

Don't forget Social Media! Check us out on the following sites @pencitycurrent: **SPORTS:** Wrestling results from this weekend's tournament action.

See pages 4-5

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 | 8 pages | Volume 2 • Issue 1

CUPPent

FMHS carpentry team takes first place at state...again

Íľ

Electrical squad takes 2nd place at competition

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - For the second straight year, the Fort Madison building trades program has brought home a title.

Two teams from Fort Madison, a carpentry team and an electrical team, participated in the competition put on by the Association of the Building Contractors of Iowa.

Students Elijah Barnes, Elton Kruse, Bradley Sporkman, and Brandon Reichelt captured the state title in the carpentry competition, while AJ Nolting



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FMHS building trades instructor Clint Kobelt shows points to joist work in the class' new hydroponic addition on the ag building Monday afternoon. Four members of the class took first place at last week's state high school carpentry competition.

and Jordyn Gerdes won second place in the electrical competition.

It was the third year that Fort Madison has entered the contest with shining results. The first year, 2015, the Bloodhounds took 2nd place in the carpentry division and last year they won the competition, repeating as champions this year.

Building Trades instructor Clint Kobelt said this year was especially exciting for him and the students as the Hounds won in the face of some stiff adversity.

Kobelt, who is relegated to just observing during the 4.5 hour competition, said this year was taxing

See CLASS, page 5

New Dimensions hairstylist Jenny Craft finishes up with Army Veteran Bill McCarl, who served 33.5 years in the service. New Dimensions gave free haircuts and styles to any military veteran free of charge on Sunday afternoon.

WP extends shared policing six months

Council also approves agreement with utility

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT - An

extension to an agreement that provides shared police services with West Point and Donnellson was approved by the West Point City Council at their last regular meeting of 2017.

According to West Point Mayor Paul Walker, the agreement was extended through the end of June to allow both communities to get the agreement included in the upcoming budgeting season.

"We met with the Donnellson's representatives in Donnellson a couple weeks ago and our public safety people from here were there. And we had a discussion on how this was working and so far everyone seemed happy. We tweaked a couple things that night and they approved it late last week. We need to approve it this week so it can go to the state," Walker said. "The reason why we

News Index

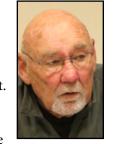
Current–Lee.....P.3

Education.....Ps.5,8 For the Record.....P.3 From the frontPs.5,8 Local NewsPs.2,5,8 Lottery NumbersP.8 SportsPs.4-5 WeatherP.2 went with another six months was so we can discuss the budget now and we can get it in the budget in July. That way we don't have to amend the budget and things like that. We can set wages which affects their wages also," Walker said.

West Point Police Chief Brad Roberts said the arrangement is working well for both communities.

"The council meeting last week was a good

meeting and they're moving forward with that. They are looking at maybe



replacing WALKER one of

their cars and that won't affect our end of it, but I think they're happy with the services we're providing," he said.

In an unrelated matter, the council approved a resolution setting a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement with West Point Municipal Electric System. The agreement will provide a monthly payment of \$5,171, which is based on the utilities' net revenue of \$1,551,411 for the previous calendar year ending Dec. 3, 2016.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

See COUNCIL, page 8

Scan the code to Subscribe today Paid & Free Options Available!



Advertiser Index

Cla	assifiedsPs.6	6-7
Fa	rm Bureau Financial Services – Larry Holtkamp F	P.3
Fo	rt Madison YMCA	P.3
Fu	llenkamp InsuranceF	P.5
Gre	eat River Regional Waste AuthorityF	P.8
Gre	een Oak DevelopmentF	P.7
Gri	iffin Muffler & Brake CenterF	P.2
Inte	ernational Eyecare CenterF	P.5

JDRF.org.	P.3
Kempker's True Value Rental	
Lee County Health Department	P.4
Pen City Current Ps.2	-3,5-7
Professional Services	P.6
Public Notices	P.7
The Kensington	P.3
West Liberty Foods	

Local News/Weather

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST



Ugly sweaters, happy trails





Fort Madison Mayor Brad Randolph, with ceremonial scissors at left. cuts the ribbon on Phase II of the PORT trail on 48th Street Sunday. As part of the celebration, an Ugly Sweater 5K was also held. At left are some of the smiles and sweaters...and treats.

Give the gift of Great Service with Griffin's Holiday Gift Card!

Purchase a \$25.00 Gift Card for Only \$20.00.

No Limit to the number of gift cards purchased. Promotion ends 12/22/17.

Let Griffin's help you make it **Home for the Holidays**

Save on regular maintenance this season with these coupons!

Present or mention these coupons at time of service

95 Alignment Special Includes: Computerized Alignment **Brake Inspection Tire Rotation**

GRIFFINS GRATITUDE REWARD CARD

*For faster service, please call ahead for an appointment. Valid on most cars/light trucks. Excludes parts. Cannot combine with any other offers. Valid for a limited time only!

\$25 OFF Any Repair or Maintenance Order \$250 or More \$50 OFF Any Repair or Maintenance Order \$500 or More \$75 OFF Any Repair or Maintenance Order \$750 or More Excludes tires and batteries. Cannot combine with any other offers. One time use. Valid for a limited time only!

