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Former IFC head jailed on contempt charges

*Rana held without bond on
after Tuesday court hearing*

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

BURLINGTON - A former plant manager of Iowa Fertilizer Company was been thrown in jail by 8th



RANA

District judge Emily Dean in Des Moines County.

According the Des Moines County Clerk of Court's office, Shawn Rana, who was president of IFC from 2013-2015 during the construction phase of the \$2 billion facility, was jailed on six contempt charges stemming from a divorce decree. It's alleged that Rana was hiding significant assets and financial dealings from the courts.

According to court records, Rana owed more than \$70,000 in child support to his wife, and was ordered to be taken into custody by the Des Moines County Sheriff's department after a hearing Tuesday.

Rana is still in custody in the Des Moines County jail without bond.

Rana left the Iowa Fertilizer Company in 2015 citing family reasons and was replaced by Larry Holley. He then went to Geneva, Neb., where he worked for Fortigen launching a 120-acre greenfield project.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Alliant Energy crews work quickly on the corners of 18th and Avenue E, and 18th and Avenue F during Thursday's thunderstorm to clear power lines and restore power to the city's east side.

Storm knocks out power on city's east side

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - What could have been a powerful storm blew through the area very quickly Thursday afternoon yielding little of the much needed rain.

A severe thunderstorm warning was issued as a large front, prompting locals to go to

Facebook with eerie cloud formations north of Fort Madison, moved to the southeast from central Iowa. Heavy rains and some high winds came off the bluff. Some of the winds could have been responsible for a large tree that fell at the corner of 18th Street and Avenue F.

About 20 minutes later power was interrupted on the city's east side including Fort Madison

City Hall and the Lee County Health Department for approximately two hours as Alliant Energy crews worked along the stretch of 18th between Avenue F and Avenue E to restore the power. The LCHD has power generators that kicked on to keep them functional, but city officials said power and phones

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Governor unveils apprenticeship playbook for Iowa

Plan aims at filling in-demand skilled-labor positions in Iowa

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

PELLA - Gov. Kim Reynolds unveiled a new "playbook" Tuesday for apprenticeships in Iowa that furthers the Future Ready Iowa initiative and filling skilled-labor job gaps in the state.

Lee County Economic Development Group CEO, Joe Steil said he was pleased with the announcement. "Lee County EGG is pleased to see the efforts of



STEIL

Gov. Reynolds and Lt. Gov. Gregg's announcement unveiling the New High School Registered Apprenticeship Playbook," Steil said.

"This is an additional opportunity for our Iowa youth in high school to have an avenue by which they can start their life's career journey while still attending high school."

Reynolds, alongside representatives of Vermeer Corporation, the Career Academy of Pella and Des Moines Area Community College, introduced the High School Registered Apprenticeship Playbook in Pella Tuesday. The playbook was developed to help guide Iowa employers, high schools and students through the process of implementing a Registered Apprenticeship program in their local community.

"The combination of classroom instruction with on-the-job experience through Registered Apprenticeships takes learning to a new level," Gov. Reynolds

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CURRENT-LEE

The following is a list of events currently going on in the area as submitted to Pen City Current.

LHLC picking up produce

Live Healthy Lee County will be at the Fort Madison Farmers Market from 5:30-6:00pm on Monday, June 18th to pick-up any donated produce for their Produce Box Project. Anyone with donations is welcome to bring them to the market. Donations can also be made at the following locations Southview Apartments (Donnellson), Heritage Center (Keokuk), Hillview Village (Fort Madison), Mississippi Terrace (Keokuk), Newberry Center (Fort Madison), Park View Apartments (West Point), and River Terrace (Keokuk). Denmark Star Park also has a community table. For more information contact Emily Biddenstadt, Lee County Health Department Outreach Coordinator, at (319)372-5225.

FM Depot Farmer's Market

Every Monday more 10 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 from until Oct. 8 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. every Monday.

Party on the Patio

On Friday, June 22 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Baxter Sports Complex. Free live music by Keating Hissem and Chaz sponsored by Sunnybrook Assisted Living. Food and drink specials will be available and all proceeds go towards community beautification efforts. Premier sponsor is Fort Madison Hy-Vee.

