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## Auditions open for OFPs February show

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Old Fort Players would like to invite all area Thespians to audition for their February production of "Misconceptions" which is written by Michael Vukadinovich, on Dec. 10 at 5 PM and again on Dec. 11 at 6 PM. Auditions will be held at Old Fort Players theater at 725 Avenue H in downtown Fort Madison.

'Misconceptions' is the story of two sisters who have nothing in common. Claire spent her day at a wedding and her sister Dora spent her day at a funeral. Claire

complains about not meeting anyone at the wedding, Dora in fact met an old flame Peter at the funeral. The two sisters start a fight when their eccentric mother appears. The two start slinging accusations at each other including the pregnancy word. Of course neither girl denies anything and that is where the fun begins. You will have to audition to be a part of the ending.

Claire would be a girl in her twenties and Dora would be a couple of years older. Peter would be in his upper twenties. The mother would be in her fifties. Ages are

a starting point as we can make up the right person to the age we would like them to be. This play will open on February 16 and run for 5 or 6 performances. The action on stage is directed by Carol Parson who is a veteran of OFP and a seasoned director. If you can't make one of the audition dates, but are interested give us a call at 372-9559 for a private audition.

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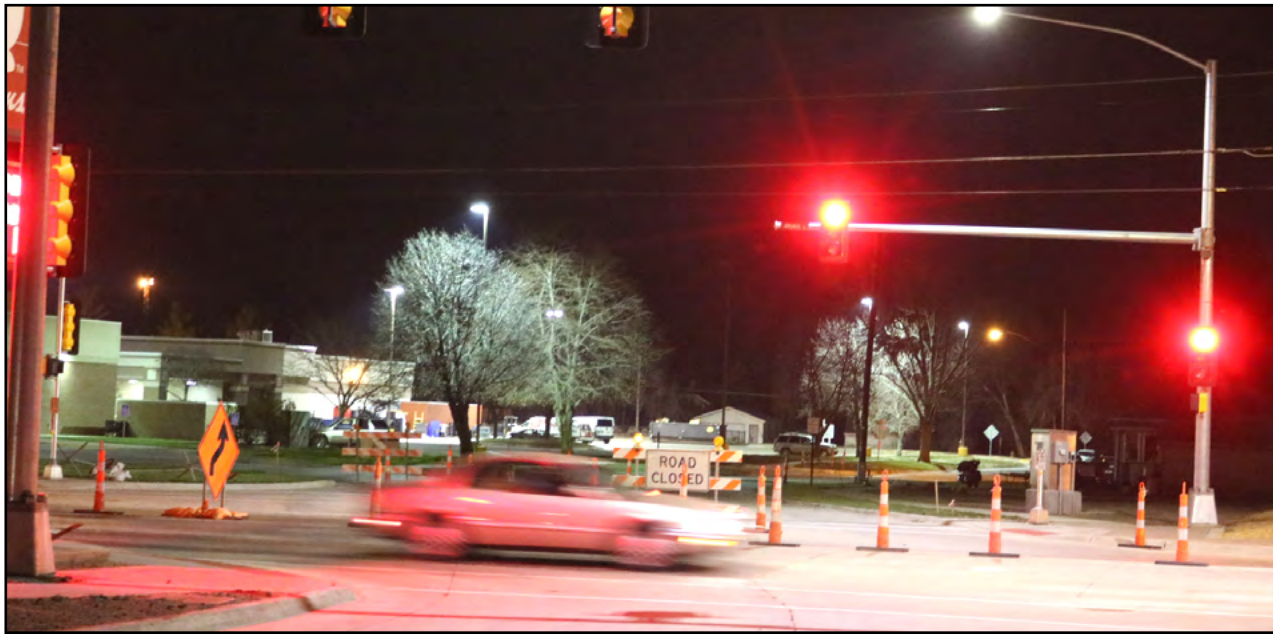


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It's open..kind of. 27th Street southbound west of Walgreens has been opened to traffic over the weekend. The intersection isn't fully opened yet – you can't cross over Avenue L toward Hy-Vee and traffic cones are still in the intersection dictating lanes of traffic, so use caution.

