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City officials to take up fireworks ordinance

City Manager says item will be on agenda for discussion at next City Council meeting

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - City officials in all likelihood will be working on the city's fireworks ordinance at a meeting this month.

City Manager David Varley indicated at the end of Tuesday's regular city council meeting that discussions on the ordinance could be up for debate at the next council meeting in October.

The topic has come up on several occasions since the state legalized sales in Iowa beginning in 2017.

The item was listed on the agenda as topics that could come up at a future meeting and Councilman Mark Lair asked what the time line was because many of the complaints are coming from people in his ward.



VARLEY

I have people asking if they are going to get anything done with the fireworks ordinance before the Jan. 1 deadline when they're allowed to have them again.

"A lot of these complaints are coming from people in my ward so I'm just asking if things are going to happen before the next time fireworks are allowed again around January," Lair asked.

Mayor Brad Randolph said that was the plan.

Varley said the council could have the item on the next agenda for discussion.

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Photo courtesy of Brenda Derr

Opening soon

Someone is anticipating the opening of the Shug's Tiny Town & Educational Toy store in Burlington. The store, owned by Fort Madison's Brenda Derr, is holding a grand opening Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 3200 Agency Street in Burlington.

County may have to take over Keokuk's Lincoln Ridge

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE - Lee County may soon take ownership of a low-income housing unit in Keokuk.

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Lee County Board of Supervisor's, Ryanne Wood, the county's Central Point of Coordination Administrator and supervisor Matt Pflug let the board know that there was a possibility that Great River Progressive Housing and Lincoln Ridge Limited Partnership, who currently have control of the facility, may be asking the county to step in.

The apartment's located at 2815 Lincoln Avenue lost their management group Keyway Management Group in December and Pflug, Wood and partnership board member Steve Celandia have been overseeing day-to-day operations of at the facility.

"Since that time Matt and I have unilaterally managing that on a voluntary basis to try and keep things together knowing that neither one of us has sufficient time and energy to do it to the utmost ability that it should be done.

She said marketing has slipped due to time constraints and as the number of residents drop so does the financing of the property.

"Acting as property manager in light of not having a registered property manager at this time, we're investigating the possibility with your permission to transition that property under the umbrella of Lee County once again," Wood said.

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Several injured in Tuesday Wever mishap

No air support with other accidents in the area

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEVER - At least one person was injured in a two-vehicle accident in Wever near Grace Bible Church at about 7:45 p.m. Wednesday night.

According to LeeComm dispatchers, Wever Fire and Rescue, Lee County Sheriff's deputies and Lee County

EMS were called to the scene where two-vehicles had collided on 175th Street just east of Hwy. 61.

Rescue personnel tried to call in AirEvac and Med-Force helicopters for the injured person, but no helicopters were available and Lee County and Burlington ambulances were called to the scene to transport the injured.

Dispatchers indicated that two rollover accidents in Henry County both required air support and weather was hindering access to services out of the Quad Cities.

No names or conditions were readily available.

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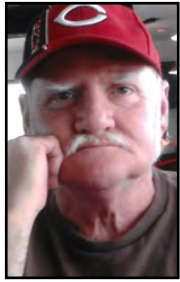
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OBITUARIES

JACK MARTIN DELPH

FORT MADISON - Jack Martin Delph, 66, of Fort Madison, Iowa passed away at 3:55 p.m. on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at his home.

Born on November 4, 1951 in Flatwood, Virginia, the son of Norma Mitchell. On April 25, 1992, he married Pamela Irene Mitchell in Middletown, Ohio. She preceded him in death on June 22, 2016.



DELPH

Survivors include his two sons: Timothy Mitchell - Delph of Fort Madison, Iowa and Benjamin Mitchell - Delph of Morning Sun, Iowa; two daughters: Elizabeth Calhoun of West Point, Iowa and Deanna Westerman of Ponca City, Oklahoma; eight grandchildren; one sister: Nancy Kerr of Kentucky; and one brother: Dewayne Delph of Columbus, Ohio. Also, surviving are several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife: Pam.

Jack worked at the Fort Madison Community Hospital in the housekeeping department. He enjoyed watching sports and spending his time with his wife Pam.

His body has been entrusted to Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

A Graveside Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, October 5, 2018 at the Denmark Cemetery in Denmark, Iowa.