FMHS Athletic Booster Fundraiser

The Fort Madison High School Athletic Booster will be holding a fried chicken dinner fundraiser at the Charleston Board of Trade on Sunday, June 24, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Adults are \$10 and children under 12 are \$6. Tickets for the event are available at the FMHS office weekdays from 8 a.m. to noon or at the door on the day of the event. Proceeds will help with costs of the new stadium pressbox.

ISU Extension Day Camp

Learn what it takes to create a new idea, develop a plan, and share your results through creativity, innovation, and communication. Participants will work in teams to develop an idea for making their community a better place to live. Grades 4th through 8th. West Point Library June 26, Keokuk Library June 27, Fort Madison Library June 28. Each session is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

KIDTEK University at SCC

Kidtek U, Southeastern Community Colleges, Summer Youth Camps are ready to keep your children engaged, learning, and having fun all summer long. Camps take place on June and July meeting Monday - Friday from either 9am - noon or 1 - 4pm. Camps are designed for kids of all ages: standard camps for students grades 4 - 6, and advanced camps for grades 7 - 9. Each week-long camp cost \$179. For information about Kidtek U, call (319) 208-5375 or email kidtek@scciowa.edu.

Pen City Current will list your event in this highly visible CURRENT-LEE section in increments of 25 words for \$15. Add a photo for \$5. Non-profit organizations are eligible for the reduced rate of \$10 per 25 words and \$3 per photo. To place your listing, click here or call Lee at (319)371.4125.

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Obituaries/Local News

OBITUARIES

NORBERT SEBASTIAN GRELK

Norbert Sebastian Grelok, 73, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 7:40 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at his home. He was born on March 22, 1945 in Fort Madison, IA to Lloyd & Catherine Walljasper Grelok. He met Christine E. Selser in the early 1970's in Fort Madison and they were later married. He was a truck driver for Gabeline Trucking for 45 years and was also a volunteer fireman for the Yarmouth Fire Department. He enjoyed having coffee and visiting with friends and time with his grandchildren.



GRELK

Norbert is survived by: his wife: Christine Grelok of Fort Madison, IA; 3-daughters: Alesia "Lisa" Hayes of Fort Madison, IA, Diana (Tristen) Brecount Daytona, FL & Susan (Eric) Selser of St. Paul, MN; 1-son: Chris (Kassie) Grelok of Fort Madison, IA; 10-grandchildren; 8-great grandchildren; 1-great great grandson; 3-sisters: Eileen Vorwaldt of West Point, IA, Mary Umbarger of Mt. Vernon, IA & Barb Guenther of St. Paul, MN; 5-brothers: Duane Grelok of Donnellson, IA, Gary Grelok of Winfield, IA, Kenny Grelok of Fort Madison, IA, Bob Grelok of Houghton, IA & Paul Grelok of Omaha, NE. He was preceded in death by his parents and 1-brother, Anthony.

The family will receive friends from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 16, 2018 with a funeral service to immediately follow at 11:00 a.m. at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Dean Graber officiating. Following the service, his body will be cremated by King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and a graveside service will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, June 18, 2018 at Sacred Heart Cemetery. A memorial has been established in his name. Online condolences to Norbert's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.



Courtesy photo

Dr. Mark Pothitakis & Associates Family Dentistry is the most current supporter to come forward to help with the 2018 Light Up The Sky this 4th of July campaign. In front of their newest location on 47th street, Dr. Mark Pothitakis presents a check to Tim Gobble, Fort Madison Partners. There is still a need to help offset the cost of the show. If interested or able, please contact the Partners office at 319-372-5471.



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Sports/Weather

Dav. North takes two from Bloodhounds

BY PCC STAFF

DAVENPORT - The Fort Madison Lady Hounds softball team dropped a doubleheader on the road Wednesday night at Davenport North 11-3 and 12-2.

FMHS looked to make a game of the opener when Kylie Cashman drew a lead-off walk in the top of the first and would eventually come around to score on Kamryn Bailey's RBI single. Sadie Smithburg got plunked after Cashman walked but was held up at third on Bailey's single.

