



# Pen City Current

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## 27th & L intersection work to start soon

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The reconstruction of the intersection at 27th Street and Avenue L is scheduled to begin in the next 10 to 12 days, according to city officials.

At Wednesday's regular meeting of the Fort Madison City Council, Public Works Director Larry Driscoll said the work would begin in the next week and a half.

The intersection will be closed during the construction work, with the

exception of the week of the Tri-State Rodeo in September.

Councilman Mark Lair asked City Public Works Director Larry Driscoll if the work would be done before Rodeo. Driscoll said it wouldn't be done and it was put into the construction agreement that the roadway would be re-opened for four-lane traffic during that week.

"It adds a little bit to the city's cost, but we thought it would be in the city's best interest to open the four lanes back up," he said.

Driscoll said the city re-

ceived several phone calls about the new no parking signs on the east side of Hy-Vee.

"We had a few calls about no parking signs on 26th Street," Driscoll said "That's a temporary parking situation there to allow Hy-Vee to get their semi trucks to the store since 27th Street is closed."

Currently, the traffic through the intersection daily is about 11,500 cars per day and the intersection has an accident rating of .97 according to Varley. The second highest in the

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Photo courtesy of City of Fort Madison

Contractors will start a full reconstruction of the intersection of 26th Street and Avenue L in the next week and a half, according to Fort Madison Public Works Director Larry Driscoll. Driscoll said four lanes will be open during the week of the Tri-State Rodeo.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Racers with the Iowa Harness Racing Association come around turn four at the Lee County Speedway on Wednesday as part of harness racing's return to Lee County Fair. About 500 fair attendees watched the races, which took place after the queen coronations.

## Friday is Kids' Day at the Lee County Fair

BY PCC STAFF

DONNELLSON - Here's what's on tap today at the Lee County Fair Kids' Day sponsored by Ft. Madison Community Hospital and Keokuk Area Hospital

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## Ruptured gas line causes 15th Street evacuations

*Construction workers hit line while working on Rodeo Hill*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Construction crews apparently hit a gas line at about 1:30 p.m. Thursday afternoon on the 15th Street road construction project.

Fort Madison firefighters, MidAmerican crews, and construction workers were on the scene of the rupture as gas continuously poured loudly from the line on the east side of 15th Street just past the 200 block at the start of the hill.

Dustin Foley, a resident in the 200 block, said it was a very loud explosion.

"I was just putting my grill on and BOOM, it shook the house and the windows. I turned around to see what happened and I think it must have thrown dirt over a 100 feet in the air," he said.

Foley said firefighters evacuated him from his house in addition to three other homes around the sight of the rupture.

Firefighters had run a hose run to the location of the eruption in case anything were to ignite while workers with MidAmerican and Jones Contracting Corp. of West Point worked trying to get the gas shut off.

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# Obituaries/Local News



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Above, Fort Madison firefighters man a hose that is charged and ready as a Mid-American worker gets tools to help work on a gas line that ruptured Thursday afternoon. At left, Fort Madison firefighters standby as MidAmerican workers and workers with Jones Contracting Corp., of West Point, the construction firm doing the reconstruction of the Rodeo Hill, discuss the situation.

## OBITUARIES

### KENNETH ROSS REED

Kenneth Ross Reed, 51 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died at 3:00 pm Sunday, July 2, 2017 at The Madison, in Fort Madison. He was born October 6, 1965 in Missouri, a son of Roscoe and Anna (Welch) Reed.

He loved his daughters.

He is survived by his two daughters, Ashley and Hannah; three brothers: Jimmy (Sandy) Counts, of Bonaparte, Iowa; Dennis (Diane) Counts, of Florissant, Missouri; and Ricky Counts, of Farmington, Iowa; three sisters: Shirley (Steve) Jacobs, of Farmington, Iowa; Bonnie Miller, of Pelvey, Missouri; and Micky Brown, of Texas; two grandchildren; nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, and one sister.

His body has been cremated. No formal services are planned. Barr Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

### Racing highlights Grand Stand events

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- 1 - 5p - FMCH/KAH Kid's Day - games and activities
- 1 - 5p - Viele Schoolhouse Crafts/Story Time, Farmer Bill's Barn and General Store - OPEN
- 1p - Nick's Kid Show
- 1:30p - 4H/FFA Bucket Bottle Calf, Dairy and Dairy Goat Show - Show Barn
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- 5p-7p - Bingo - Grounds Tent
- 5p - Blue Ribbon Diner under Grandstand - OPEN
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- 6p - Lee Co. Cattlemen Bucket Bottle Calf Show - Show Barn
- 6p - Nick's Kid Show
- 6p - Human Foosball - Entertainment Pavilion
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## Local News/For the Record

# No parking on 26th Street during work

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city is .78 and the lowest is .11. The rating is based on per million vehicles through the intersection.