A memorial has been made to the Denmark Cemetery.

Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

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CURRENT-LEE

LCHD offering October flu clinics

Lee County Health Department will be holding Flu Clinics throughout the month of October at various locations throughout Lee County. Flu clinics are open to the public, and offered to anyone ages 6 months or older. Medicare Part B, except Humana Gold choice, will be accepted for billing Medicare. Bring your Medicare card to the clinic. Flu vaccines for people without Medicare Part B will be \$25.

Complete Flu Clinic Schedule: Oct. 4, 8:30 am - noon - Newberry Center, 728 Ave. G, Fort Madison, IA; Oct. 4, 8:30 am - 9:30 am - Deer Meadow Apartments, 715 Cleveland Ave., Keokuk, IA; Oct. 8, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm - West Point Public Library, 317 5th St., West Point, IA; Oct. 9, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm - Hillview Village, 1102 48th St., Fort Madison, IA; Oct. 11, 8:30 am - 10:00 am - River Terrace, 128 Bank St., Keokuk, IA; Oct. 11, noon - 4:30 pm - Trinity United Methodist Church, 2330 Plank Rd., Keokuk, IA; Oct. 15, 8:00 am - 11:00 am - Montrose Public Library, 200 Main St., Montrose, IA; Oct. 16, 8:30 am - 10:00 am - Hoerner YMCA, 2126 Plank Rd., Keokuk, IA; Oct. 17, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm - Donnellson Public Library, 411 S. Main St., Donnellson, IA; Oct. 18, 8:30 am - 9:30 am - Hotel Iowa, 401 Main St., Keokuk, IA; Oct. 18, 10:00 am - noon - Heritage Center, 508 Main St., Keokuk, IA; Oct. 18, 9:00 am - 10:00 am - Eagle Bluff Apartments, 2803 Ave. A, Fort Madison, IA; Oct. 23, 8:30 am - 10:00 am - Rose Michael Gardens, 4516 Ave. L, Fort Madison, IA; Oct. 23, 10:30 am - noon - Parkview Apartments, 507 Iowa Joe St, West Point, IA; Oct. 25, noon - 5:30 pm - Lee County Health Department, #3 John Bennett Dr., Fort Madison, IA. Visit Lee County Health Department's website here to learn more: <http://www.leecountyhd.org/index.php/flu-schedule/>.

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For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

10/01/18 - 9:05 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Matthew Jay Wells, 18, of Fort Madison in the 2600 block of Avenue A on a warrant for criminal mischief, public intoxication and underage consumption. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 10/02/18 - 2:07 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Kenneth Dale Sommerfield, 56, of Fort Madison in the 2300 block of Avenue L, on a charge of violation of a no-contact order. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held. 10/02/18 - 2:07 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Kathy Ann Clair, 57, of Fort Madison in the 2300 block of Avenue L, on a charge of violation of a no-contact order. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held. 10/02/18 - 4:03 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 5200 block of River Valley Road. 10/02/18 - 7:54 p.m. - Fort Madison Police

responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 2300 block of Avenue H. 10/02/18 - 9:48 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1800 block of Avenue H. 10/02/18 - 10:39 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Brent Michael Lee McCormick, 39, of Fort Madison in the 2100 block of Avenue L, on a warrant for failure to pay fines. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Lee County Sheriff's Office

10/01/18 - 9:53 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Brittany Marie Goldie, 24, of Keokuk, at the Lee County Jail on a charge of assault on law enforcement officers/others. She was held in custody. 10/01/18 - 10:11 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Lawrence Bernard Jackson, II, 47, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office on a 2nd offense of sex offender registration. He was taken to the Lee

County Jail and held. 10/02/18 - 4:12 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Crystal Anne Latkas, 39, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a charge of trespassing. He was released upon citation. 10/03/18 1:00 a.m. - Jamie Leah Jenkins 34, of Donnellsen was arrested in the 1900 block of 255th Street of Donnellsen on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond. *Those listed above are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report

09/29/18 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded had no calls. 09/30/18 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two burn complaints and two medical calls. 10/01/18 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical calls. 10/02/18 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls.

