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Throngs do bidding at GPD event EMPTY

Holy Family God's Portion Day could draw \$250K



Dan Fraise of Fraise Auction & Real Estate auctions off a breakfast tray with Tony Fullenkamp of Edward Jones showing the drinks on Sunday. Below, Corey Fraise, also with Fraise Auction & Real Estate, auctions off a basket of fresh pears shown by Lee County Attorney Ross Braden.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Hundreds of area residents packed into Shottenkirk Gymnasium Sunday morning for the second day of God's Portion Day, Holy Family Parish's largest fundraiser of the year.

Not only were bidders in an open auction able to bid on Bloody Mary's and Mimosa's to sip on during the auction, but there were also tickets for the upcoming Holy Trinity Dinner Theater, pizzas, bicycles, fresh fruit, and big ticket items like Cardinals and Cubs tickets, a backyard patio makeover and even a tricked out golf cart with a back seat and stereo, were set to be auctioned later in the day.

Silent auction bids were taking place on the other side of the gymnasium and the regular auction was taking place. Outside a "Driven to Give" event was held with donations coming for each test drive.

A steering committee of eleven started meeting in February putting together the annual weekend-long



auction that raised almost \$250,000 in 2017 for the Holy Family Parish.

Matt Krogmeier, chairman of this year's God Portion Day committee said the attendance has been strong for this year's event, with the auction running until almost 11 p.m. Saturday night. On Sunday, Corey Fraise, with Fraise Real Estate & Auction, called out bids and bidders beginning at noon and then turned things over to his father Dan Fraise at about 1:30. Students and volunteers alike brought up goods to the auction stand.

'It's been a good year," Krogmeier said. "But there's

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Three years and going strong

☑innie and I recently celebrated our three-year wedding anniversary. On October 10th, three years ago, Ginnie stepped out of the back door of our garage, strolled across the grass, to the music and singing of "Going to the Chapel" and my life, our lives, changed forever. Who would have thought that at our age—I was 67 at the time, and Ginnie 64—that we could find peace, happiness and love with each other on the Empty Nest Farm?

Approaching the Empty Nest Farm from either direction on Highway 34, you can see that the maple trees are bent slightly to the north from the hot, southern wind that blows in the summer. The trees remind me of a woman's hair blowing in the breeze bent over, eyes closed, hair dryer in hand. I have often wondered why the trees aren't bent in the opposite direction from the frigid, tear-freezing wind that howls out of the northwest in the winter. Maybe it's because the summer trees are growing, their branches alive with sap, and their limbs more malleable, like we were on our wedding day. For my wedding vows, I used the trees as an analogy. "If I am willing to bend, like the trees right here on the farm have bent in the wind, we will survive and thrive."

One of the first things we did the following summer was have a huge, three-car garage built onto the north side of our house, complete with exercise room, basement, and attic. To celebrate the completion of the addition, we had an open house, inviting friends, family and church members. It was so much fun. One of my Empty Nest readers from Fairfield, Fiddl'n Granny, showed up with her fiddle. (She likes to fiddle around.) Fiddl'n Granny entertained us with "Chinese Breakdown," "You Are My Sunshine," and "Golden Slippers." 92-year old Wilbur Swindler, from Ottumwa, got to tapping his toe and asking the ladies to dance. Wilbur is now deceased. However, knowing Wilbur, his toe is tapping still.

One morning the following spring, Ginnie hit a

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Area News/Opinion

Three Rivers Conservation to host fundraiser

CHARLESTON - The Three Rivers Conservation Foundation is hosting a Chicken Dinner Fundraiser on Sunday, November 4th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Charleston Board of Trade. The price of the dinner is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children under 12.

The mission of the Three Rivers Conservation Foundation is to support Lee County Conservation projects and environmental education programs. Events like the Chicken Dinner enable the Foundation to help

advance conservation efforts within the county.

Individuals wanting to purchase tickets for the event should contact a foundation member or contact the Lee County Conservation Office. Walk-ins are also welcomed the night of the event.

During the event foundation members will launch a new fundraising initiative entitled "Places to Play." The goal of this initiative is to raise funds for new playground equipment at the Pollmiller, Wilson Lake, Chatfield, and Heron Bend. The members hope to have the first playground project completed at Pollmiller by 2020.

The Foundation will also be serving cupcakes at the event to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Lee County Conserva-

For more information on the event, contact the Lee County Conservation Office at 319-463-7673. The Charleston Board of Trade is located at 1962 253rd St in Charleston, which is south of Donnellson along HWY218.