“This intersection is off-set and it’s poorly signaled. We bought the property next door to the road, I think where a Dominos or something used to sit. If you go to the alley where Hy-Vee gas is, that new street will start there and aim toward Jim Scott’s to line that up better. You should be able to get 12 cars stacked there,” Driscoll said at a previous meeting.

“We’re also adding a right turn lane to go right down the highway toward Hall’s Ice Cream for better flow. It is an expensive intersection. But the staff felt when we gave you a recommendation it was a good option to invest in.”

Driscoll also said the 15th Street reconstruction project is on target to be opened up within a couple weeks and they are starting on the sidewalk next week.

In other action, the council:

- held a public hearing and approved, 5-0, a development incentive agreement with Boulders Inn & Suites in Fort Madison that gives the company a \$250,000 upfront forgivable loan from the city upon completion of the addition, as well as six consecutive annual payments equal to 80% of the increased valuation on the improvements up to \$250,000 for a total of \$500,000 in incentives.

- approved, 5-0, to hold a hearing to authorize up to \$2.7 million in sewer revenue capital loan notes. The council also approved, 5-0, to enter into an agreement with Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., of Des Moines to serve as bond counsel on the notes.

- approved, 5-0, to purchase a new replacement fire truck at a cost of \$568,865 from Alexis Fire Equipment of Alexis, Illinois. The truck replaces the unit that tipped into a slough on a run earlier this spring.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

No Parking signs were posted along 26th Street just east of Hy-Vee earlier last week in anticipation of the closure of the intersection at 27th and L to allow Hy-Vee semis access to the store.

## For the Record

**Fort Madison Police report**  
 07/05/17 - 12:46 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a vandalism in the 800 block of Avenue F.  
 07/05/17 - 2:19 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3200 block of Avenue J.  
 07/05/17 - 2:33 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L.  
 07/05/17 - 4:54 p.m.

- Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 600 block of 34th Street.  
 07/05/17 - 8:22 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 1600 block of Avenue H.

**Lee County Sheriff report**  
 07/05/17 - 9:14 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Travis Timothy Andrews, 37, of Keokuk was arrested at the Lee

County Sheriff’s office on warrants for a judgment entry and voluntary absence from custody. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

**Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report**  
 07/05/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls and one lift assist. *All persons in these listings are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

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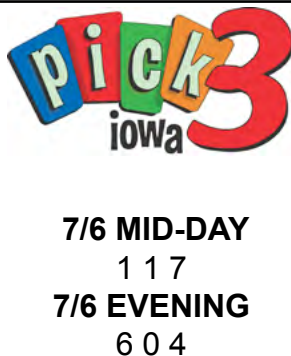
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**Sports/Classifieds**

# Hounds end season with loss at Keokuk

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

KEOKUK - They say it's hard to beat the same team three times in a season, but the Keokuk Chiefs knocked off FMHS five teams this year, the most recent a 7-2 season ender in Keokuk Thursday night.

The Hounds got solid defense behind senior Lexi Schmidt, but couldn't string together enough offense to advance in regional play. The Chiefs move on to Fairfield on Saturday with a matchup against Fairfield.

Keokuk took advantage of three hit batters, all of whom scored, and four walks, two of which led to runs, and some timely hitting to build the spread against the Hounds.

Schmidt walked Michaela Davis to start the game and then plunked Makenzie Pezley to put two runners on. Jalyn Wood then slapped a single to left to score the speedy Davis from second. Schmidt then got Jakala Hall to hit into a ground out a second before hitting Aryn Kindig in the foot to put runners at first and second again with one out. Abby Arrowood hit into a fielder's choice at third forcing Wood and Schmidt got Haley Broadwell to fly out to Kamryn Bailey in left to end the threat.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Hounds' 2nd baseman Kylie Cashman gobbles up a throw on a stolen base in the middle of a dust up. The throw was too late to get Keokuk's Jalyn Wood.

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## Sports/Weather

# Hounds graduate three seniors; have depth for 2018

### HOUNDS - Continued from Page 4

The Hounds couldn't get anything going in the bottom of the first. Chayse Lowney lined out to right and Olivia Williams popped out to third. Schmidt sat on a change up and ripped it to center for a single, but Bailey popped out to third for the third out.

Schmidt settled down in the second inning and put the Chiefs down in order.

"You come into a game like this and it could be it," said head Coach Stan Schmidt. "She's a senior and it was emotional for her, but she settled in and that's what you expect from a leader. She's been a leader for us all year and she settled in and did a nice job."

The Hounds also went 1-2-3 in the second with Sadie Smithburg ripping a line drive back to Pezley on the mound on a bang-bang play. Jada Lamm hit into a ground out to short and Vanessa Golowach fanned to end the inning.

The Chiefs put up another run in the top of the third when Wood reached with one out on a close play on a grounder to Lowney at short. The throw to get her was in the dirt and got passed Lamm. After a pop out to second by the next hitter, Kindig hit a grounder up the middle and scored Wood who had swiped second base. Arrowood grounded back to Schmidt at the mound for the third out.