## EMPTY NEST

BY Curt Swarn



### To the golden years and getting scatter-brained

**Creative Writing Class:** I will be teaching a creative writing class in my home in Mt. Pleasant this January and February. We will meet for six sessions on Saturday mornings for a couple of hours to discuss your writing. Ginnie may provide chocolate chip cookies, if I can sweet talk her into it. Class size is limited to six. If interested, my contact info is at the end of this column.

Speaking of Ginnie, I think she's slipping a little, which isn't anything unusual considering we're entering what's called the, ahem, "golden years." But I'm still concerned.

The other day she left a stack of letters and bills for me to mail. Our mailbox is at the end of our driveway, which is about a block away from the house. On my way out the door, I grabbed up her mail. I usually walk to the mailbox, but since I was late for an appointment, I drove. I got out of the car, shoved her letters in the mailbox, and put up the flag. Something told me I'd better check to make sure all of her letters were stamped. I'll be danged, one letter was missing a stamp. This is highly unusual because Ginnie is so meticulous and efficient. So, it's back to the house, find a stamp, and out the door again. I sent her a text saying that she owed me one and that fried chicken would make up for her egregious error. She sent back a text asking, "Will chicken livers do?"

When I got home Ginnie was gone and the dryer was making an awful banging noise. I went to its rescue and

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## State fine arts standards boost student options

Last month, things began to look up for students with fine arts interests in Iowa. In early November, the Iowa Board of Education adopted new fine arts standards for schools grades Pre-K through 12 all over the state. The board chose the National Core Arts Standards, which are optional for Iowa schools.

However, with count-



### Ava PEITZ

Pen City Current Intern,  
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less students, and many with fine arts interests throughout Iowa, perhaps these standards shouldn't be considered optional.

As a high school student, I know just how hard it can be to enjoy school some-

times. With mandated arts standards, innumerable pupils would have access to somewhat of an "escape" from regular coursework.

Additionally, skills provided by fine arts

programs are found incredibly useful in the working world, especially according to Joe Harmon, a speech teacher and dinner theater director at Holy Trinity Catholic High School.

"The skill that I have used to become successful in life is my ability to perform, whether it be at a job interview or while I'm

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If you are unable to attend the service you may receive your ornament at the following locations: Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington, Thursday, Dec. 7, from 3-4:30 p.m.; Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point Saturday, Dec. 9, from 10-11 a.m.

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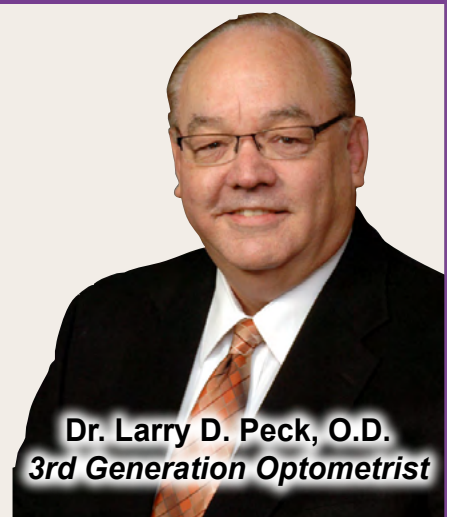
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## Scene Around Town/Weather



### Colors in the night

The floats from last week's Lighted Christmas Parade are now in Riverview Park and show as bright colors against the black backdrop of the Mississippi River and the night sky on Sunday night.

Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

### 5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

- MON 04 Dec** Moderate Rain  
High – 66.3° F | Low – 35.0° F
- TUE 05 Dec** Light Snow  
High – 37.3° F | Low – 24.5° F
- WED 06 Dec** Clear Skies  
High – 29.2° F | Low – 22.2° F
- THU 07 Dec** Light Snow  
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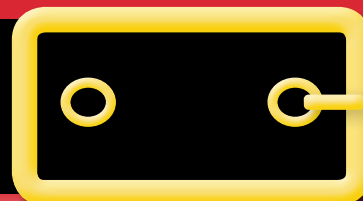
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## Sports

## Steffensmeier takes 3rd at Cliff Keen invite

BY PCC STAFF

INDEPENDENCE - Bloodhound senior wrestler Harlan Steffensmeier captured the highest finish for the Fort Madison wrestling team when he took third at this weekend's Cliff Keen Independence Invitational.

