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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC **Engaging in a little Hocus Pocus** 

Nannette Griffin, center from Griffin Brake and Muffler, dressed up with her staff as the Sanderson sisters from Hocus Pocus at the 19th Street Trick or Treat Thursday night behind Kempkers True Value & Rental. Families lined up outside the Kempker's warehouse for goodies, hot dogs, and drinks. Food was provided by Fareway Meat & Grocery and other businesses joined to make a shivering good time.

### Hawes joins Pen City Current sales team

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Pen City Current is proud to announce an addition to its sales staff.

Martha Hawes has joined the staff as a digital marketing sales consultant and brings close to 10 years of retail experience to her new role.

Hawes is a wife and mother of a four-month old and

**HAWES** 

has lived in Fort Madison her entire life. She's spent time on staff with County

Market, Family Video, and Shopko in Fort Madison before moving to Lowe's in Burlington for six years. After a short stint with Complete Rental in Fort Madison she moved to Baxter Construction's office and has been there for the past 3.5 years.

Hawes said she's looking forward to the challenge of marketing local businesses and helping them reach a wider customer base through the digital options at her

She said meeting new people is always a joy for her and now she can use that passion to not only build a career, but help others with their careers as well.

"I believe I'm up for this challenge because I love meeting new people and getting to help them," Hawes

"I think being familiar in Fort Madison and the surrounding areas will be advantageous because being in a small community there's at least one way to connect with anyone, whether it be through a friend or family member."

Hawes said living in Fort Madison her whole life has allowed her unique opportunities to get to know many families and she understands the role each person can

"I've lived here my whole life so I've gotten to know a lot of people and a lot of people know me through my parents and siblings. But I genuinely enjoy helping others and advertisement sales is just that, helping others grow their business."

Pen City Current editor and co-owner Chuck Vandenberg said he's confident Hawes can hit the ground running.

"She's certainly connected and has history with people in and around Fort Madison. I think she's gonna make an exceptional addition to our staff."

Hawes is just part of a restructuring of Pen City Current that includes bringing aboard award-winning reporter John Bohnenkamp and former Fox Sports Radio

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### **CLASS 1A VOLLEYBALL**

## HTC one win from state

No. 7 New London and No. 8 Crusaders square off Tuesday for right to go to Cedar Rapids

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

KEOSAUQUA - It was about 48 minutes of volleyball and suddenly Seymour's season was over.

The Lady Warriors put up very little struggle as the 8thranked Holy Trinity Crusaders rolled to a 25-4, 25-11, 25-7 sweep at Van Buren High School Thursday night.

The game was originally scheduled to be played at Fort Madison High School, but the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Association moved the game on Wednesday.

Tuesday's Class 1A regional final will pit the Crusaders against 7th-ranked New London at Fort Madison High School beginning at 7 p.m. New London disposed of WACO 3-1 in New London on the other side of the bracket Thursday night.

HTC and New London have split matches this year, but the Tigers hold a 4-3 game FREESMEIER advantage over HTC on the season.



Seymour bows out after sweeping Moravia and Wayne in three games each. Holy Trinity got a first round bye and then swept Burlington Notre Dame Monday at home.

The Crusaders raced out to an 8-0 lead on the 8-8 of serving from sophomore Kassi Randolph. Randolph missed on number 9 giving Seymour it's first point. Seymour's McKinley McClure would offer up a serve, but HTC's Claire Pothitakis had an attack blocked and then came back with a kill to get the side out.

HTC would then race out to a 14-1 lead with senior Maille Sheerin serving six straight including an ace. Pothitakis had a kill go wide right at 14-1 for the side out, but senior Avery Hopper would record a kill to the center wood to give the ball back. Pothitakis would get the rally

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### FRANKLIN JAMES PETERSON

Franklin "Frank" James Peterson, 85 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died at 7:12 am Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at his home. He was born May 1, 1934 in Wisconsin, a son of Alfred and Hazel (Thomas) Peterson. On October 2, 1954, he married Elaine Jahner in the St. Augustine Catholic Church in South St. Paul, Minnesota. They had

six children: Dave, Dick, Roberta, Don, Jane, and Judy, and they just celebrated 65 years of marriage.