Celebrations

Sterling Maverick Stewart

FORT MADISON - Hannah Puls and Curtis Stewart are proud to announce the birth of their son Sterling Maverick Stewart on Oct. 1, 2018 at the Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Sterling is welcomed home by Maddox Stewart.

Grandparents are Patricia Stewart of Fort Madison; Stephanie Stancil and Brian Hartson of Fort Madison; and Brian and Shelly Puls of Fort Madison.

Great-grandparents are Aida McCoy of Fort Madison; Stan and Sandra Pfingsten of Denmark; and William and Carol Stancil of Donnellsen.

The Pen City Current congratulates the family on this wonderful news.

Jade Kay Ferguson

NIOTA - Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy and Aerial Ferguson, of Niota, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Jade Kay Ferguson on Sept. 29, 2018 at the Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Jade is welcomed home by Jonah Ferguson.

The Pen City Current congratulates the family on this wonderful news.



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HTC wins, Hounds fall in Tuesday volleyball

3rd-ranked Crusaders open post season play at home Monday, Oct. 22

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FORT MADISON - Seniors Taylor Boeding and Emily Box combined for 28 kills as Holy Trinity swept visiting West Burlington Thursday night in Southeast Iowa Superconference action.

Boeding had one of her best nights on the court with 15 kills on 33 attacks. Boeding also had 10 digs patrolling the back side of the court for the Class 1A No. 3 Crusaders and went 9 of 9 serving with one ace. Box had 13 kills on 33 attacks and was 13 of 13 serving with one ace.

Holy Trinity improves to 26-2 on the season with its only losses coming over the weekend to Class 5A powerhouses Ankeny Centennial and Waukee in Urbandale.

Sophomore Bailey Hellweg has 19 assists and freshman Kassi Randolph had 17 to set up the attacks. Hellweg also was 19 of 19 serving with two aces. Senior Mya Lawlor was 14 of 15 with four aces on the night. Box had four blocks at the net.

Regional pairings were also announced on Monday night. Holy Trinity will get a bye in Class 1A Region 8 action. The top half of that bracket includes WACO, Burlington-Notre Dame, Moulten-Udell, Seymour, Moravia and Twin Cedars.

Holy Trinity will play the winner of the WACO-Burlington Notre Dame match up, which is Tuesday, Oct. 16, on Monday Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. at HTC.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

HTC senior Emily Box (3) gets a block up on West Burlington's Sydney Marlow (20) in Tuesday night's 3-set sweep of the Lady Falcons. The Crusaders move to 26-2 on the year with the win.

In the bottom half of the region, Southeast Warren has the bye, with Murray, Orient-Macksburg, East Union, Diagonal, Lamoni and Mormon Trail all opening play on the 16th.

Third round games are set for Thursday, Oct. 25th at 7 p.m. with locations to be determined and the regional final will be played on Tuesday Oct. 30th at Ottumwa's Evans Middle School at 6 p.m.

New London is playing in the Region 7 bracket this year, after being in Region 8 last year with the Lady Crusaders. There was concern last year about two of the top teams in the state being in the same

region.

New London is in the bottom half of the bracket, which has 13 teams. New London will face Keota in the second round as both teams have a bye, other teams in that half of the bracket include Winfield-Mt. Union, Sigourney, Iowa Menno-nite and Tri-County. The top half includes Montezuma, North Mahaska, BGM, Lynnville-Sully, Melcher-Dallas, Ankeny Christian, and Grand View Christian.

The Lady Crusaders travel to Cardinal for a freshman, junior varsity, varsity matchup on Thurs-

Hounds have lost three of last five; have bye in first round of Region 8 bracket



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Sophomore Olivia Williams tries to blast an attack through the defensive hands of Fairfield's Chloe Stever (8) and Lily Hoskins (2) in the first game of Tuesday's 5-game loss to Fairfield. Williams was 43-48 hitting with 10 kills on the night.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Bloodhounds squandered a 2-0 lead Tuesday night and fell in five sets to visiting Fairfield in Southeast Conference high school volleyball action.

Class 4A regional pairings were released Tuesday night and the two teams are on a collision course for a season tie-breaker.

Fort Madison has a bye in the bottom half of the Region 8 Class 4A six-team bracket and will face the winner of the Oct. 17 Fairfield-Mt. Pleasant matchup on Oct. 23 in Fort Madison at 7 p.m. At the top of the bracket is Class 4A No. 2-ranked Cedar Rapids Xavier. The Hounds were eliminated by the Lady Saints in the regional finals in 2017.