Steffensmeier, wrestling at 152, breezed through his first three matches of the Friday and Saturday tourney all with falls, the first two in less than one minute. However, in the quarterfinals, New Hampton's Noah Fye caught Steffensmeier in a 6-0 decision to send last year's 3rd place state finisher into the consolation bracket. Steffensmeier won the next two matches to land him in the 3rd place match where he found himself across from Fye again.

Fye had lost in the semifinals to eventual 2nd place finisher Alex Rivera of Smithville and got kicked into the consolation bracket with Steffensmeier, who returned the favor with a 6-2 decision over Fye for third place.

The next highest finisher for the Hounds was Sam Hayes who took fifth place at 195. Hayes won all three of his first matches and then wound up seeded against eventual champion Tyler Buesgens of Scott West, who pinned Hayes at 1:15. Hayes won his next match by major decision, but then lost to Waterloo East's Tyrell Gordon 6-3 to advance to the fifth-place match where he won by decision of Ashton Stoner-Degroot of Cedar Rapids Prairie.

Elton Kruse, won his first three matches at

106 lbs. on Friday before dropping an 8-1 decision to Austin Kegley of Cedar Rapids Prairie to send him to the consolation bracket. Kruse pinned Collin Schaedler of Christian Brothers College at 3:21 before losing the next two matches, both by pins, to take 6th place overall.

Dayne Cordray and Ryan Steffensmeier both finished in 8th place. Danen Settles took 11th at 220.

The Hounds hold the first match of the year under the Hound Dome on Tuesday with a 6 p.m. meet hosting Iowa City Liberty and Mediapolis.

The full results from the tournament are listed below.

**06 - Elton Kruse** (2-4) placed 6th and scored 23.00 team points. Round 1 - Elton Kruse (Fort Madison) 2-4 received a bye ( ) (Bye) Round 2 - Elton Kruse (Fort Madison) 2-4 received a bye ( ) (Bye) Round 3 - Elton Kruse (Fort Madison) 2-4 won by fall over Daeton Bone (Smithville) 0-4 (Fall 1:20) Quarterfinal - Austin Kegley (Prairie, Cedar Rapids) 4-2 won by decision over Elton Kruse (Fort Madison) 2-4 (Dec 8-1) Cons. Round 2 - Elton Kruse (Fort Madison) 2-4 won by fall over Collin Schaedler (Christian Brothers College) 1-3 (Fall 3:21) Cons. Round 3 - Bryce Parke (Linn-Mar) 7-1 won by fall over Elton Kruse (Fort Madison) 2-4 (Fall 3:42) 5th Place Match - Tyler Stein (Clarion-Goldfield-Dows) 6-2 won by fall over Elton Kruse (Fort Madison) 2-4 (Fall 1:30)

**113 - Mason Schau** (1-5) placed 26th and scored 4.00 team points. Round 1 - Nick Hatcher (Prairie, Cedar Rapids) 4-2 won by fall over Mason Schau (Fort Madison) 1-5 (Fall 1:48) Round 2 - Hans Von Rabenau (Iowa City West) 5-3 won by fall over Mason Schau (Fort Madison) 1-5 (Fall 2:43) Round 3 - Brody Barton (Columbus Junction) 2-5 won by fall over Mason Schau (Fort Madison) 1-5 (Fall 2:28) Cons. Round 1 - Mason Schau (Fort Madison) 1-5 received a bye ( ) (Bye) Cons. Round 2 - Mason Schau (Fort Madison) 1-5 won by fall over Nigel Madison (Des Moines Roosevelt) 0-5 (Fall 2:52) 25th Place Match - Brock Eldridge (Independence) 2-3 won by fall over Mason Schau (Fort Madison) 1-5 (Fall 0:41)