OFF **Oil Change Includes FREE** Seasonal Check Up: Battery Check 🛹 Suspension Check All Fluids Level Check 🗸 Radiator & Coolant Check 🖊 Tire Check 🛛 🛹 Lights Check V PLUS Road Test *For faster service, please call ahead for an appointment. Cannot combine with any other offers. Valid for a limited time only!

Save a even more for the Holidays! Ask about our 6 Months Same As Cash

Like us on Facebook!

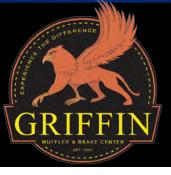




<u>319-372-2478</u> 535 Avenue G Fort Madison, IA Mon - Thurs: 7:30am - 5:30pm Friday: 7:30am - 5:00pm www.griffinmuffler.com







For the Record/Current–Lee

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

12/07/17 - 6:17 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L. 12/08/17 - 1:12 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Brittney Clair Connelly, 30, of Fort Madison in the 3600 block of Avenue O,on a charge of driving under suspension. She was released with a court date. 12/08/17 - 2:30 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2000 block of 303rd Avenue. 12/08/17 - 3:52 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 700 block of 10th Street. 12/08/17 - 4:42 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded

to a report of a hit and run at the intersection of 27th Street and Avenue L. 12/08/17 - 7;06 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 500 block of 14th Street. 12/08/17 - 9:05 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 4800 block of Avenue O. 12/08/17 - 8:57 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited April Dawn Stegall, 26, of Fort Madison, in the 3900 block of Avenue L on a charge of driving under suspension. He was released upon citation. 12/08/17 - 10:30 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Mickey Lyle McFadden, 43, of Fort Madison in the 1700 block of Avenue G on a charge of

driving under suspension. He was released upon citation. 12/09/17 - 10:13 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 500 block of Avenue G. 12/09/17 - 12:49 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Michael Forrest Uhlig, 21 of Burlington, in the 1700 block of Avenue H, on a warrant out of Des Moines County. He was taken to the Des Moines County Jail. 12/09/17 - 3:14 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 400 block of Avenue A. 12/09/17 - 4:38 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run on Alta Drive. 12/10/17 - 1:21 a.m. - Fort

CURRENT-LEE

The original Ivy Bake Shoppe now taking orders for holiday treats

Remember the original Ivy for your holiday desserts, sweet trays, catering, & gift certificates. Order yours by Tuesday, December 21st. Call us at Burlington Uptown Ivy (319)754.5924 or visit us at 514 Jefferson Street, downtown Burlington. Visit us online at <u>www.ivybake-shoppe.com.</u>



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.

I make insurance simple.

See how I can help you



Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in progress in the 2000 block of Avenue E. 12/10/17 - 1:37 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Jason Tod Willits, 27 of Fort Madison in the 2000 block of Avenue E on a charge possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held. 12/10/17 - 1:32 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of fatality accident in the 2400 block of Hwy 2. 12/10/17 - 1:43 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of 39th Street. 12/10/17 - 7;52 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1100 block of Avenue E.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

12/07/17 - 7:24 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle rollover accident in the 1500 block of Hwy 218. A vehicle driven Seth Van Roosendaal was traveling southbound and went off the left side of the road, lost control and overturned. Van Roosendaal sought medical attention at FMCH. No citations were issued at the scene. 12/07/17 - 10:14 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Adam Ray Sutton,

jdrf.org

JDRF

39, of Fort Madison at the Lee County Jail on a warrant violation of probation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 12/08/17 - 9:58 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Travis Claude Seidel, 42, of Fort Madison in the 500 block of 21st Street, on two charges of possession of other controlled substances. 12/08/17 - 10:42 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tyrone Lee Wilson, 42, of Fort Madison at the North Lee County Courthouse on a court ordered hold. He was released for a transfer. 12/08/17 - 2:42 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jason Lee Davis, 37 of Keokuk, at the Lee County Jail, on two warrants for theft in the 3rd degree. He was taken to the Lee County jail and held. 12/08/17 - 5:18 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested William Dean Bigelow, 62, in the 2500 block of Middle Road, on a warrants for possession of a controlled substance, controlled substance violation, possession of a controlled substance use in a structure or vehicle, and a charge of driving while suspended. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 12/10/17 - 1:50 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies

arrested Matthew Wayne Land, 55, in the 3500 block of Hwy 218, on charges of driving under suspension, speeding, three charges of possession of a controlled substance and one charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

All persons in these listings are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

12/08/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls and one burn complaint. 12/09/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls. 12/10/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one carbon monoxide alarm and one medical call.





Making memories for tomorrow...

The Kensington is devoted to making each day special for residents and their families. Our team focuses on helping residents make the memories they want to make and help provide life residents experiences to remember!

~ Personalized programs and family events ~ Day Trips & Shopping Trips ~ Festival & Fair Trips ~ Annual Traditional Events ~ Friends & Family Gatherings ~ And so much more!



protect your family, home, car and business. Larry Holtkamp 1301 37th St Fort Madison, IA

Contact Me



Are you ready? Call us at 319-372-2403 or click here today jumpstart your health!



Learn about all our services online: www.kensington-evergreen.com

319-372-4233 2210 Ave H, Fort Madison, IA 52627 We welcome you to Join our Facebook Family!

