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# Autism in the spotlight at Richardson

Program aimed at showing how autism affects learning

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON -Richardson Elementary School opened its doors and its heart Thursday night to showcase how the district works with students struggling with autism.

The district's two autism teachers at the elementary level are Brook Patton and Jennifer LaFrenz, who along with other staff, donned blue autism t-shirts that read "Accept, Understand, Love" and organized the night's event.

Patton said it was the first time the district has held a special event for the autistic children. They also brought in two specialists from the Great Prairie Area Education Agency to speak to parents and

students about autism.

Teran Buettell, a school psychologist and member of the GPAEA's Challenging Behavior and Autism team, did a skit with volunteers that showed how autistic students can use sensory signals to help with communication, whereas typical students and teachers use verbal cues to communicate.

The district's two elementary schools currently service nine students with autism and all of the programming for the students takes place with LaFrenz and Patton at Richardson. The students are integrated with other classes, but get enhanced instruction from the two teachers.

Shelly Hoening, a kindergarten teacher at Richardson, has autistic students in her class and said she was glad the



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Left to right, Marissa Lair, Zachary Lair, Isabelle Patton, Chelsea Patton, and Richardson Principal Emily Settles work on a sensory project Thursday night.

school was doing something to recognize the efforts and contributions the autistic students make to the school.

"I have three autistic children in my class and we just decided that it was time to do something. These two teachers had an idea and I just kind of pushed them a bit. We have some specialists coming and we're actually going to do some group work so you can see what learning is like in the life of an autistic child," she

Some of the projects

include coloring puzzle pieces to help the students visualize the piece independently which would help with the puzzle as a whole.

The Autism Society pegs the number of children

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# Montrose one of 19 sites for Live Healthy Iowa 5K

# Online registrations can be done through April 9

BY PCC STAFF
MONTROSE Live
Healthy Iowa has selected 19 communities
across Iowa as host sites
for the 5th annual Live
Healthy Iowa 5K events.
The events, scheduled
for Saturday, April 14,
will be held in Asbury,
Bondurant, Britt, Carroll,
Decorah, Dike, Fairfield,
Grinnell, Hiawatha,

Montrose, Onawa, Perry, Rathbun Lake, Red Oak, Sergeant Bluff, Sibley, Spencer, Story City, and Waukee. Proceeds from the events will benefit local wellness efforts in these communities, as well as Live Healthy Iowa Kids initiatives.

"We are pleased to have the opportunity to work with these 19 local com-



munities to co-host this year's events," said Iowa Sports Foundation CEO and Executive Director, Chuck Long. "These events not only serve as a time of celebration for challenge participants, but as a way for Iowans to

come together in support of local communities and their wellness efforts."

#### Montrose 5K

The Montrose event will begin and end at the Montrose Riverfront Landing building. The 5K

portion of the event will begin at 8:00 am with the 1K kid's run following at 9:00 am. On-site registration for both events will be open the morning of the race at 7:00 am.

The race registration is now \$25. Online registration is available through Monday, April 9th. Participants can also register the day of race – cash or check will only be accepted the day of

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# Amtrak will run Sunday service

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

FORT MADISON - A spokesman for Amtrak has clarified that train service for Fort Madison residents will be available on Sunday after work on the Fort Madison Burlington Northern-Santa Fe bridge is completed

Saturday, despite a service change document that indicates service will



VARLEY

Marc Magliari, a spokesman for Amtrak, said Thursday there was some confusion in the statement made by City Manager David Varley at Tuesday's City Council meeting that the Southwest Chief wouldn't be running on Sunday.

be down for two days.

"There will not be westbound or eastbound service out of Fort Madison on Saturday because of the bridge work, but eastbound from Fort Madison to Chicago and westbound from Fort Madison to Kansas City will be running on Sunday," Magliari said.

"We apologize for the inconvenience, but

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### From the Front/Weather

# Autistic students see learning through different lenses

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With some of our kids with autism, it's obvious that something's wrong. But with others, that's no so obvious and people can be judgmental because they don't understand."

> -Teran Buettell, GPAEA school psychologist

born with autism at 1 in 68 and the prevalence for school-aged children is 1 in 50. Autism services in the United States cost \$236 billion annually with about \$65 billion spent on school-aged children.

Patton said some of the students she works with have barriers to interaction with other students and staff.