Pezley got FMHS down in order again in the bottom of the inning and the Chiefs slapped another run on in the top half of the fourth when Shelby Haige walked with two outs and Davis smacked a triple into right between Golowach and Farmer that went to the fence. Pezley grounded out on a hot shot to second fielded cleanly by Kylie Cashman.

The Hounds got on the board in the bottom half, after Williams grounded out to third, Schmidt hit another single to center. Teryn Parson came in to courtesy run and advanced to second on a change up that skipped past the catcher. Bailey flew out to shallow right, but Smithburg worked a walk and Lamm hit a double that bounced once and hit the fence in deep left center scoring Parsons. Golowach flied out to left to end the threat, stranding two runners.

Schmidt set the Chiefs down in the fifth without any damage and the Hounds cut the lead to two in the bottom half when Lowney got struck by a pitch with two outs and came around to score on Williams' double to left center. Schmidt took a walk to put two on for Bailey, but a deep fly to left ended the inning with Keokuk up 4-2.

The Chiefs got the two runs back in the top half of the sixth when Broadwell was struck by a pitch and stole second. Schmidt got the next hitter to fly out to center and struck out the third batter, but Davis, again, came through with a single to center scoring Broadwell followed by another single to right by Pezley plating Davis for a 6-2 lead.

Fort Madison went down in order again in the sixth and the Chiefs put up another run in the top of the seventh on a RBI single by Broadwell.

Schmidt gave Pezley a different look in the bottom of the seventh and brought in Dalyn Wondra and Teryn Parsons to hit, but both struck out and Lowney popped out to short to end the game.

"This was probably the best we've played defensively in quite a while," Schmidt said after the game.

"But you have to give (Keokuk) credit, they came up with the hits when they needed them all game. We just didn't do enough of that."

Three seniors will be leaving the team including Schmidt, Lowney, and Emily Mitchell, and student manager Nick St. Clair. Schmidt said St. Clair has been a blessing to the team and wants to pursue a career in coaching.

"He's smart and dedicated and he beats me to the field a lot and that's hard to do," Schmidt said.

With the Hounds only graduating three, Schmidt said the team needs to invest the time in the off-season if they want to improve on this year's 10-27 record.

"They just need to work in the off-season if they don't want a repeat of this year. "There's some talent here, but you need to focus on improving each year."



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Hounds' senior shortstop, Chayse Lowney, snares a line drive at short in the top of the third inning of Thursday's 7-2 loss to Keokuk.

## HTC knocks off Pekin before districts

BY PCC STAFF

WEST POINT - The Holy Trinity Crusaders scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to cap their regular season with a 6-3 win Wednesday night over Pekin (14-9) in boys high school baseball.

The game was tied at three apiece going into the sixth inning. Reed Fehseke had come in in relief of Cameron Bahl in the fifth inning and, after giving up a single to Cody Hassenin to center, got the next three hitters out to set up a dramatic bottom half.

Senior Ben Tinguely got plunked and Nathan Bredemeyer reached on an error at short. Cole Thornton then laid down a bunt down the first base line to push the runners to 2nd and 3rd base.

Quentin Schneider then popped to first, but again,

a Pekin error allowed him to reach safely. Fehseke and Kadin Medland both worked full-count bases loaded walks to score Tinguely and Bredemeyer. Collin Thornton then fanned before Kyle Bredemeyer was walked on four straight pitches to plate Schneider.

Bahl then popped out to third to end the inning with the bases loaded.

After starting the 7th with a walk, the Crusaders got the next three hitters out to end the game.

Pekin outhit the Crusaders six to five. Collin Thornton and Bahl led the Crusaders at the plate each going 2-of-4. Bahl had two RBIs off a fifth-inning, two-run double to right. He was thrown out trying to stretch it to a triple.

Nathan Bredemeyer had the only other hit for HTC.

Bahl went five innings on the mound giving up three runs, two earned on five hits, five walks, and a strike out. Fehseke gave up one hit on four strikeouts in two innings of relief.

HTC finished the regular season with a 4-16 record. The boys fell to West Burlington 3-10 on Friday night.

According to the IHSAA website, the Crusaders start Class 1A District 10 action Tuesday night vs New London (18-4) with a 5 p.m. game at Burlington Notre Dame. The winner of the game will play at Highland in substate on Thursday with a 5 p.m. start time.

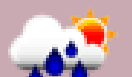
### 5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

FRI 07 Jul



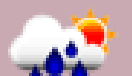
Overcast Clouds  
Low - 67.8° F | High - 83.2° F

SAT 08 Jul



Light Rain  
Low - 65.8° F | High - 84.6° F

SUN 09 Jul



Moderate Rain  
Low - 81.7° F | High - 90.2° F

MON 10 Jul



Light Rain  
Low - 74.1° F | High - 92.3° F

TUE 11 Jul



Clear Skies  
Low - 88.8° F | High - 89.6° F

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