get any respect. That's what we're trying to get. We got out-performed, out-worked, out-coached, out-everythinged and that showed on the scoreboard."

Clear Creek pushed the ball all the way back to the 4-yard line before Rohret coughed it up again, recovered by Romeo Maestro. But again the Hounds couldn't get anything going offensive-

ly to cut into the Clear Creek score. A Barker run and two incomplections forced a weak punt into the wind to the Hounds' 12.

Rohret was brought down for a 4-yard loss and then the Clippers got hit with a false start that pushed them back to the 22. On 2nd and 19, Rohret slipped two tackles in the backfield on the next play and started running around the midfield area and appeared to cross the 21-yard line before junior Sam Stevens got free in the back corner of the endzone for the score. No flag was thrown on the play for passing beyond the line of scrimmage, but the Hounds got an unsportsmanlike penalty for arguing the call.

Barker had his softest outing of the year going 16-35 for 120 yards. Shaymour Redd-Donald left the game in the

second quarter with an injury as did offensive/defensive lineman Jayden Fedler with a leg issue. Redd-Donald, who had 116 yards in catches last week only had nine yards on two receptions. Senior Dom Frantz led the Hound receivers again with three catches for 40 yards. Senior Trey Kuntz had 30 yards and Mike Mosen had five catches for 35 yards.

On the ground Kaeli Maestro had 12 carries for 40 yards to lead Fort Madison. On defense Diego Lozano had 8.5 tackles and Quentin Schneider had 8, both had two for losses. Romeo Maestro had 3.5 tackles and recovered two fumbles for the Hounds.

Shiffman said the Clippers didn't change anything from what his coaching staff had seen all week.

"We prepared for what we saw all night," he said. "We knew they were going to be good up front and this was a game where our lack of depth on the offensive and defensive lines showed."

The Hounds fall to 2-1 on the year and travel to Burlington. The Grayhounds are 1-2 after falling 27-14 to Clinton on Friday.

Cordray, Dennis lead Hounds at Fairfield

Boys finish in 4th, girls take 8th at invitational

BY PCC STAFF

FAIRFIELD - Dayne Cordray took 5th place to lead the Fort Madison Bloodhounds at the Fairfield Cross Country Invitational Thursday evening at the Waterworks Park.

Cordray's 17:32 led the Hounds in the boys Class 2A event. Mt. Pleasant's Cody Mertens won the run at 16:19. Fort Madison came in fourth place with 97 points. Fairfield won with 56 points.

Katelyn Dennis captured eighth place in the girls Class 2A run. Her 21:23 paced the LadyHounds who took 7th place overall with 141 points.

Mt. Pleasant won the event behind the Abby Ryon's 2nd place finish, just one second off the pace of Fairfield's Ashley Bloomquist at 19:20.

Anna Kester was the next Bloodhound in on the 5K run with a time of 23:14. Ashlynn Haas rounded out the top 25 for Fort Madison with a 23:25 time.

Maddy McVey finished at 24:09 and Claire Hellman completed the run in 26:40.

For the boys, Anthony Barnes finished in 19th with a 18:53 mark, followed closely by Will Gager at 19:00 good for 22nd place and Hayden Wolfe's 19:07 earned him 24th place overall.

Austin Miller was just outside the top 25 with his time of 19:20. Miguel Trejo ran a 19:27 and Owen Kruse finished at 20:03.

In the junior varsity boys run, Alex Steffensmeier led the Hounds with a 20:56 mark. Matt Hopper ran a 26:05.

In the junior varsity run, Emily Steffensmeier led the finished in 4th place on the shorter run with a time of 10:40. Kay Quittern was sixth at 10:52 and Ellie Schulte was 11th with a time of 11:06.

Tauren Settles, Madison Huebner, Paetyn Wiegand, Lauren Otte, Jardyn Burch, Jordyn Boyer, and Lila Miller all finished in the top 50 for FMMS girls.