"We're here to try and break those down," she said.

"It was kind of a negative thing we ran into that kind of got us fired up, really. We want everybody to be aware of how awesome our kids are. We ran into a situation where a student said something negative about our kids and it just broke our hearts. We just really wanted to make sure that everyone is aware of these kids. They're just like you and I, but they are unique too."

About 40 people packed into the Richardson library to hear about the struggles of the students and how learning can be a challenge for teachers and students alike.

"How do we learn things growing up, how to be polite, act in a crowd, and behave at school?" Buettell asked. "By watching other people...we model behavior.



About 40 members of the community including teachers, students, and specialists met Thursday night at Richardson Elementary School to bring awareness to the autistic students in the district.

A lot of those things we don't teach explicitly. But kids with autism see the world through a different lens. They don't have that lense that allows them to see it that way, so they don't pick things up the way we do. With some of our kids with austism, it's obvious that something's different. But with others, that's not so obvious, and people can be judgmental because they don't understand."

"What I'm hoping you learn as you go through these centers is that our kids with autism have capabilties that we sometimes underestimate. But they also have limitations and we overestimate what they should be

able to do. We need to have patience and suspend our judgment and we need to teach them. They still have feelings and they still want to fit in."

LaFrenz said in the classroom, the autistic students can learn just like the other students, but some of the communication becomes difficult as the autistic students may not pick up on some things, but pick up on others, and that's an awareness hurdle for teachers.

"We really wanted to bring to light how great these kids are and how much they have to offer, and we want them to be seen as an important part of the community," LaFrenz said.

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SAT 07 Apr



Partly Cloudy High- 28.7° F | Low - 19.2° F

SUN 08 Apr



High- 29.3° F | Low - 29.3° F

MON 09 Apr



**Snow** High – 33.4° F | Low – 26.2° F

TUE 10 Apr



Clear Skies High- 35.0° F | Low - 20.1° F

**OpenWeatherMap** 

# Chicago, KC service will be running Sunday

**AMTRAK** - Continued from Page 1

riders can make their way to Burlington, Galesburg or Quincy for trains on Saturday."

Varley gave Pen City Current a copy of the service change notice from Amtrak that indicated Southwest Chief Trains 3 and 4 "will not operate between Chicago and Kansas City" April 7 through April 8.

"That's different from the bridge closure" Varley said "It's only closed Saturday, but the document we have says the train service will not be available April 7 through April 8th."

BNSF crews will be doing repairs to the bridge on Saturday beginning at 6 a.m. and ending at 8 p.m. according to Andy Williams, a spokesperson for BNSF.

For additional information on Amtrak service, passengers are encouraged to visit Amtrak online at Amtrak.com or by calling 800-872-7245.

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# **For the Record/Lottery Numbers**

#### **CURRENT-LEE**

# Glo Crazy for Education run set for April 7

FORT MADISON - A 5K run/walk will be held on April 7 at Baxter Sports Complex beginning at 8 p.m. Proceeds from the event will go to the Elliott Test Kitchen in Fort Madison. The event is being put on by Fort Madison service clubs including Fort Madison Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary clubs as well as the Fort Madison High School key club. Registration can be done at <a href="https://www.pencitycurrent.com/glo-crazy/">www.pencitycurrent.com/glo-crazy/</a>.

# Lee County Bridges group to hold Keokuk community-wide meeting April 16

The steering committee is hosting the next community-wide Bridges out of Poverty training in Keokuk on April 16th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church located at 1101 Blondeau Street. The Public is invited to attend

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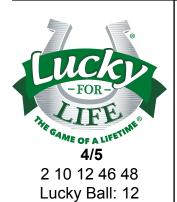
These four beauties were part of a group of about a dozen does in a field just south of Chalk Ridge Road Thursday night.