Frank was employed at Dial for more than 30 years, transferring from South St. Paul in 1973, moving his family to Donnellson, Iowa. In the 1960s, he and Elaine were owners of Diamond Cab Company in South St. Paul. In 1988, Frank and Elaine moved to Fort Madison. Frank was active in his Catholic faith community his entire married life. He was a longtime Minnesota Twins fan, although he became a

stalwart Chicago Cubs fan in Iowa, often dreaming of a Twins-Cubs World Series. He was satisfied in 2016 when the Cubs won the Series.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine Peterson of Fort Madison; Dave (Peggy) Peterson of White Bear Lake, Minnesota; Dick (Patricia) Peterson of Woodstock, Illinois; Roberta (Doug) Danielson of Fairfield, Iowa; Don "Pete" Peterson of Fort Madison; Jane (Tom) Finn of Batavia, New York; and Judy (Greg) Stuecker of West Point, Iowa; 13 grandchildren: Matt, Kevin, John, Michael, Lisa, Catie, Ellen, Adam, Brian, John, Michael, Mari, and Sara; five great grandchildren: Ava, Aiden, Anthony, Gideon, and Penelope; Austrian Family: Eva, Romy, and Richard Kaufmann; sister-in-law Donna McAndrews, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, seven siblings: Dennis Peterson, Doris Bishop, Wayne Peterson, Helen Peraziana, Robert Peterson, Ione Sanders, and Lester Peterson; one daughter-in-law Lauretta "Ret" Lay; and a Foreign Exchange Student from Austria, Josef "Sepp" Kaufmann.

A rosary will be recited at 2:00 pm Sunday, November 3, 2019 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Visitation will follow the Rosary, with a Christian Wake to begin at 4:00 pm Sunday afternoon at the funeral home. Mass of Christian Burial will be begin at 10:00 am Monday, November 4, 2019 at Sacred Heart Church, Holy Family Parish, Fort Madison with Reverends Joseph Phung and Nick Adam as Con-Celebrants. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Fort Madison. A memorial has been established for Holy Family Parish and Catholic Relief Service, contributions may be made at the church or the Barr Memorial Chapel. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Peterson family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com

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### For the Record/Weather

### For the Record

#### **Fort Madison Police Report**

10/29/19 - 8:00 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Kristopher Lee Amberger, 50, at the police station on a charge of OWI-1st offense. He was released on a promise to appear. 10/29/19 – 10:30 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Christopher Michael Flores, 38, listed as homeless on a charge of violation of a no contact order. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 10/29/19 - 10:37 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 200

block of Avenue E. 10/29/19 – 3:41 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1800 block of Avenue G. 10/29/19 – 4:04 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of 35th Street. 10/29/19 – 5:58 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1600 block of Avenue M. 10/30/19 - 7:27 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in thee 1600 block of Avenue M.

10/30/19 - 11:25 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Kimberly Michelle Brewer, 39, of Fort Madison, in the 3000 block of Avenue O, on a warrants for failure to appear on three separate charges. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

#### Lee County **Sheriff's Report**

10/29/19 - 12:44 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Stoyan Nikodjevic, 40, of Fort Madison, at the Lee County Jail on a warrant for voluntary absence from custody and a judgment

hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 10/29/19 - 6:03 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jared Richard Altgilbers, 30, of Keokuk, at the Burlington Residential Facility, on a warrant for parole violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 10/29/19 - 6:26 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jake Ryan Wells, 28, of Burlington in the 400 block of N. 4th Street in Burlington, on a warrant for probation violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 10/29/19 - 11:00 p.m.

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- Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested James R. Sizemore, 38, of Roanke, III., no location listed, on a warrant for failure to appear and a charge of possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 10/30/19 - 4:27 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jason Matthew Myhre, 41, of Donnellson, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for a judgment hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 10/31/19 - 5:25 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on Hwy. 218 at

exit 19. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Amy Diane Spears. 54, of Wayland, failed to negotiate the exit turn and struck a sign. No injuries were reported and Spears was cited for failure to maintain control. 10/31/19 -5:40 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Alexander Michael Schweitzer, 23 of Fort Madison, at the Lee County Jail and warrants for assault with injury and failure to appear. He was held in custody. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

### Hawes to help promote new PCC programs

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Kansas City's Dave O'Hara. Bohnenkamp contributes editorial content and sports coverage in addition to sitting sideseat with O'Hara on the O'Hara & Bohnenkamp livestream and podcast that's part of the Pen City Current brand.