The regional finals would be played at the home of the highest ranked team on Oct. 29th at 7 p.m.

Other teams in the bracket include Washington and Keokuk who play in Washington on the 17th at 7 p.m.

In Tuesday's action, the Hounds won the first game in fairly quick fashion 25-17 and had to come back in the second game from being down as much as five at one point to win 25-21.

The Hound then dropped the third and fourth games 22-25, 23-25 and fell 14-16 in the first-to-15-by-2 tiebreaker.

"We missed out on some opportunities in games 4 and 5 to win it. We had the momentum and made a serving error along with a couple of hitting errors," Bailey said.

"This was a hard fought match between two good teams. Ultimately, Fairfield made the plays and pulled it out. Give them credit. We will learn from this and get better."

Senior Josie Pumphrey led the Hounds going 21-23 serving with four aces on the night. She also had 32 digs on the night.

Senior Kaeli Hutson was a perfect 20-20 serving and went 43-48 at the net with 10 kills. She also had 25 digs. Junior Jillian Wiseman was 36-44 attacking and had 16 kills and two blocks for FMHS. Sophomore Lauren Bailey had 42 assists in the middle of the Bloodhound offense and was 22-25 serving with an ace.

Fairfield has won 14 matches in a row dating back to Sept. 8.

The junior varsity squad lost in three games and a 4-2 in the conference. The freshman team won in two games and are 6-0 in the loop. FMHS travels to Keokuk on Thursday for a freshman, junior varsity, varsity matchup.



FMHS senior Jassmine Bass tries to locate an attack in the early going of the Bloodhounds' 5-game loss to Fairfield Tuesday night.

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HTC Sophomore Katie Denning (22) goes for an attack against the Falcons' Michenna Hunt in Tuesday's win



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Police, fire chief draw up new rules

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“The fireworks ordinance will be on the next agenda. We’re gonna put a proposed ordinance for the council under discussion items and throw out here’s what we have and let you discuss it and if you want to change the times or days or whatever than you can discuss it and then we’ll bring it back to a following meeting once we have a consensus from the council on what you’d like to do.

Varley said the item won’t be on the agenda for action, but discussion and then action could be at a follow up meeting.

City Police Chief Tim Sittig said he and Fire Chief Joey Herren have been working on a proposed ordinance looking at other ordinances in the state.

Residents at three straight city council meetings this summer complained about the how the fireworks were effecting family, pets and neighborhoods.

Randolph said this summer that he wanted to take a look at the fireworks ordinance after being downtown during the city’s 4th of July celebration and observing what he called a “free for all” and fireworks going off in places they shouldn’t be.

Current city ordinance is the same as state ordinances

The Iowa State Fire Marshals office listed three locations in Fort Madison that sold fireworks this summer including Bellino’s Fireworks Tent at Fairway, Dollar General, which sold only second class fireworks, and the Fort Madison High School Football team sold under the license of RiverFest as a fundraiser in Hy-Vee’s parking lot. Bellino’s sold only first-class fireworks. The tent at Hy-Vee sold first- and second-class fireworks.

City Finance director Peggy Steffensmeier said the city has no way of telling how much revenue from the 1% local option sales tax was generated from fireworks sales as the state pays the city 90% of projected total sales in the city and then in November does a catch up for the difference.

Iowa laws allow for the setting off first and second class fireworks from Dec. 10 through Jan. 3 in the winter from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and from 9 a.m. Dec. 31 to 12:30 a.m. Jan. 1.

County waiting on IFA direction

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She said she will be going to region board to inquire about financial assistance at that time so that financing of any sort not from rent, could be possibly come from regional sources.

She said there is an active request into the Iowa Finance Authority to discover what would be the repercussion to close down Great River Progressive Housing and Lincoln Ridge Limited Partnership with the intent of moving under the county government umbrella.

“Once we have that information back, we will have a better idea of what the pros and cons are for that,” Wood said.

Pflug said there are 16 apartments and right now there are nine people renting at the facility.