Smithburg would get thrown out at home on Cassie Power's fielder's choice to third and Dalyn Wondra grounded out to short to end the first.

The Wildcats counted in the first with a run, but Kaitlyn Dennis, who took the loss for FMHS shut North down after the lone run.

Fort Madison scored again in the second when Smithburg drove in Logan Johnson who hit a one-out double.

The Hounds wouldn't score again until the top of fourth when Ivy Geerdes drew a walk and advanced on Johnson's single. Allison Helmick grounded out advancing Geerdes who would then score on a Cashman sacrifice. Smithburg popped out to right field to end the inning and the scoring for the Hounds.

North was able to get their timing against Dennis in the second inning putting up five runs, four earned on five hits highlighted by Kyleigh Coin's 2-run, 2-out double to center. The Wildcats would put up a run in each the third and fourth innings to hold an 8-1 lead going into the sixth, where after a leadoff ground out to third, the North plated the next three hitters for an 11-3 win.

Dennis went the distance for FMHS giving up 11 runs, nine earned on 15 hits and no strikeouts.

In the second game, Cassie Powers took the mound for the Bloodhounds.

Powers held the Wild-

cats scoreless through the first two innings recording three strikeouts and giving up just two hits, but the third inning was her undoing with the big hit coming in the form of a two-out triple by Kenzie Tronnes that plated three. The Wildcats scored five runs total before Powers got Hannah Healey to pop out to third to end the inning.

Davenport North scored three more in the bottom of the fourth and four in the bottom of the fifth to set the 10-run rule at 12-2.

The Hounds got a run in the second from Allison Helmick when Maycee Featheringill doubled her home. The second run came in the top of the third when Olivia Williams led off with a double and advanced to third on Cashman's ground out to first. Bailey then grounded out to second scoring Williams.

The Hounds fall to 6-15 on the year and hosted Washington in a doubleheader at home Thursday night.

Catfish, bass angling good on local waters

The following is this week's fishing report for southeast Iowa as provided by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for the week ending Jun 20, 2018.

Big Hollow Lake

Water had cooled down some, but expect it to go right back up the next few days. Largemouth Bass - Fair: The spawn has wrapped up; adults moved out to deeper water to cool off. Work the flooded trees with soft plastics. Bluegill - Fair: Warm temperatures lead to a quick spawn. Most moved back out into deeper water. Work the 6 to 8 foot deep water.

Iowa River (Columbus Junction to Mississippi River)

The Iowa River below where the Cedar River comes in is going up as water from the Mason City rains comes down the Cedar River. Channel Catfish - Fair: Work to logjams and you can catch some nice fish. Also work the high cut banks as catfish get ready to spawn.

Lake Belva Deer

Water temperature has been in the mid 70's. Don't plan on it staying



there much longer with the hot forecast. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Bass fishing is improving as the fish finish recovering from the spawn. Bluegill - Fair: Most have moved out to deeper water. Smaller ones are still in shallow hiding from the bass. Channel Catfish - Good: Catfish are enjoying the hot weather and have moved into the rocks to spawn. The face of the dam is a good place to start.

Lake Darling

Largemouth Bass - Fair: Bass fishing is picking up as the post spawn bass go back on the feed. Channel Catfish - Good: Catfish are in the rocks down at the dam and along the deeper shorelines spawning. Bluegill - Fair: Most of the bluegills have moved out to 5-6 feet of water.

Lost Grove Lake

Largemouth Bass - Fair: Bass are starting to go back on the feed; look for them in the early morning and late afternoon in shallow feeding on little bluegills. Bluegill - Fair: Mostly smaller ones are in shallow; the bigger ones are out deeper most of the time. Channel Catfish - Fair: Catfish are hanging off the face of the dam and around some of the underwater mounds.

Skunk River (Rose Hill to Coppock)

The Skunk River water levels are holding steady.

Channel Catfish - Good: Catfishing has picked up with the stable water levels. Flathead Catfish - Fair: Anglers are catching flatheads on bank poles.