Charles Vandenberg, Editor (319).371.1670 editor@pencitycurrent.com

Lee K. Vandenberg, Sales Manager (319).371.4125 sales@pencitycurrent.com

Copyright © 2016 by Pen City Current

All published materials are property of Pen City Current and cannot be used without express written permission.

Pen City Current

Founded in 2016



P.O. Box 366 | Fort Madison, IA

Nissa Rung, Advertising (319).520.8953 n.rung@pencitycurrent.com

Shawna Ross, Advertising (319).470.0622 sross@pencitycurrent.com

Pen City Current and www.pencitycurrent.com are products of Market Street Publishing, LLC. Pen City Current is published Sunday through Friday mornings. **Sports**

Steffensmeiers finish 1-2-3 at "The Munch

tralf (Prairie Central) (MD 11-0)

Cons. Round 4 - Adrian Guzman

(Morton) over Owen Kruse (Fort

Champ. Round 1 - Dayne Cordray

(Fort Madison) received a bye

Champ. Round 2 - Dayne Cor-

dray (Fort Madison) over Lizbeth

Mendez (Kankakee) (Fall 0:16)

Quarterfinals - Dayne Cordray

man (Joliet Central) (MD 14-2)

Semifinals - Vincent Rink (Her-

Cons. Semis - Dayne Cordray

(Fort Madison) over Colton Da-

3rd Place Match - Caleb Magruder

(Bishop McNamara Catholic) over

Dayne Cordray (Fort Madison) (Dec 7-2)

Champ. Round 1 - Ryan Steffensmei-

Champ. Round 2 - Ryan Steffensmeier

(Fort Madison) over Anderson Ryan

Quarterfinals - Ryan Steffensmeier

(Fort Madison) over DeAvion Sloan

(Thornton Fractional North) (MD 13-3)

er (Fort Madison) received a bye

(Normal Community) (Fall 0:41)

Semifinals - Rvan Steffensmeier

(Fort Madison) over Eric Muham-

1st Place Match - Austin O'Dono-

ghue (Lincoln) over Ryan Steffens-

Champ. Round 1 - Nathan Steffens-

meier (Fort Madison) received a bye

Champ. Round 2 - Andrew Stef-

fes (Bishop McNamara Catholic)

over Nathan Steffensmeier (Fort

meier (Fort Madison) (Fall 0:53)

mad (Shepard) (Fall 0:12)

132: Nathan Steffensmei-

er (Fort Madison) - DNP

Madison) (TF 21-6 3:20)

scher) over Dayne Cordray

(Fort Madison) (Dec 9-3)

vis (Lincoln) (Dec 10-4)

126: Rvan Steffensmei-

er (Fort Madison) - 2nd

(Fort Madison) over Ezquiel Guz-

120: Dayne Cordray (Fort Madison) - 4th

Madison) (TF 16-1 3:41)

BY PCC STAFF

PONTIAC - Harlan Steffensmeier took the title at "The Munch" Pontiac Invitational Friday and Saturday in Pontiac, Ill., and the Hounds just missed bringing home a trophy with a fifth-place finish overall.

Steffensmeier won all five of his matches at 152 including a bye in the first round on Friday. In the quarterfinals on Saturday, Steffensmeier pinned A'Evon Pittman of Kankakee in a mere :31 seconds. He then pinned Kaleb Featherly of Prairie Center at the 2:43 mark advancing to the title match against Bilal Bailey of Thornton Fractional North. Bailey took Steffensmeier to the second period, but the senior from Central Lee got the pin at 5:22 for the title.

Ryan Steffensmeier captured 2nd place at the 126 pound division winning his first four matches including a Friday bye. In the quarterfinals, Steffensmeier scored

a 13-3 major decision against DeAvion Sloan of TFN and caught Shepards' Eric Muhammad in a pin in just 12 seconds to advance to the title match where he suffered a fall at :53 at the hands of Auston O'Donoghue of Lincoln.

The Bloodhounds took a 3rd place finish at 145 pounds when Aaron Steffensmeier scored a major decision against Prairie Central's Seth Travis 12-2. Steffensmeier got to the 3rd place match after scoring a 10-0 decision over Sam Fletcher of Riverside-Brookfield. Civic Memorial's Peyton Bechtold scored a 19-10 major decision over Steffensmeier in the semifinals. Steffensmeier beat Jacob Baker of Normal Community by pin at :54.

Sam Hayes took 3rd place in the 195 lb. division after pinning Riley Shaw of Riverside-Brookfield at 1:56. Hayes also recorded the fastest pin of the Invitational when he pinned Hunter Thornton of Civic Memorial in just eight seconds in

the quarterfinals. Brandon Hoselton of Prairie Central pinned Hayes in :53 in the semifinals to send him to the 3rd place match.

Dayne Cordray took a 4th place finish after falling to Caleb Magruder of Bishop McNamara Catholic in a 7-2 decision. Cordray won in the consolation semifinal bracket over Lincoln's Colton Davis by decision at 10-4.

Danen Settles also captured a 4th place finish for the Hounds. He advanced to the 3rd place match after scoring a tight 3-2 decision over Joliet Central's Damaris Stanley before losing a 6-2 decision to Josh Woodrey of Prairie Central, the eventual team champions of the meet.

Complete results for the meet are listed below.