**120 - Dayne Cordray** (3-3) placed 8th and scored 17.00 team points. Round 1 - Dayne Cordray (Fort Madison) 3-3 received a bye ( ) (Bye) Round 2 - Dayne Cordray (Fort Madison) 3-3 won by fall over Colter Inghram (Mediapolis) 0-5 (Fall 0:18) Round 3 - Dayne Cordray (Fort Madison) 3-3 won by fall over Cole Kraklio (Linn-Mar) 5-3 (Fall 2:31) Quarterfinal - Cael Happel (Lisbon) 10-1 won by tech fall over Dayne Cordray (Fort Madison) 3-3 (TF-1.5 3:03 (23-7)) Cons. Round 2 - Keegan Schultschik (Xavier, Cedar Rapids) 6-2 won by decision over Dayne Cordray (Fort Madison) 3-3 (Dec 8-6) 7th Place Match - Jacob Hill (Scott West) 4-2 won by decision over Dayne Cordray (Fort Madison) 3-3 (Dec 9-7) **126 - Ryan Steffensmeier** (3-3) placed 8th and scored 16.00 team points. Round 1 - Ryan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 3-3 received a bye ( ) (Bye) Round 2 - Ryan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 3-3 won by major decision over Hunter Bye (Crestwood) 3-2 (MD 15-2) Round 3 - Ryan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 3-3 won by fall over Ryan Adams (Osage) 2-4 (Fall 1:03) Quarterfinal - Johnny Washburn (Prairie, Cedar Rapids) 4-2 won by decision over Ryan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 3-3 (Dec 8-4) Cons. Round 2 - Jack Nauman (Linn-Mar) 6-3 won by decision over Ryan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 3-3 (Dec 6-5) 7th Place Match - Jared Thornbrugh (Smithville) 3-2 won by decision over Ryan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 3-3 (Dec 10-9) **132 - Will Larson** (2-5) placed 28th and scored 1.00 team points. Round 1 - Mason Cleveland (New Hampton) 5-3 won by fall over Will Larson (Fort Madison) 2-5 (Fall 1:11) Round 2 - Justin Stauffacher (Scott West) 5-3 won by fall over Will Larson (Fort Madison) 2-5 (Fall 1:14) Round 3 - Wyatt Carl (Ankeny) 2-4 won by fall over Will Larson (Fort Madison) 2-5 (Fall 4:54) Cons. Round 1 - Will Larson (Fort Madison) 2-5 received a bye ( ) (Bye) Cons. Round 2 - Jack Underwood (Christian Brothers College) 2-4 won by tech fall over Will Larson (Fort Madison) 2-5 (TF-1.5 4:29 (18-1)) Cons. Round 3 - Will Larson (Fort Madison) 2-5 won by decision over Logan Pieper (Smithville) 1-6 (Dec 10-5) 27th Place Match - Cael O'Neill (Solon) 2-4 won by fall over Will Larson (Fort Madison) 2-5 (Fall 0:28) **138 - Nathan Steffensmeier** (2-6) placed 29th and scored 5.00 team points. Round 1 - Nick Menegay (Ankeny) 3-3 won by decision over Nathan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 2-6 (Dec 6-0) Round 2 - Drevon Ross (Fort Dodge) 7-2 won by fall over Nathan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 2-6 (Fall 1:50) Round 3 - Matthew Cary (Waterloo East) 2-5 won by major decision over Nathan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 2-6 (MD 17-5) Cons. Round 1 - Nathan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 2-6

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Bloodhound wrestler Harlan Steffensmeier took 3rd place at this weekend's Cliff Keen Independence Invitational. Above, Steffensmeier gets a cradle pin against Quincy last week.