For more information on the above lakes, contact the Lake Darling Fisheries Office at 319-694-2430.

Mississippi River Pool 19

Tailwater stage is 8.94 feet at Lock and Dam 18 above Burlington. River levels are forecasted to reach 9.6 feet over the weekend. Floodstage is 10 feet. Fishing has been slow with the high and muddy water conditions. Bluegill - No Report: Look for bluegills up shallow in the backwaters. Try fishing around brush piles and logs. Walleye - No Report: Wing dam fishing for walleyes will be tough with the high and muddy water conditions. Look for walleyes on the wing dams. Cast or troll crankbaits. Trolling three-way rigs with crawlers works too.

River stages are below flood stage, but have risen since last weekend due to recent heavy rains. Main channel water temperature is around 73 degrees and water clarity is poor. Fishing has been tough with the muddy water conditions. If you have questions on fishing Pools 16-19, contact the Fairport Fish Hatchery at 563-263-5062.

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SUN 17 Jun



Clear Skies
High- 90.1° F | Low - 85.4° F

MON 18 Jun



Heavy Intensity Rain
High - 88.5° F | Low - 76.0° F

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From the Front/Local News

Program caters to Future Ready Iowa initiative

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said. “This employer-driven model helps students gain valuable skills and pursue outstanding career opportunities in Iowa, while helping businesses hire the skilled workers they need. The playbook will accelerate this effort in communities across the state in keeping with the Future Ready Iowa goal of 70 percent of our workforce having education or training beyond high school by the year 2025.”

Steil said Lee County is already working hard on apprenticeship programs in the area.

“Lee County EDG is already active in promoting employer designed Apprenticeships and this program further enhances high school learning opportunities for our future workforce locally,” he said. “Since this announcement is fresh from the Governor’s desk LCEDG will be reviewing details of the program to evaluate how it might be integrated into our existing Grow Lee programming, while identifying which Lee County employers this Apprenticeship Opportunity will be of interest to.”

Vermeer Corporation, the Career Academy of Pella, the U.S. Department of Labor and Des Moines Area Community College worked together to offer a local welding Registered Apprenticeship program beginning in the 2018-2019 academic year.

“Thank you for building this Registered Apprenticeship. I prefer to work and learn with my hands, so I look forward to this program and starting down my career path. I hope other students will also take advantage of this great opportunity right here in Iowa,” Charles Vander Velden, a Pella High School senior and the

first apprentice in the program, said.

Vermeer Corporation and the Career Academy of Pella led development of the playbook, in coordination with the Iowa Governor’s STEM Advisory Council, Future Ready Iowa, the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship in Iowa and Des Moines Area Community College, and in consultation with other regional employers, school districts and state agencies. The playbook can be found at www.IowaSTEM.gov/Playbook.



A large tree was toppled during a Thursday mid-afternoon thunderstorm that blew quickly through Lee County. Power was out for about two hours on the city’s east side.

Heavy rain forecasted for most of next week

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were out at City Hall for most of the time.

Emergency crews were reporting a possible tornado forming over Donnellson, but no sightings were ever confirmed.

Weather forecasts indicate clear skies through the

weekend with highs near 90 and heat indices in triple digits. After Monday, however rain is predicted for seven straight days which should provide relief to parched farm fields in the area.

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Location: Riverview Park, Fort Madison Iowa, east of 6th
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Visit www.riverfest.com for more information and to register!

The 2018 RiverFest 5K Run/Walk
Saturday August 4th, 2018 @ 7:30am
Register now, online registration ends July 25th.

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RiverFest Kan Jam Tournament
August 4th, 2018 @ 10am
Register now, online registration ends July 27th.

Online registration is \$20.00/per team of 2 and closes July 27th. Day of registration is \$30.00.

All participants must fill out a RiverFest Sports Participant Waiver. All ages can play, under 18 must have a signed permission form. CO-ED – MM/MF/FF all allowed. Double Elimination Tournament. Match lengths based on # of teams entered. For example “Best of 3, 5, or 7”. 100% Cash payback to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Recreational Play open to all abilities.

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