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Pick 4 - Midday Pick 4 - Evening	Daily Daily	Noon 9:40 pm	12:20 pm 10:00 pm





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#### For the Record

# Fort Madison Police Reports

04/03/18 - 11:00 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 800 block of Avenue G. 04/03/18 - 12:56 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1700 block of Avenue H. 04/04/18 - 3:12 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Ryan J. Carter, 40, of Fort Madison in the 600 block of Avenue F on a warrant for voluntary absence from custody. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 04/04/18 - 6:18 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Mark Anthony Davis, 30, in the 800 block of 2nd Street in Fort Madison on charge of domestic abuse assault-causing bodily injury. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 04/04/18 - 3:57 p.m. - Fort

Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 200 block of 26th Street. 04/04/18 - 4:14 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 3000 block of Avenue

#### Lee County Sheriff's Reports

**Sheriff's Reports** 04/02/18 - 8:06 a.m. - Lee Count Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at the junction of 218 and Hwy 61 north of Keokuk. A vehicle driven by Danny Joseph Brownlee, 75, of Burlington collided with a vehicle driven by Jamie Ray Wreiden, 45, of Keokuk in heavy fog conditions. Brownlee had to to be extricated by emergency crews and was taken to the Fort Madison Community Hospital for treatment. 04/03/18 - 6:31 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Andrew James Justice Doyle, 19, of Rock Island, III., on warrants for 2nd-degree robbery, and contempt of court. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 04/04/18 - 8:49 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Robert James Sackman, 69, of Keokuk at the sheriff's office on a charge of driving while barred and a warrant for a court-ordered hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. All persons in these listings are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

# Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report

04/03/18 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one gas odor call, one electrical odor call, and two medical calls. 04/04/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded three medical calls.

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# Rauenbuehler goal lifts HTC

BY CHUCK **VANDENBERG** PCC FDITOR

WEST POINT - The Holy Trinity boys soccer team is getting in their conditioning early this year.

For the second time in three matches, the Crusaders found themselves in overtime, this time against visiting Mediapolis in South Park at West Point.

After a scoreless first and second half, the teams entered the first of what would have been two 10-minute OT periods. But the second period wouldn't be needed as HTC junior Adam Rauenbuehler found a ball lying in the grass with 2:23 left in the first OT and booted it across the Bulldog defense into the right side of the net.

"We got a cross set off a corner kick coming across that was headed, and then I think their goalie may have punched it out," HTC head coach

night.

HTC's Reed Fehseke follows the Mediapolis

goalie into the net as the goalie taps a corner

kick over the net in 2nd half action Thursday





Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

HTC's Reed Fehseke falls to the ground in front of a loose ball that in the next second would be booted into the net for a game-winning goal by Adam Rauenbuehler in the Crusaders 1-0 OT win over Mediapolis.

Ryan Culbertson said. "And Adam came across the front and set the ball across into the corner of the net. It was a heck of a shot off the outside of his foot."

With most of the match being played on the HTC side of the pitch, the Crusaders were able to get a lot of shots off, but couldn't get any to find the cords. Mediapolis got

a few breaks into their end, but HTC goalie Jason Rees had a quiet night holding the shutout with just four saves.

Culbertson said the Crusaders played a good game, but he prefers not going into overtime as frequently.

"I guess we're kind of use to it already," he said. "We didn't really want it as we're still building our stamina and conditioning and we've got a ways to go. A long game like this really helps but we don't want this to be a recurring event."

Junior Audrey Vincent led the Crusaders with nine shots on the night, two on goal. Aden Alfred, Rauenbuehler, and Blake Crabtree all had two shots with a combined six on goal.

"Well, we got a lot of shots," Culbertson said. "I think we had seven shots

in the first half and quite a few more in the second half. The last few years, we've struggled getting a lot of shots off, but getting this many shots off early in the season is a confidence booster for all of us."

He said he was also impressed with the ball control at midfield.

"We've really been working and harping on our center and midfielders holding the middle of the field and we did good job of that tonight. It was a good game."

The Crusaders are 3-1 on the season with their only loss to 3-0 Knoxville in the championship of the Fort Madison Invitational Saturday. The Crusaders beat Fort Madison 2-1 and Central Lee 2-1 in overtime, before losing in the finals. They travel to Burington on Satur-





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# **IOWA DNR**

# Trout fishing good in area lakes

LEE COUNTY - The following the weekly Iowa Department of Natural Resources fishing report for southeast Iowa. Mississippi River Pool 19 had no information included in the report.

#### **Big Hollow Lake**

Not a lot of angler activity on the lake. Water temperatures have fallen back into the 30's. Largemouth Bass - Slow: A few bass are starting to be picked up in the shallower water close to the deeper water. The bass are staying just at the edge of the deeper water most of the time.