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Round 1 - Sam Hayes (Fort Madison) 4-2 received a bye ( ) (Bye) Round 2 - Sam Hayes (Fort Madison) 4-2 received a bye ( ) (Bye) Round 3 - Sam Hayes (Fort Madison) 4-2 won by fall over Salvador Fregoso (Clarion-Goldfield-Dows) 3-2 (Fall 5:20) Quarterfinal - Tyler Buesgens (Scott West) 6-0 won by fall over Sam Hayes (Fort Madison) 4-2 (Fall 1:18) Cons. Round 2 - Sam Hayes (Fort Madison) 4-2 won by major decision over Jake Jennett (Lisbon) 8-2 (MD 18-5) Cons. Round 3 - Tyrell Gordon (Waterloo East) 5-1 won by decision over Sam Hayes (Fort Madison) 4-2 (Dec 7-3) 5th Place Match - Sam Hayes (Fort Madison) 4-2 won by decision over Ashton Stoner-Degroot (Prairie, Cedar Rapids) 2-3 (Dec 9-3) **220 - Danen Settles** (6-2) placed 11th and scored 16.00 team points. Round 1 - Danen Settles (Fort Madison) 6-2 won by fall over Kyle Snowgren (Des Moines Lincoln) 0-6 (Fall 1:29) Round 2 - Danen Settles (Fort Madison) 6-2 won by major decision over Kain Nelson (Clarion-Goldfield-Dows) 3-5 (MD 13-2) Round 3 - Carter Sergeant (Pleasant Valley) 5-2 won by fall over Danen Settles (Fort Madison) 6-2 (Fall 0:33) Cons. Round 1 - Tanner Schultz (Linn-Mar) 7-1 won by decision over Danen Settles (Fort Madison) 6-2 (Dec 10-4) Cons. Round 2 - Danen Settles (Fort Madison) 6-2 won by decision over Mario Moncada (South Tama County) 3-4 (Dec 3-1) Cons. Round 3 - Danen Settles (Fort Madison) 6-2 won by fall over Colby Lienemann (Clarion-Goldfield-Dows) 5-3 (Fall 5:21) 11th Place Match - Danen Settles (Fort Madison) 6-2 won by fall over Kyle Krezek (Xavier, Cedar Rapids) 5-3 (Fall 4:19)

## Mediapolis gets 33 from Johnson in win over HTC

BY PCC STAFF

MEDIAPOLIS - Holy Trinity had three girls score in double figures, but fell to the hot shooting 3-0 Mediapolis Bullettes on Saturday night 76-54 to highlight girls high school basketball action.

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Emily Box led the Crusaders with 20 points and 10 rebounds, Taylor Boeding and Brett Schneider each had 10 for HTC.

The Crusaders held a 15-11 first quarter lead, but were outscored 24-14 in the second quarter to give the

Bullettes a 40-31 halftime score

Mediapolis was very crisp from the 3-point range in the first half converting six from long range including four from junior Maya Johnson and two from sophomore MacKenzie Springsteen. Johnson would throw in four more from the 3-point arc in the second half for 8-of-12 on the night on the way to 33 points to lead all scorers.

Holy Trinity couldn't keep up in the third quarter as Mediapolis pulled away 17-9 and held a 57-40 lead.

Mya Lawlor had five points for HTC, Sam Hoenig added three, and Avery Hopper, Madison Mohrfeld, and Eryn Anderson all had two points.

Holy Trinity travels to West Burlington Tuesday for a junior varsity girls, junior varsity boys, varsity girls and varsity boys set with games starting at 4:30 p.m.

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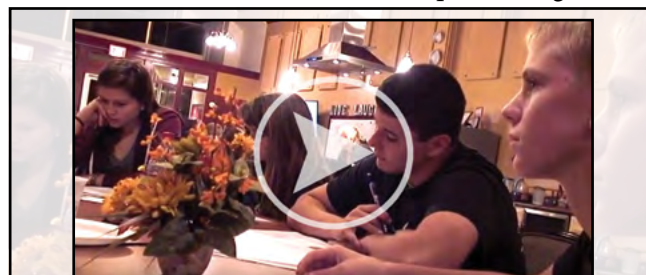


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**Sports**

# Shooting heats up as HTC downs Mediapolis

*Crusaders get first win after two losses to open campaign*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

MEDIAPOLIS - The Holy Trinity Crusaders boys basketball team had three players score in double figures as they rolled to the first win of the season 58-55 over Mediapolis on the road.

It was the third of five road games to open the season. And after two setbacks at the hands of Van Buren and WACO, HTC was able to stave off a wild 13-7 run in the final two minutes to hold on for the win.

The Crusaders led from the tip off and built leads by as much as nine points but the Bulldogs cut the lead to one point on four different occasions.