Letter to the Editor

Kavanaugh appointment requires voter action

Dear Editor:

October 6, the day Kavanaugh won a seat on the Supreme Court is a day that will change America. It was a good day for corporation, and the super rich but for people who look to the government to protect their rights it means we are looking at a new kind of America. An America where workers rights will disappear, where Civil rights, women right, and gay rights will slowly fade into the past. An America with no middle class, with only the super rich and the masses of poor. An America where every generation did better than the one before is over.

In the past we could just vote them out of office and hope things will get better but there is one other major problem that's about to make life in America even more difficult. As the planet warms up there is a whole host of big problems that the next generations will have to face. The appointment of Kavanaugh means that by the time we have the will to change, it may be to(o) late because we may have already reached the tipping point.

Maybe it's not too late, if a giant blue wave washes over the country on November 6, maybe we can send a message that people in government will have to listen to. At some time, in some places it may have be fine to vote Republican, but that time is not Nov. 6, and that place is not Iowa.

Tom Cale

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Sports/Scene Around Town

State DNR does stocks trout at two local fishing holes

DES MOINES - The following is the weekly fishing report from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for southeast Iowa for the week ending Oct. 31, 2018.

Environmental Discovery Park North Pond

The fall trout release will be this Saturday, Oct. 27th at 10 am; 1000 trout will be released with 100 trout tagged for prizes. Rainbow Trout - Excellent.

Iowa River (Columbus Junction to Mississippi River)

The Iowa has finally gotten back in its banks at Columbus Junction. Downstream at Wapello the river is still at minor flood level.

Lake Belva Deer

Water clarity is back to normal. Water temperature is around 50-52 degrees. Bluegill - Good: Bluegill fishing picked up after the winds died down last weekend. They are in fairly shallow; start in 5 to 6 feet of water. Channel Catfish - Good: Catfishing has remained pretty good since the big rains a couple of weeks ago. These fish are trying to fatten up for their winter nap.

Lake Darling

Water level is back to normal. Water clarity is pretty good. Water temperature is 52 degrees. Bluegill - Good: Bluegills are still out in about 4 to 5 feet of water, but if the sun shines they could move in shallower. Black Crappie -Fair: Crappies are out in 10 to 12 feet of water. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Bass are still working in shallow feeding on little bluegills and green sunfish. Channel Catfish - Fair: Work the rock along the steeper shoreline with minnows and nightcrawlers; they're in hunting crawdads and green sunfish.

Lake of the Hills

Fall trout release was last Saturday. Despite the high winds, there were a lot of people out and the trout were biting. Rainbow Trout - Good: There are plenty of trout left to catch. We stocked 2000 last Saturday.

Lost Grove Lake
Water temperature are

around 50 degrees. There were some big waves out on the lake with the wind last Saturday. Bluegill -Fair: Get back into the standing flooded timber out of the wind; look for fish to be in 6 to 8 feet of water. Maybe a little shallower on the north side when it's sunny. Black Crappie - Fair: Crappies are out in 10 to 12 feet of water. Slip bobbers and minnows or small jigs vertical jigged work best.

Skunk River (Coppock to Mississippi River)

The Skunk River really dropped this last week. It's back down to about 1/2 bank full. Accesses remain pretty wet and muddy.

Wilson Lake
The fall trout release is

scheduled this Saturday, Oct. 27th at noon; 1000 trout released with 200 tagged for prizes. Rainbow Trout - Good: This Saturday the trout will hit the water.

Mississippi River Pool

Tailwater stage is 13.65 feet at Lock and Dam 18 above Burlington and is falling. Flood stage is 10 feet. Fishing has been slow with the high water conditions.

River stage is still above flood stage throughout the pools. River levels have been falling this past week. Most boat ramps are under water due to the flooding conditions. Fishing has been slow with the high water conditions.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fall foliage

Autumn is in full display in north Lee County. This shot taken from east of Chalk Ridge Road just west of the Hwy. 61 bypass shows the full spectrum of fall foliage that can be observed in an around Fort Madison.