In the boys middle school run, Emmett Kruse took fourth place with a 9:44 run and Tate Settles took 10th place at 9:49. Carson Rashid finished in the top 25, and Ben Thele, Leif Boeding, Nathaniel Swigart, Nathan Bowen, John Contrell, Cameron Shutwell and Oliver Santiago all finished for Fort Madison Middle School.



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE
WEST POINT UTILITY
SYSTEM**

**WEST POINT, IOWA
August 14, 2018**

The West Point Municipal Utility System Board of Trustees met in regular session at, West Point City Hall, West Point, Iowa 52656 on August 14th, 2018. Board Chairman Randy Welding presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board Member Brian Schmitt was present. Board Member Ted Vonderhaar was absent. Tentative agenda was approved by consensus. Status of delinquent accounts was discussed and considered by Board Members in detail. Field operations report, as prepared by Utility Superintendent, was discussed by Board Members in detail.

Board Chairman was re-

ported on the following: The next regular Utility System Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, September 11th, 2018 at West Point City Hall 5:30 p.m. and is open to the public. On motion, minutes of prior regular meeting of July 10th, 2018 was approved. On motion, approved warrants payable for August 14th 2018 as presented. On motion, meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m., August 14th, 2018.

**EXPENDITURES FOR
MAY 2018**

3rd GENERATION ELECTRIC - TRENCHING 150.00
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MILESTONES
AREA AGENCY ON
AGING
Advisory Council
September 11, 2018
at 10 AM**

Teleconference format
Notice is hereby given that the September 11, 2018 Meeting of the Milestones Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council will be held via teleconference. You are invited to either call in on your own telephone using the instructions provided, or you may participate with staff at the Burlington, Davenport, or Ottumwa Milestones office, whichever is most convenient.

AGENDA
I. Call to Order- Advisory Board Chairperson
II. Roll Call Board- Secretary
III. Approval of Board Minutes - Meeting minutes of June 26th, 2018
IV. Reports -
a. CEO Report- Included in packet for member information and review.
b. Financial Report - Tina Jaegers

c. Nutrition Program - Pam Taylor
d. Lifelong Links Program - Dawn Carstensen
e. Marketing/ Promotional updates - Peggy Dykes
V. Old Business - no old business
VI. New Business
VII. Items of Interest - OIL Report -Bill Thom
VII. Next Meeting - Tuesday, December 11, 2018 -Joint meeting of Board of Directors and Advisory Council in Fairfield, times for each TBD
IX. Adjournment

**PUBLIC NOTICE
Board Meeting Agenda
Great Prairie Area
Education Agency
September 11, 2018
5:00 PM - Dinner
5:30 PM - Regular Board
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AGENDA
I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY BOARD PRESIDENT
II. OPEN FORUM
III. BOARD APPROVAL OF AGENDA
IV. BOARD APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
V. BOARD APPROV-

AL OF TREASURER'S REPORT AND INVOICES PAYABLE
VI. EDUCATION REPORT: DATA REVIEW, DR. LONNA ANDERSON
VII. REPORT ON ASSIGNED FUND BALANCES FOR MAJOR MAINTENANCE PROJECTS
ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

No Board action is necessary as this is for Board information only.

VIII. BOARD RECEIPT OF AGENCY'S 2017-2018 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

The annual financial report is attached. Dennis Gourley, Chief Financial Officer, will be available to answer any questions you may have. The minutes should reflect the Board received the Annual Financial Report.

BOARD RECEIPT OF AGENCY'S 2017-2018 CERTIFIED ANNUAL REPORT
ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

The certified annual report is attached. Dennis Gourley, Chief Financial Officer, will be available to answer any questions you may have. The minutes should reflect the Board received the Certified Annual Report.

X. BOARD ACTION ON FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICIES 213.2, 213.2R1, 502.1, 502.3 and 504.1
ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

I recommend first reading of the Board Policies as presented.