Holy Trinity held a 6-point 14-8 advantage at the end of the first quarter that included an 8-1 run with four minutes left in the quarter, but Mediapolis closed the gap to three at the end of the first half.

HTC got four three pointers in the first half and had the best shooting night of the year so far, converting 50% from the field for the game. Sophomore Reed Fehseke, who led the Crusaders with 15 points on the night, Adam Rauenbuehler, Jake Eaves, and Collin Thornton all had 3-pointers in the first half.

Mediapolis trailed by nine with four minutes left in the third period and, with just two minutes left in the game, trailed by seven before the scoring barrage took place in the last two minutes where both teams combined for over 20 points, highlighted by Mediapolis senior Will Schroeder who put in 14 in the second half to keep the Bulldogs in the game.

"The boys played a pretty good game," said head coach John Hellige. "We shot 50 percent from the field and got a total team effort. Everyone contributed and we did a great job of withstanding a huge Mediapolis run at the

end."

Thorton finished with 14 points and sophomore Matt Hellige added 11 including 7-of-10 from the free throw line. Fehseke was 6-of-8 from the charity stripe including 5 of 6 in the second half. Quentin Schneider, Eaves, and Rauenbuehler each added six points for Holy Trinity. Schroeder led all scorers with 20 points and Ben Wolgemuth had 17 points for Mediapolis.

HTC travels to West Burlington on Tuesday night before hosting their first games of the season on Friday against Cardinal.

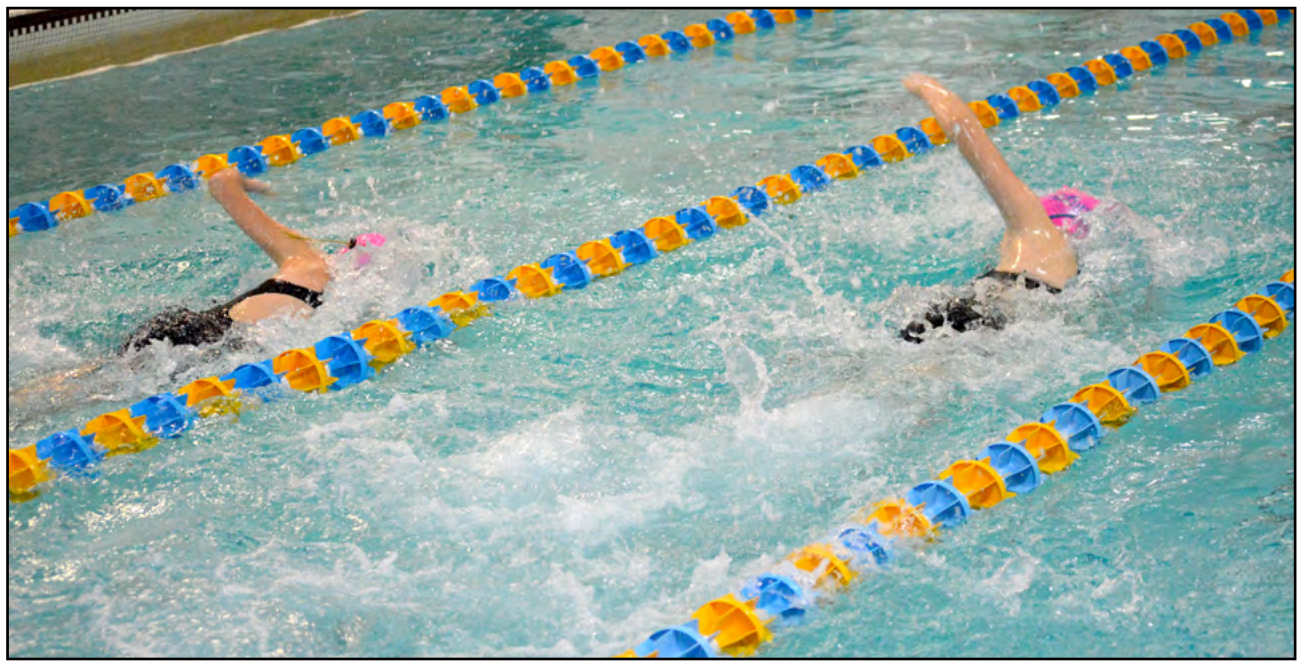


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## Fast Sailfish

Elliot Dostalek, right, of the Fort Madison YMCA Sailfish Swim Team, finished first in the 50 Freestyle on Sunday at the Washington YMCA Swim Meet. Jordyn Boyer, left, took 2nd place only a second behind Dostalek. The Sailfish will travel to Burlington High School to compete in the Burlington YMCA Bullsharks Swim Meet next Saturday.