106: Owen Kruse (Fort Madison) - DNP Champ. Round 1 - Owen Kruse (Fort Madison) received a bye Champ. Round 2 - Jonathan Romero (Pontiac) over Owen Kruse (Fort Madison) (Fall 5:58) Cons. Round 2 - Owen Kruse (Fort Madison) received a bye Cons. Round 3 - Owen Kruse (Fort Madison) over Abby Bergs-



We greatly value your business and look forward to celebrating you, our customers, this Friday!

Register to win \$25.00 **Gift Certificates!** 4 per store



भिरामन Refreshments At All Locations!

> JV1 113-123: Courtney Six (Fort Madison) - 4th Round 2 - Brennan Murphy (Washington) over Courtney Six

Cons. Round 2 - Nathan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) over workman (Springfield) (Fall 0:55) Cons. Round 3 - Dorien Cosey (Thornwood) over Nathan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) (MD 13-4)

145: Aaron Steffensmei-

er (Fort Madison) - 3rd Champ. Round 1 - Aaron Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) over Sam Fletcher (Riverside-Brookfield) (Fall 5:29) Champ. Round 2 - Aaron Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) over Deamontae Johnson (Thornwood) (Fall 5:27) Quarterfinals - Aaron Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) over Jacob Baker (Normal Community) (Fall 0:54) Semifinals - PEYTON BECHTOLD (Civic Memorial) over Aaron Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) (MD 19-10) Cons. Semis - Aaron Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) over Sam Fletcher (Riverside-Brookfield) (MD 10-0) 3rd Place Match - Aaron Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) over Seth Travis (Prairie Central) (MD 12-2)

152: Harlan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) - 1st Champ. Round 1 - Harlan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) received a bye Champ. Round 2 - Harlan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) over Marcelle Smith (Thornwood) (Fall 1:36) Quarterfinals - Harlan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) over A'Evon Pittman (Kankakee) (Fall 0:31) Semifinals - Harlan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) over Kaleb Featherly (Prairie Central) (Fall 2:43) 1st Place Match - Harlan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) over Bilal Bailey (Thornton Fractional North) (Fall 5:22)

170: Chance Hocker (Fort Madison) - DNP Champ. Round 1 - Chance Hocker (Fort Madison) received a bye

Champ. Round 2 - Jayden Perez (Joliet Central) over Chance Hocker (Fort Madison) (Fall 1:43) Cons. Round 2 - Chance Hocker (Fort Madison) received a bye Cons. Round 3 - Tom Hutto (Oak Lawn Community) over Chance Hocker (Fort Madison) (Dec 6-1)

195: Sam Hayes (Fort Madison) - 3rd Champ. Round 1 - Sam Hayes (Fort Madison) received a bye Champ. Round 2 - Sam Hayes (Fort Madison) over Jeff Durham (Pontiac) (Fall 0:42) Quarterfinals - Sam Hayes (Fort Madison) over HUNTER THORN-TON (Civic Memorial) (Fall 0:08) Semifinals - Brandon Hoselton (Prairie Central) over Sam Hayes (Fort Madison) (Fall 0:53) Cons. Semis - Sam Hayes (Fort Madison) over Hunter Whitlow (Herscher) (Fall 0:37) 3rd Place Match - Sam Haves (Fort Madison) over Riley Shaw (Riverside-Brookfield) (Fall 1:56)

220: Danen Settles (Fort Madison) - 4th Champ. Round 1 - Danen Settles (Fort Madison) received a bye Champ, Round 2 - Danen Settles (Fort Madison) over NOAH TURBY-FILL (Civic Memorial) (Fall 2:54) Quarterfinals - Josh Woodrey (Prairie Central) over Danen Settles (Fort Madison) (Fall 3:57) Cons. Round 4 - Danen Settles (Fort Madison) over Ben Pratt (Normal Community) (MD 8-0) Cons. Round 5 - Danen Settles (Fort Madison) over Ugo Nosike (Thornwood) (Fall 2:24) Cons. Semis - Danen Settles (Fort Madison) over Damaris Stanley (Joliet Central) (Dec 3-2) 3rd Place Match - Josh Woodrey (Prairie Central) over Danen Settles (Fort Madison) (Dec 6-2)

FMHS jv grapplers place at Keokuk

KEOKUK - Quinton Ross placed second in the 127-138 lb. division at the Keokuk Invitational Saturday night. Will Larson took 3rd in the 133-143 lb. division and Courtney Six took 4th place in the 113-123 lbs.

Complete results from the meet are listed below.

Round 1 - Brody Angstead (Fairfield) over Courtney Six (Fort Madison) (Dec 7-0)

(Fort Madison) (Dec 7-2) Round 3 - Logan Johnson (Galesburg) over Courtney Six (Fort Madison) (Fall 1:22)

JV1 127-138: Quinton Ross (Fort Madison) - 2nd Round 1 - Quinton Ross (Fort Madison) over Logan Adam (Fairfield) (MD 11-1) Round 2 - Ayden Frazier (Washington) over Quinton Ross (Fort Madison) (Fall 2:32) Round 3 - Quinton Ross (Fort Madison) over Blaze Fisher (Keokuk) (Inj. [time])

JV1 133-143: Will Larson (Fort Madison) - 3rd Round 1 - Anthony Blakes (Galesburg) over Will Larson (Fort Madison) (Dec 4-3) Round 2 - Justin Simmering