XI. BOARD ACTION ON NEW EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS
a. Mikayla Hance, Speech-Language Assistant, 1267 hours, \$13.83/hour, \$17,522.61
b. Tracy Jarrett, Science Consultant, 194 days, MA, Step 19, \$67,865

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:
I recommend approval of the new employee contracts

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XII. BOARD ACTION ON THE DATE, TIME & LOCATION OF THE OCTOBER ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

I recommend that the October Organizational Board Meeting be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 5:30 PM with dinner at 5:00 PM at the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center, 200 N. Main, Fairfield, IA.

XIII. BOARD ACTION ON THE IOWA'S AREA EDUCATION AGENCIES 2018-19 LEGISLATIVE

PRIORITIES ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

In your Board materials you will find a copy of the State AEA System 2018-19 Legislative Priorities as developed by the AEA Chief Administrators. All Area Education Agency Boards of Directors are being asked to approve these priorities.

Please keep in mind this is a draft and a more polished version will be created once the language is approved.

XIV. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

XV. ADJOURNMENT

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Business News/From the Front

FMCH Foundation welcomes new board members

Submitted article
FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Community Hospital Foundation announces the following changes to their Board of Directors.

Completing their terms on September 30, 2018:

Sharon Scholl - Naublsi - a member of the FMCH Foundation Board for the past 6 years.

Becky Fullenkamp - a member of the FMCH

Foundation Board for the past 10 years.

Kevin Rink - a member of the FMCH Foundation Board for the past 10 years.

Eric Boeding - a member of the FMCH Foundation Board for the past 10 years.

The FMCH Foundation Board welcomes the following new members who will be filling these vacated positions begin-

ning their terms October 1, 2018:

Dr. Derek Breder, FMCH Orthopedics & Sports Medicine Physician

Marcia Kruse, community representative

Joe Rashid, business owner/community representative

Chris Hutson, FMCH employee

"As we prepare to welcome the new FMCH Foundation Board mem-

bers, I want to take a moment to thank our outgoing Foundation Board members for their hard work, support and dedication to the FMCH Foundation and our community. We look forward to the contributions and new perspectives of our new members as we continue to grow our Foundation," commented Carrie Green, Executive Director of the FMCH Foundation.

Leadership program runs from Oct. to May

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will learn skills and build networks to assist them in leading projects for the betterment of Lee County," said Shelley Oltmans, Keokuk Area Chamber of Commerce Director.

The program consists of seven sessions, participation in Southeast Iowa Region Days in Des Moines, and graduation, and runs from October 2018 to May 2019.

The Lee County Leadership Program is a partner-

ship between the Fort Madison Area Chamber of Commerce, Keokuk Area Chamber of Commerce and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach of Lee County. It is also supported by a steering committee with representatives from Alliant Energy, Lee County Auditor's Office, Lee County Health Department, Keokuk area Community Foundation, and Southeastern Community College.

"Making God Laugh" next on OFP's playlist

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and a former football star -- all return home, where we learn of their plans and dreams as they embark on their adult lives. The empty-nester parents contend with their own changes, too, as old family rituals are trotted out and ancient tensions flare up. As time passes, the family discovers that, despite what we may have in mind, we often arrive at unexpected destinations.

The cast calls for 2 Women and 3 Men who age 30 years as the play progresses. Ruthie, the bossy but well-meaning mother and Bill, the easy-going father start out in their 40's and ages into their 70's. Their children are Richard, (late 20's to 50's) the stylish entrepreneur; Maddie (mid-20's to 50's) the strong-willed artist; and Thomas, (early 20's-50's) the even-tempered 'good' son.

If you're not quite the type who likes being in the spotlight, you can still be a part of the fun. OFP is always looking for hard-working, organized people to be stage managers, set crews, sound and light technicians as well as costume/prop stylists and makeup artists. There's even a spot for those who enjoy working with the public by selling concessions during performances. Stop by on audition nights to volunteer or send us a message on Facebook.

Making God Laugh, by Sean Grennan, will be presented by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc. (www.playscripts.com) Performances run December 7-9 and 14-16. Evening shows begin at 7:30 p.m. and the curtain rises on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Tickets for Adults are \$12, and Students are \$8.

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