"We're just gonna keep throwing stuff at you and see what sticks," Vandenberg said.

Hawes can be reached by phone at 319-316-3621 or by email at martha@pencitycurrent.com.

### **5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST**



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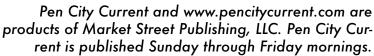
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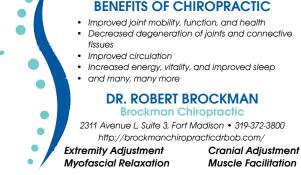
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### From the Front

### Warriors put up little challenge as Crusaders roll

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going again and Seymour couldn't respond to the Crusaders' power up front.

Hopper would record three more kills in the rally and junior Bailey Hellweg would clean up the first game serving five straight and recording three aces for the 25-4 win.

Hopper who is known for big blocks on defense and some well placed taps for kills said she's filling her role but the offense usually rotates to Pothitakis.

"It just has to do with getting set up," Hopper said. "I'm in the front with Claire a lot and she's an amazing hitter so we try to work the ball over to her."

Pothitakis had just one kill in the first game, as the Crusaders' service game kept Seymour from being able to get into it's offense.

The second game started quickly again at 11-1, but Pothitakis took control with five kills in the rally. Maria Rauenbuehler went 9-9 serving in the run including two aces to start the game. She also just missed a diving dig on a McClure kill at 8-1.

Seymour would cut the gap to 16-6 when the Crusaders got a case of the yips at the net. Pothitakis and Hopper both missed attacks – one wide and one long. Freshman Brooke Mueller would also go wide to allow the Warriors to get within eight. But after another long attack by HTC, Mueller recorded a kill for the side out.





Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

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Junior Bailey Hellweg (24) attacks from just off the front line in the first game of HTC's 3-game sweep of Seymour in the Class 1A Region 8 semifinals at Van Buren Thursday night.

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Hellweg and junior Taylor Crabtree both went ace and error on two service attempts allowing Seymour to stay within 10 at 20-10, but Pothitakis and Randolph found wood, and Hellweg ended the game with a kill from the center.

It was much the same in game three, but Seymour did hold a lead at 3-2 in that game when junior Katie Denning hit wide. That's about all the fight the Warriors would have as Sheerin reeled off six straight including two more aces.

Sheerin would miss on seven, but Seymour would get whistled for four hits turning the serve back over to HTC where Pothitaks went eight clean from the service line with the Crusader front rotation in full gear recording five kills in a row, two by Hellweg and Hopper and one from Mueller to make it 16-5.

Seymour would manage just two more points, one on an HTC missed serve and the last on McClure kill as Holy Trinity ran away on a 9-2 run.

Hopper said she and Sheerin are trying to provide leadership on the floor, but she said whoever is on the floor knows what her role is.

"We just been working really hard during the season and I think the seniors on the floor and those coming off the bench help to get everyone going," Hopper said.

"But in the end everyone pretty much knows what to do and that helped us take control tonight."

Head Coach Melissa Freesmeier said Hopper sees the court very well and mixes in swings to the deep corners to keep the other side off balance.

"They're not sure what they're going to get with her on the front line and that attributes to how hard she's been working, along with the rest of the team, as the season's progressed."

Freesmeier said with the score getting lopsided she had to challenge the kids to stay focused.

"We did the things we needed to do to keep it as lopsided as it was," she said.

"I thought our kids did a great job of keeping it reined in. We had some errors, but we hit the ball well tonight. That'll happen you lose a little focus when you get that far ahead."

Pothitakis finished with a team-high 11 kills on 18-21 hitting. She was also 16-16 serving with two aces and 6 digs. Hopper had eight kills and Randolph finished with seven, to go with a team-high 20 assists on the night.

Rauenbuehler had seven digs to lead HTC. Sheerin was 13-15 serving with face aces and Hellweg was 9-of-10 at the line with four aces.







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