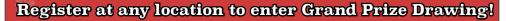
(Fort Madison) (Fall 1:40) Round 3 - Will Larson (Fort Madison) over Blake Metz (Fairfield) (Fall 1:19)

Lennon Barker (Fort Madison) - DNP Round 1 - Lennon Barker (Fort Madison) over Xavier Orozco (Galesburg) (Fall 2:51) Round 2 - Lennon Barker (Fort Madison) over Wyatt Baker (Fairfield) (Fall 0:35) Round 3 - Travis Thomsen (Burlington) over Lennon Barker (Fort Madison) (Fall 2:42)

Bryce Britton (Fort Madison) - DNP Round 1 - Corey Skinner (Keokuk) over Bryce Britton (Fort Madison) (Dec 9-2) Round 2 - Bryce Britton (Fort Madison) over Will Bratcher (Kirksville) (Fall 0:22) Round 3 - Bryce Britton (Fort Madison)

Gas Snow Blower? Single-Stage **123cc Engine** 21-In. Path A \$349.99 Value!

True Value



MPKER'S

RENTAL

1904 Ave. H · Ft. Madison, la · 319-372-3515 608 S. 9th St. • Burlington, la • 319-752-1584 1405 E. Washington St. • Mt. Pleasant, la • 319-385-1377

www.kempkerstruevalue.com

(Washington) over Will Larson

See **JV**, page 5

LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT Promoting Health Throughout the Lifespan

Lee County Health Department has a number of programs to help you in every stage of your life. To learn more about the following programs visit us online by clicking this ad.

Hospice

- Homecare
- Wellness
- Senior Health

Environmental Health

• Ist Five • HOPES I-Smile Silver[®] Immunizations Child / Adolescent Health

Emergency Preparedness



Touching the Community with Care 2218 Avenue H • Fort Madison, IA (319)372-5225 or (800)458-5572

www.leecountyhd.org

From the Front/Sports

Team was one person short

CLASS - Continued from Page 1

compared to last year.

"In all honesty, the day before the competition this was a five-man team. Thursday when we left for Des Moines Ryan Reese got sick," Kobelt said.

"They had been practicing and working as a team and sort of had the division of labor figured out. Everyone had their strength and to lose 20% of your team, that's like losing your point guard. They had to adjust to pick up the slack. The ability of those four young men to adjust on the fly and pick up that slack and put out the product they did was amazing."

The Bloodhounds went up against 12 other schools that had signed up for the competition. Kobelt said he thinks the level of competition scares off a lot of schools from competing because they don't have the programming that the other schools have.

"Fort Madison has made a conscious decision to move toward industry standard training and away from the traditional woodshop classes where you build a bird house. That takes a significant commitment in staffing and courses. That's no small feat."

The contest involved getting a set of blue prints and a stack of materials and the teams then have a four-and-a half-hour time limit to build the project, which this year was an oversized dog house. Kobelt said he can offer no help to the students.

He said the win is even more impressive when you consider Fort Madison is on a tri-semester schedule and not the traditional semester class rotation.

"Well, Fort Madison is kind of at a disadvantage that we're on trimesters. Most schools are on semester schedules and they've been together since August," Kobelt said "Now these kids have only been together functioning as a group for two weeks, but they have had other trades classes together so they know each other pretty well."

Several of the team members, including Kruse, a junior, said the competition is using skills taught, but also focusing on working as a team.

"I just try not to think about where other teams are," Kruse said. "It was really detailed, not really that hard, you just had to step back and pay attention to what you're doing."

Kruse said he joined the competition team for the first time, but has taken more of the building trades classes throughout high school.

"I'm interested in this after high school and I knew it was a good program. I really like the teacher," Kruse said.



Courtesy photo

FMHS students including Elton Kruse, Brandon Reichelt, Bradley Sporkman, and Elijah Barnes stand next to their project that won the state carpentry title in Des Moines on Friday.

Barnes, a senior who was on the team that won the state competition last year, said knowing the expectations was an advantage this year. He said the success of the team is reflective of the program and the school's commitment to the program. The fact that they could win when one of the team members wasn't able to compete speaks volumes to their preparation.

"I think this says, first, that we have a really good teacher, but also that the school's put us in a good situation to be able to go up there, compete, and win," Barnes said.

Barnes has taken many courses in the building trades curriculum and said he thinks it will eventually transition into a career for him. However, he is considering going to junior college to play football and some of the juco programs that are looking at him have solid construction programs.

He said finding out the team would be one short didn't distract them from their goal of repeating as champions.

"We just had to redistribute where the work had to go," Barnes said. "But we went in with the mindset that we were going to win. Being there last year I knew what to expect and what was going to happen. So I was thinking of how we could be the most efficient with the work we had to do and in the time we had to get it done."