He said the facility is paid off but it’s a tax credit property and the partnerships have to guide by certain guidelines. He said no management firms have expressed an interest in running the facility. He said the partnership is looking at possibly using money from the county’s Fund 10 which helps fund mental health programs.

“The problem is our check book is getting low and the building is getting old and it’s taking more money to take care of things. Census is down and we’re not seeing a batch of new people coming in and the situation is getting urgent,” Pflug said.

Supervisor Ron Fedler asked if the county took over what department would it fall under. Wood said it would move back under the county’s mental health department.

Supervisors recommended that the Wood get back with supervisor’s as soon as she here’s back from the state’s finance authority as to what hoops need to be cleared before the county could consider taking ownership of the facility.

The apartments were built for those needing transitional and supportive care, but Wood said the apartments are open to the public but require low-income guidelines.

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SAT 06 Oct _____

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High– 68.4° F | Low – 54.6° F

SUN 07 Oct _____

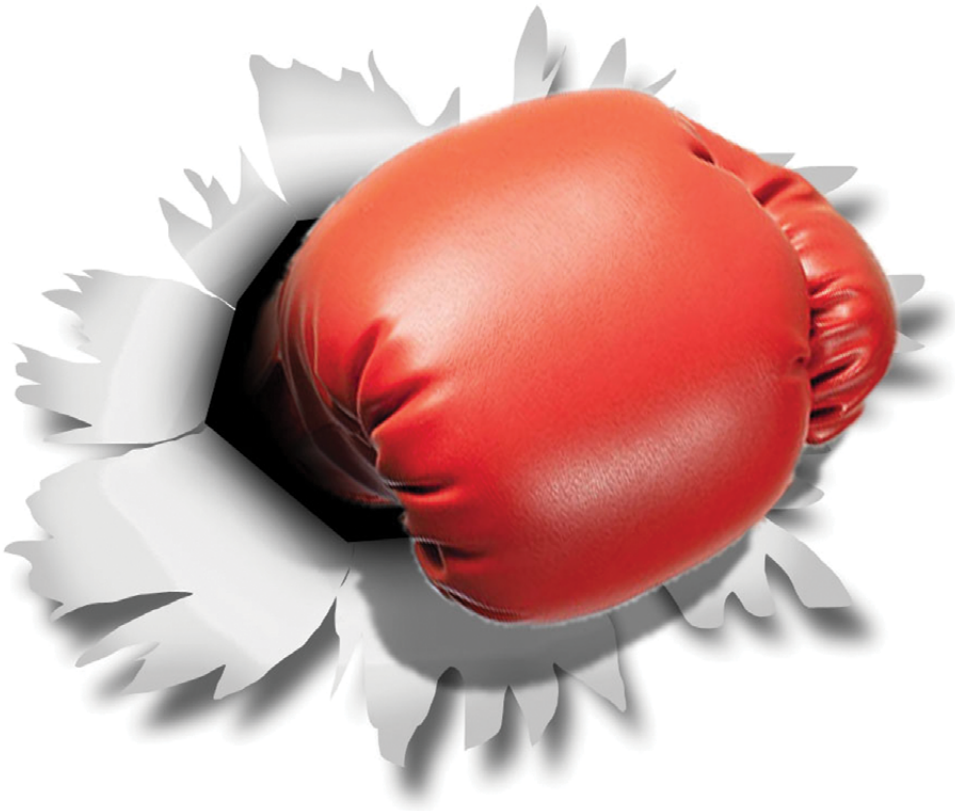
 Moderate Rain
High– 61.9° F | Low – 58.9° F

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10/4 Deer Meadow Keokuk 8:30am-9:30am	10/15 Montrose Public Library 8:00am-11:00am	10/18 Eagle Bluff Apts. Ft. Madison 9:00am-10:00am	Please bring Medicare card to clinic Private Pay cost \$25 Any questions please call (319)372-5225 www.leecountyhd.org LIKE us on Facebook
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10/9 Hillview Village Ft. Madison 10:30am-12:30pm	10/17 Donnellson Public Library 11:30am-1:30pm	10/23 Parkview Apts. West Point 10:30am-Noon	
10/11 River Terrace Keokuk 8:30am-10:00am	10/18 Hotel Iowa Keokuk 8:30am-9:30am	10/25 LCHD (#3 John Bennett Drive) Ft. Madison Noon-5:30pm	



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