“  
*Everyone contributed and we did a great job of withstanding a huge Mediapolis run at the end.*”

-John Hellige,  
HTC head coach



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Lee County, Iowa**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Agenda**  
**DATE: TUESDAY,**  
**December 5, 2017**  
**MEETING**  
**CONVENING TIME:**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Correctional Center,**  
**2530 250th Street,**  
**Montrose, IA 52639**  
**AGENDA**

Board Reps for the Board of Supervisors  
 Consider Approval of Amended Resolution Setting Sheriffs Fees  
 Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolutions (2)  
 Consider Approval of Class C Liquor License for Mt Hamill Tap, Donnellson  
 Personnel Actions:  
 A.Step Increase-Treasurer's Office  
 Commission or Committee Reports Adjourn

Pledge of Allegiance  
 Approve Agenda  
 Consider Approval of Tuesday, November 28, 2017 Board Minutes  
 Consider Approval of Claims  
 Public Input  
 Consider Approval of Change Order for Tuck Point Project at South Court-house  
 Consider Approval of Participation in NACO Live Healthy Prescription, Dental and Health Discount Program for Residents of Lee County  
 Consider Approval of FY2018 Budget Amendment and Set Public Hearing  
 Consider Approval of Replacement of Full-Time Maintenance Foreman, Secondary Roads Dept.  
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# Missing items a stereotype for growing older

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found a box cutter rattling around inside. My fault, I had left the box cutter in my bib overalls from when I was cutting insulation for the chicken house. But Ginnie is usually so thorough about checking pockets before washing.

The box cutter sure is clean.

Over Thanksgiving we traveled to Ozark, Missouri to be with Ginnie's dad and family. You can imagine the preparations and all that had to be packed and unpacked. Getting gas, I ran into a friend. Noticing the rear of the SUV sagging, he asked, "Gonna be gone for a spell?" "No," I told him. "Just overnight." Anywho, after the Thanksgiving feast was over, and we were packing up to leave, Ginnie couldn't find her purse. We searched everywhere. No purse. It must've gotten packed up with someone else's stuff. So, everyone had to search their vehicles. Still, no purse. It must be her sister's car who had already left. Darnit! A frantic text went out. A message came back, "I'm driving." Her sister has a new car with Bluetooth that receives and sends auto messages. (Was that her or the car? It was kind of rude.) As a last resort I checked our car. There was Ginnie's purse stowed in the back in a box with chips, a Mr. Coffee, and a cutting board. Ginnie looked at me, I looked at her, she shut the hatch and didn't say a word.

When we were ready to leave, I was fastening my seat belt when I realized I didn't have my phone. I started to go back inside to find it. Ginnie asked me where I was going. I told her I didn't have my phone. She said, "You mean that phone there in your hand?"

As I said, I'm kind of concerned about OUR slipping.

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## Fine Arts can bring out student's talent and scholarships

**PEITZ** - Continued from Page 1

teaching," said Harmon, who is a firm believer in fine arts classes. "Many students are lucky to experience a (fine arts) class, because it boosts their

confidence when speaking in front of people."

Along with confidence, fine arts also improve academic performance, as shown in a study done

by Americans for the Arts in 2015. Being included in multiple fine arts programs myself, I can confirm that the arts tend to be a pleasant break from curriculum. They provide me a place to focus on something other than common schoolwork for a while, so that I can better center my attention in mandated classes.

In my opinion, the arts can also be a spectacular category for scholarships and grants from colleges. Universities are always looking for diverse scholarship applicants with an abundance of extracurriculars, that of which arts programs can offer.

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