The electrical team also had four-and-a-half hours to complete their task of wiring four switches, two three-

See ELECTRICAL, page 8



More results from the Keokuk junior varsity meet

JV - Continued from Page 4

over Arya Patel (Fairfield) (Fall 0:25)

Chance Decker (Fort Madison) - DNP Round 1 - Zack Nugent (Kirksville) over Chance Decker (Fort Madison) (Fall 0:30) Round 2 - Bryce Angle (Burlington) over Chance Decker (Fort Madison) (Fall 2:47) Round 3 - Chase Motz (Galesburg) over Chance Decker (Fort Madison) (Fall 1:35)

Austin Haas (Fort Madison) - DNP Round 1 - Dylan Jeffers (Keokuk) over Austin Haas (Fort Madison) (Fall 0:34) Round 2 - Drake Smith (West Burlington/ Notre Dame/Danville) over Austin Haas (Fort Madison) (MD 12-4) Round 3 - Austin Haas (Fort Madison) over Oscar Lopez (Mount Pleasant) (Fall 0:24)

Dawson Hunt (Fort Madison) - DNP Round 1 - Colter Inghram (Mediapolis) over Dawson Hunt (Fort Madison) (Fall 0:40) Round 2 - Dawson Hunt (Fort Madison) over Tommy Jones (Fairfield) (Fall 0:52) Round 3 - Dawson Hunt (Fort Madison) over Tres Merydith (Keokuk) (Fall 2:29)

Gunther Johnson (Fort Madison) - DNP Round 1 - Austin Whetstine (Galesburg) over Gunther Johnson (Fort Madison) (Fall 5:24) Round 2 - Hernan Granillo-Lopez (Kirksville) over Gunther Johnson (Fort Madison) (Fall 1:58) Round 3 - Ty Jackson (Illini West) over Gunther Johnson (Fort Madison) (Fall 0:41)

Logan Kearns (Fort Madison) - DNP Round 1 - Logan Kearns (Fort Madison) over Toby Oliver (Fairfield) (TF 18-2 3:08) Round 2 - Logan Kearns (Fort Madison) over Deaunte Gilson (Kirksville) (Fall 1:01) Round 3 - Logan Kearns (Fort Madison) over Chase Wheeler (Columbus/ Winfield-Mt. Union) (Fall 0:51)

Alex Lauber (Fort Madison) - DNP Round 1 - Alex Lauber (Fort Madison) over Coleton Nehring (New London) (Fall 0:17) Round 2 - Alex Lauber (Fort Madison) over Dawson Butterbaugh (New London) (Fall 0:14) Round 3 - Alex Lauber (Fort Madison) over Tavaris Bryant (Galesburg) (Dec 7-0)

Keaton Poe (Fort Madison) - DNP Round 1 - Owen George (Burlington) over Keaton Poe (Fort Madison) (Dec 8-6) Round 2 - Keaton Poe (Fort Madison) over Alex Camero (Fairfield) (Fall 2:27) Round 3 - Keaton Poe (Fort Madison) over John Stipp (Galesburg) (Fall 0:57)

Mason Schau (Fort Madison) - DNP Round 1 - Mason Schau (Fort Madison) over Dagan Burnett (Fairfield) (Dec 6-4) Round 2 - Mason Schau (Fort Madison) over Aidan Sizemore (Kirksville) (Dec 4-2) Round 3 - Mason Schau (Fort Madison) over Jacob Bland (Fairfield) (Dec 4-2)

Jarrett Settles (Fort Madison) - DNP Round 1 - Jarrett Settles (Fort Madison) over Reed Athon (Kirksville) (Dec 4-0) Round 2 - Jarrett Settles (Fort Madison) over Alberto Lagunas (Columbus/ Winfield-Mt. Union) (Fall 2:42) Round 3 - Aidan Pohren (Fairfield) over Jarrett Settles (Fort Madison) (TB-1 3-2)

Martin Vineyard (Fort Madison) - DNP Round 1 - Martin Vineyard (Fort Madison) over Nick Francis (New London) (Fall 2:41) Round 2 - Dreyton LaVeine (West Burlington/Notre Dame/Danville) over Martin Vineyard (Fort Madison) (Fall 0:25) Round 3 - Martin Vineyard (Fort Madison) over Zack Glasscock (Keokuk) (Fall 0:23)

YOUR AD HERE (319)371.4125

hello, opportunities.





AUTO • HOME • FARM • LIFE BUSINESS • BONDS • ANNUITIES HEALTH • DISABILITY CARE LONG TERM CARE

Call one of our licensed agents today for all of your insurance needs!

> 307 5th Street West Point, IA 52627 319-837-6178 • 800-292-2208

www.fullenkampins.com

Use Your Flex Plan Dollars Before They Expire!



International Eyecare Center

619 10th Street, Ft. Madison 319-372-5181 www.IEC2020.com

Limited time offer. Not valid with other discounts or insurance. Some designers excluded. choose your career at West Liberty Foods

One of North America's fastest growing food processing companies has immediate openings for highly motivated individuals to join their team!

IMMEDIATE INTERVIEWS EVERY TUESDAY 9AM-3PM

Apply online at http://careers.wlfoods.com

WLF West Liberty Foods

Equal Opportunity Employer

Classifieds

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES









RODEO PARK REHAB



Short-term rehabilitation

Fully equipped state-of-the-art therapy gym Occupational, physical, and speech therapy Personalized therapy plan Private rooms Compassionate nursing staff



Get a 11 Month CD State Farm Agent **FDIC-insured CD** 2623 Avenue L Fort Madison, IA 52627 1.25%. Set aside money with a fixed rate of return. I'll be Bus: 319-372-5982





We'll get you ready to: "Giddy Up & Go Home!"



there to show you rates and terms that can help you reach your goal.

