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## BRRRRrrrrr!



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

### Baby... it's cold outside

The sun sets on the horizon past the banks of the frozen Mississippi River Tuesday night ushering in what could be record-setting temperatures and wind chills overnight and into Wednesday morning. National Weather Service weather models show the coldest period around 8 a.m. Wednesday with temps near -18, and wind chills at -42 degrees.

### Hospitality House and churches open as warming centers and shelters

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – With the weather people scaring us with -60 wind chills, area officials are looking for options for those who may be susceptible to the elements or looking for shelter.

According to the National Weather Service out of the Quad Cities, temperatures will be near record-breaking and the coldest feel outside since 1996.

The NWS issued the following recommendations in dealing with the subzero temps.

- Minimize your time outdoors.
- Postpone any outdoor activities & unnecessary travel until conditions improve.
- If you must go outside, cover all exposed skin.
- In addition to a winter coat, wear a hat, scarf, and mittens (or gloves)
- Wear layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing

According to the NWS, the coldest temperatures will be at around 8 a.m. Wednesday when the actual temperature is predicted to be -18 with a windchill of -42 degrees. At that temperature, frostbite can occur to exposed skin in less than five minutes.

The NWS model doesn't show temperatures getting above 0 until Thursday at about 11 a.m.

One location for area residents looking for shelter is the Fort Madison Hospitality House. Mary McDowell, the owner of the property, said she has room at the moment.

"We have room but it's filling up fast. Most of the time people are afraid to come, I'm not sure why that is. It's a 3-day stay, we do a background check, and they need a photo ID."

McDowell said there is room available at that residence, which is also her home. Those looking for a place out of the elements can call her at 319-372-3983.

Lee County Emergency Management Services Coordinator, Steve Cirinna, said several warming centers will also be open tonight around Lee County.

In Fort Madison, Living Hope Church at the corner of 22nd Street and Avenue E has volunteered to open as a warming center and that number is 319-372-1090.

In Montrose, the Montrose Fire and Rescue will also

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### Bill for damage at juvenile center at \$5,000

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
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MONTROSE – The South Iowa Area Crime Commission has released information on the melee that took place at the Southern Iowa Juvenile Detention Center in Montrose last week.

According to SIACC director Carrie Folkerts, repairs and cleanup from the facility will cost close to \$5,000 including replacing a window that was damaged in the incident.

Folkerts said some of the equipment that was damaged has been repaired. She said this was an issue of kids just not doing what they were told.

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"Usually if there's an incident like that, we just tell the kids to go to their rooms and, in most cases, they listen.

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Courtesy photo

This is the dayroom at the juvenile detention center in Montrose following a melee involving four juveniles who ransacked the room causing more than \$5,000 in damage.

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## Celebrations/From the Front

# Officials looking at options to curb incidents

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In this case they didn't want to go," Folkerts said.

She said three of the kids were level three offenders which means they have more privileges because they haven't been problem kids in the past.

"They were just bored I guess and decided to see what they could do," she said. "Unfortunately for us, the detention officers have different standards going hands-on with kids as opposed to adult jail. There are restrictions because of their age. But in these recent instances, when law enforcement showed up, the kids stopped and there was no incident after that."

Folkerts said the staff at the center does a great job but sometimes kids just act up and the center is looking at options to help curtail some of the recent activities.

This Monday's incident and another incident in

December that sent a staffer to the hospital with a head wound, all involved overflow offenders from Davenport.

"It does seem like they like to incite things," she said. "We do try to look at what we're taking and when other areas have overflow, they try to send the best behaved kids out."

Another contributing factor may be the kids are suddenly away from visitors and are acting out.

"Maybe some of these kids had a lot of visitors when they were up there and now they don't have that, so it becomes a hardship and could be causing some of the misbehavior. But we're trying to look at all kinds of different factors," Folkerts said.

The funds to repair and clean the facility after the damage will come from SIACC operating funds. Most of the funds received come from the Department of Human Services, but she said the center does make additional revenue off housing out-of-area offenders.

## Birth Announcements

### HORNER

MONTROSE – Mr. and Mrs. Chance and Ashley Horner, of Montrose, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Jonny Marie Horner on Jan. 24, 2019 at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Grandparents are Allen and Jean Wells of Argyle; Collin and Tina Cook of Carthage, Ill.; and John Horn-er (deceased) of Montrose.

Pen City Current congratulates the family on this wonderful news.

### SOURWINE

FORT MADISON – Mr. and Mrs. Eric and Jasmine Sourwine, of Fort Madison, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Piper Mae Sourwine, on Jan. 22, 2019 at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Piper is joined at home by Kai Sourwine.

Grandparents are Ken and Jolene Stanford of Wapello; Deb Horton, of Wever; and Chuck and Leslie Sourwine of Burlington.

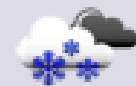
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THU 31 Jan



Snow  
High– -2.7° F | Low – -9.0° F

FRI 01 Feb



Light Snow  
High– 3.9° F | Low – 0.5° F

SAT 02 Feb



Clear  
High– 30.4° F | Low – 17.2° F

SUN 03 Feb



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### Local artist on display at SCC

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### Evening with Chuck Long

Former Iowa standout and NFL quarterback Chuck Long will be at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course on Tuesday, Feb. 12 for presentation, including a social hour and dinner with doors opening at 4:30. The social hour and dinner will be from 5 to 6 and Long will speak at 6 p.m. with a question and answer to follow. For more information, contact Ryan at 319-528-6214 or by email at [mcmillan@sheaffergolf.com](mailto:mcmillan@sheaffergolf.com).

### Ribbon-Cutting

A ribbon cutting for The Kingsley Inn and River Rocks Bar & Grille will be held on Feb. 15 at 10 a.m.

## Windchill threat cancels Wednesday schools, events

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open as a warming center if needed. Contact local police or fire and they will know how to get the center open.

In Keokuk, the Evangelical Free Church on South 7th has volunteered to open up as a center through Thursday. The church's number is 319-524-1090.

Cirinna said if there is no answer at the churches, contact local police or fire and they will know how to get the churches opened.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber said motorists traveling should be wary that vehicles can freeze up traveling at 50 mph with windchills in the projected ranges.

He said when travel is required, motorists should be sure to have blankets, water, and protein bars and a fully charged cellphone.

"Keep your cellphone with you and charged and, if you break down, call us to help. We can come 'til your family arrives to get you home."

He said motorists should keep travel to a minimum.

The cold temperatures canceled all school activities and even postponed city recycling collection on Wednesday.

Oh...and it's supposed to be 53 degrees this weekend for the big game.

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Pick 3 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm
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Pick 4 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm



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Lucky Ball: 18



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1/28 EVENING  
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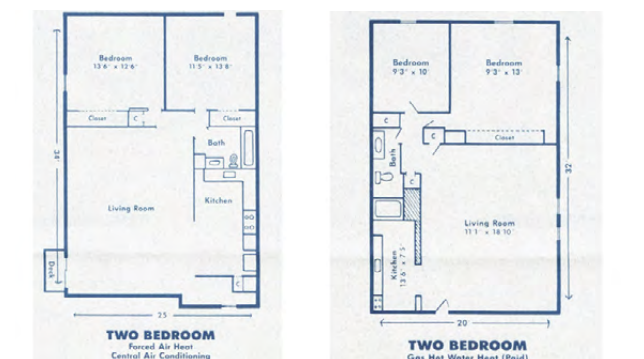
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