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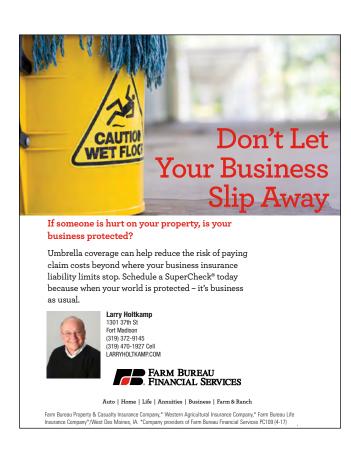
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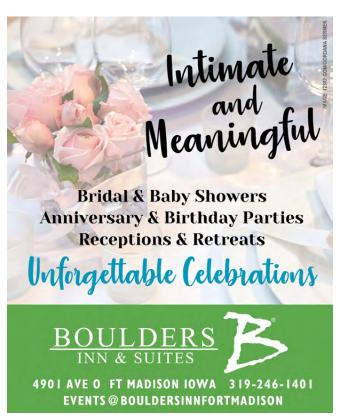




















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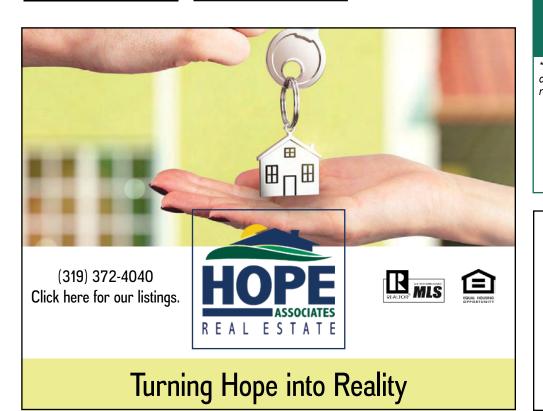


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Farm family has grown in the past three years

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deer on her way to work. That afternoon, as she arrived home with her smashedin, hair covered front-grill, a hail storm swept through and did major damage to our house and new addition. You might say it was a traumatic day. However, our insurance company was johnny-on-the-spot, taking care of both the auto and house. We even had the asphalt shingles replaced with blue steel. Our loving home now looks even more inviting.

What is a farm without animals? Of course we had Buddy, but that first spring, I picked up baby chicks from the farm store, converted a shed into a hen house, and we now have a hen-and-egg operation. Ginnie, being a city girl, was rather skeptical, but she adapted fast. Visitors to our Empty Nest Farm usually leave with a dozen farm fresh brown eggs—what we call "a gift of love."

Then there arrived Blossom, the black Angus heifer, born on April Fools Day. She's growing fast and we can't decide if we're going to butcher her or have her bred to raise a calf year-after-year. We've been told that the mistake was in naming her. Ahhh.

Every farm needs a barn cat. The latest addition is Barney the barn cat. He showed up one morning while I was doing chores. He was hungry. I cracked an egg for him and he decided real fast that he had found a home. Barn mice beware! I then watched in wonder as Barney took down and ate a nearly full size cottontail. (Buddy hasn't seen Barney yet.)

Yes, we have survived and thrived on the Empty Nest Farm.

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Trunk or Treat

Kelsey Vandenberg hands out candy on behalf of Pen City Current to a couple of Trunk or Treaters at the 2nd annual YMCA Trunk or Treat held Friday night in the YMCA parking lot. At far right, a vampire tries to cast his spell on the photographer after picking up some treats.

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Unique items dot the 2018 GPD auctions

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still some great items to be auctioned off yet tonight. We got a really nice golf cart donated from Randolph Dentistry and we have a backyard makeover that we think will be one of the biggest sellers."

He said the auction will probably run until 7 or 8 p.m. Sunday.

This is Krogmeier and his wife Lindsey's third year on the committee.

"The first year you just kind of learn how it all works," he said. "The second year you help build the event and the third year we became chairman."

He said the committee doesn't really set monetary goals each year other than to surpass the previous year's number, which we leave the committee hoping to raise a quarter of a million during the Saturday-Sunday event this year.

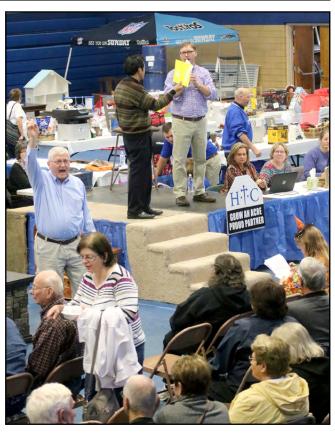


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Auction monitors call out bids as Corey Fraise entices bidders with the details of an item up for auction at Sunday's God's Portion Day at Holy Trinity High School.

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