Bank with a Good Neighbor*.

CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION

State Farm Bank®

State Farm Bank, F.S.B., Bloomington, IL

We are expanding! 78 Rooms with choices to fit all your needs! Now taking reservations for Fishing Tournaments, Sporting Events and the Annual Tri-State Rodeo!









Public Notices/Classifieds

the classifieds

PUBLIC NOTICE Lee County, Iowa **Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting** Agenda DATE: TUESDAY, December 12, 2017 MEETING **CONVENING TIME:** 9:00 A.M. LOCATION: **Correctional Center,** 2530 250th Street, Montrose, IA 52639 AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance Approve Agenda Consider Approval of Tuesday, December 5, 2017 **Board Minutes** Consider Approval of Claims Public Input Consider Appointment to Conservation Board Consider Approval of Letter of Agreement with Sheriffs Bargaining Unit Consider Approval of Fiscal Agent Agreement with Green Bay Drainage District Canvass of December 5, 2017 Keokuk Fifth Ward **Run-off Election**

Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolutions (7) Consider Approval of Resolution Combating the **Opioid Epidemic** Receive Recorder's Appoint of Compensation Board Member Personnel Actions: A. Step Increase-Engineer's Office B. Step Increase-Auditor's Office (2) Reports: A. Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected B. Recorder's Report of Fees Collected Commission or Committee Reports Adjourn

> PUBLIC MEETING -CITIZENS WELCOME

Workshop to follow

Vision and hearing assistance available upon request

Contact Title VI Administrator 319-372-3705

PUBLIC NOTICES County Website:

www.leecounty.org

PUBLIC NOTICE Board Meeting Agenda Great Prairie Area Education Agency December 12, 2017 5:00 PM Board Dinner -**Conference Room A** 5:30 PM Regular Board **Meeting - Conference** Room A **GPAEA** Fairfield Office, 2000 West Jackson, Fairfield, Iowa **GPAEA Board Zoom** Join from PC, Mac, iOS or Android: https://zoom. us/j/420666315 Or join by phone: +1 646 568 7788 (US Toll) or

+1 415 762 9988 (US Toll) Meeting ID: 420 666 315 A - G - E - N - D - A

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY BOARD PRESIDENT II. BOARD APPROVAL OF AGENDA III. BOARD APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES IV. BOARD APPROV-AL OF TREASURER'S REPORT AND INVOICES PAYABLE

V. EDUCATION RE-PORT: BASEC PROGRAM VI. BOARD ACTION ON EMPLOYEE RESIG-NATION

a. Jessica Cramer, Speech and Language Pathologist ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

I recommend approval of the employee resignation as presented.

VII. BOARD ACTION ON THE 2017-2019 AFFIR-MATIVE ACTION PLAN UPDATE

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

I recommend approval of the plan update as presented. VIII. BOARD ACTION TO ELECT THE AEA BOARD MEMBER FOR THE IASB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

Two individuals are up for nomination to represent Iowa's AEAs on the IASB Board of Directors: Ken Krumwiede, Mississippi Bend AEA and Elizabeth Brennan, Heartland AEA. After your decision I will cast the vote on behalf of

the Board by December 21, 2017.

IX. REPORTS TO THE BOARD X. ADJOURNMENT

HELP WANTED

Place your ad online 24/7

General Labor / Production

MPC Enterprises Inc. is now hiring for:

General Labor/Production Full-Time

Experience preferred, but not required.

Benefit package includes health insurance, vacation, paid holidays, flex spending account, 401k retirement. Weekly pay.

> If interested, call (319)986-2226 or email resumes to jkatich@mpcent.com



FOR RENT

APARTMENTS



Don't Pay Utilities



Don't pay utilities - Check out this newly remodeled one bedroom apartment in downtown Fort Madison. It's move in ready with new floors, new appliances, and a brand new state-of-theart HVAC system. Call or text today (319)371.7753.

#ShopLocal Support your local business community!



hello, **BIGGER** opportunities.

choose your career at West Liberty Foods

One of North America's fastest growing food processing companies has immediate openings for highly motivated individuals to join their team!

IMMEDIATE INTERVIEWS EVERY TUESDAY 9AM-3PM **GET A RAISE BEFORE YOU EVEN GET STARTED!**

2nd Shift – Slicer Technicians

Leadership AND maintenance and/or machine operator experience Pay: \$16.67 per hour plus \$0.30 shift differential Pay: \$17.17 per hour plus \$0.30 shift differential

2nd Shift – General Production

Positive attitude and excellent attendance demonstrated by a solid work history Pay: \$11.50 per hour plus \$0.30 shift differential Pay: \$11.85 per hour plus \$0.30 shift differential

Competitive benefits package includes health, vision, life, and dental insurance, employee discounts, matching 401k. Plus paid holidays and vacation effective first day of employment.

West Liberty Foods

Apply online at http://careers.wlfoods.com



302 33rd Street o Ft. Madison, Ia

Built in 2015 - Tri-Level Home 3 Bedrooms - Master Suite w/ Master Bath & Walk-in Closet 2.5 baths Engineered Hardwood Floor **Open Floor Plan** Finished Basement Spacious Yard New Safe Family Friendly Neighborhood - Green Oak Development



411 7th Street O West Point, In

3 Year Tax Abatement, \$7,500 Savings! 3 Car Garage Open Floor Plan Concept with Great Room Master Suite with Walk-in Closet & Dual Sink Vanity Massive 9 Foot Basement with Game/Bar Area Main Floor Laundry Large Storage Room New Neighborhood with Great Family Atmosphere

Call Jill to view any of these beautiful homes!

Follow us on Facebook!

www.greenoakdevelopment-ia.com

Call: 319-470-2540

Equal Opportunity Employer

Area News/Lottery Numbers



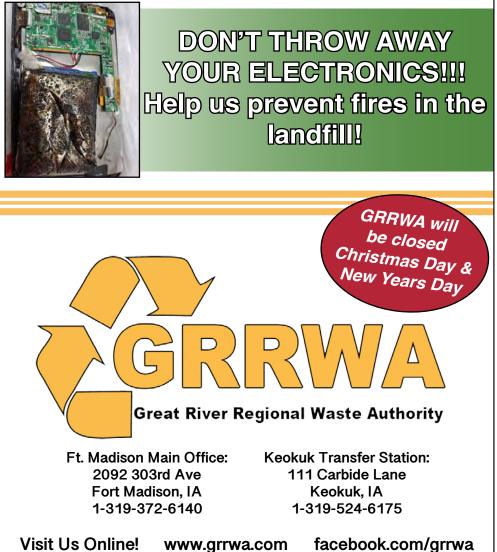
materials in your regular trash cans. Any curbside bins containing these materials can potentially compromise an entire load.

Please properly dispose of all Electronics!

Recycle free of charge: Computer Towers & Modems, Radios, Cell Phones CD & DVD Players, and VCRs, Printers, Drop Cords

Fees apply to the following: All TVs, Monitors, Laptops, Tablets, Consoles, Projections





Buchholz says goodbye to WP council

COUNCIL - Continued from Page 1

City Administrator Gary Menke said the agreement was set up because a lot of the buildings being used are exempt from taxes and the city does provide services to the utility and this is a fair way to recoup some of those costs.

The resolution also calls for a yearly review of the calculation.

In other action,

- the council approved the sale of three parcels of land with unanimous votes on all three parcels. Those purchasing the property are Thad and Angie Boeding with two parcels totaling \$1,383.05 and one parcel to Bernie and Ann Abolt for \$1,776.80.

-Each city councilman and mayor were sworn in including newly elected councilman Joseph Loving who replaces Larry Buchholz. Roberts, Menke, and City Clerk Diane Smith were also all sworn in. Buchholz said he will miss serving the residents of West Point.

"I'm gonna miss it. I really am," he said. "People like Gary back there, and Paul, and all the council make it real easy," Buchholz said. "I want to thank everyone for all the support they gave."

ELECTRICAL - Continued from Page 5

ways, a four-way, and an outlet into a 60 amp panel.

Junior Jordyn Gerdes said the team missed winning the title when a switch tripped a breaker due to a loose connection.

"It was kind of confusing but they pay real close attention to details," he said. "Everything had to be neat and exact. You have to keep wires neat and not kinked. Make sure connections are tight. One of ours wasn't tight and it tripped a breaker and that's where we lost some points," Gerdes said.

He said he likes the trades program and may look at a career in the field.

"I think it's pretty good they allow us to do this," he said. "They let kids get real life experience instead of just reading everything out of a book."

Kobelt said despite the short two-week period of training due to the trimester schedule, the students have been engaged in trade classes for some time and recently took over building the Habitat for Humanity home at 31st and K in Fort Madison.

He said the students didn't put the foundation in on that project, but everything else was turned over to the students. They are also working together on a hydroponic addition to the ag building that will be turned into a hydroponic garden project. Plants grow in water as opposed to soil in a hydroponic setting.

Kobelt said the students that spend time in the dual credit trades program can come out of high school with one full year of college credit and are just one year away from an associates degree in the program at a junior college.

"The job market is wide open for these students and placement is a non-issue. We're in continuous conversation with local employers and they are wanting to recruit these students right out of high school. It's an amazing thing to have employers coming to you instead of the reverse," he said. "There are already contractors jockeying for position and they want to come in and give their spiel to seniors in the spring. They want to get in front of these guys and that's powerful."



Lotto Drawings

Game	Draw Days	Sales Cutoff Time	Approx. Drawing Time
Lucky for Life [®]	Mon & Thu	8:30 pm	9:38 pm
Mega Millions [®]	Tues & Fri	8:59 pm	10:00 pm
Powerball [®]	Wed & Sat	8:59 pm	9:59 pm
Lotto America [™]	Wed & Sat	8:59 pm	10:00 pm
Pick 3 - Midday Pick 3 - Evening	Daily Daily	Noon 9:40 pm	12:20 pm 10:00 pm
Pick 4 - Midday Pick 4 - Evening	Daily Daily	Noon 9:40 pm	12:20 pm 10:00 pm
-FORFORFORFORFORFORFORFOR	Picks iowa	Pi	C K I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I
12/11 16 37 46 47 48 Lucky Ball: 9	12/11 MID-DAY 2 7 2 12/11 EVENING 4 6 0	6 12/11	MID-DAY 3 8 2 EVENING 5 0 1

Pen City Current encourages you to play responsibly.