#### **Environmental Discovery Park North Pond**

When the weather get nice, this is a great place to take the kids and get out of the house. Rainbow Trout -Good: Keep moving around this small pond hitting the different brush piles and habitat to find trout. Brook Trout - Good.

#### Lake Belva Deer

Water temperature has dropped back into the upper 30's. Nobody has been out on the lake.

#### **Lake Darling**

Water temperature is hanging around 38 degrees. Be careful in the mornings, the spray from the waves overnight is leaving a good coat of ice on the shore and boat docks that takes a while to melt off.

#### Lake Geode

Drained for the renovation project. With the warmer weather, the bottom of the lake will thaw out and get soft again; use caution when walking around on the bottom of the lake.

#### Lake of the Hills

When the weather gets nice, get out to Lake of the Hills and catch some really nice trout. Brook Trout - Good: The trout will have gotten use to the lake by now. Target stumps and logs that aren't too deep to find schools of trout. Rainbow Trout - Good: Work the habitat in the water 4-6 foot deep, where the trout settled after their many laps around the lake.

#### **Lost Grove Lake**

Water temperature is in the upper 30's. The boat docks got put in earlier this week, one down at the ramp down at the dam remains out for repairs. Largemouth Bass - Slow: Work the flooded trees in shallow water during the sunny warmer days and out deeper around the trees during the rest of the time. Black Crappie - Slow: Crappies are still hanging out around the flooded timber in deeper water.

#### Wilson Lake

The trout have picked out their spots to settle down by now. Work the visible cedar tree piles and the culvert to find the trout. Brook Trout - Excellent: The trout are still going to be in pretty shallow. Look for them around the brush piles, stumps, and culvert piles that you can see from shore. Rainbow Trout - Excellent: Work the shallower habitat to find rainbow trout.

For more information on the fishing at the above lakes and rivers, contact the Lake Darling Fisheries Office at 319-694-2430.



# **Opinion**

#### **Letters to the Editor**

# Who said voting was supposed to be easy?

Dear Editor

There were lots of reasons Fort Madison school district voters rejected the elementary school bond referendum. It would behoove supporters to contemplate some of them before bringing this up for a fourth round of voting.

Although I had (and still have) reservations about the latest proposal, I actually voted for it. But that was only after weighing pros versus cons based on all the information made available by those who shared their thinking on the subject – albeit mostly at the last minute. My decision was a close call – I'd estimate it was (in my mind) a 57 to 43 percent ratio favoring the proposal. I'd much prefer having a 90 to 10 comfort

For what it's worth, I didn't let emotion affect my vote. However, I'd be willing to bet many voters did – both yes and no voters. More on that later.

No doubt many yes

voters found it hard to understand how anyone could vote no, and vice versa. That being said, I believe some referendum supporters who shared angry feelings publicly made a BIG mistake. I'm referring to the ones who stated in no uncertain terms that they pretty much deemed non-supporters to be stupid, ill-informed, hateful, selfish, etc.

Showing such a lack of respect for the other side is not an effective way to gain support for anything. There were important points being made both ways. I would suggest that those who couldn't accept any of the other side's points or concerns as having validity were themselves very shortsighted to say the least.

NOBODY likes to be told what to do, and it's perfectly reasonable for non-supporters in this case to be really irritated that supporters are simply going to keep doing this



over and over until the bond referendum passes. What that says is: "We're going to keep doing this no matter what you think, and we will ultimately defeat you." That hurts a lot of feelings and generates considerable animosity. There should probably be a legal limit on how many times this can be done.

In this latest vote, I suspect the majority of supporters and non-supporters alike weighed the overall pros and cons from their own perspective just as I did, and voted accordingly. But, where votes were based solely on emotions and/or on only 1 or 2 factors or issues, I would respectfully suggest that such an approach when voting on any public measure (or in

any election) is generally not a good idea.

We owe it to ourselves and to posterity to learn as much as we can before voting on anything, and to be as honest and considerate as we can be when sharing facts and viewpoints with others beforehand. Especially when sensitive issues are involved – i.e., pretty much every time.

Once we've absorbed all the information we can gather, it's possible we can still be uncertain about which way to go. In that case, there's a good chance sincere prayer will enable us to resolve our discomfort and vote with a clear conscience. That's what I had to do.

Fred Bindewald Fort Madison

# Election results must be handled with respect to all

Dear Lee County Voters,

I respect all voters on both sides of the school bond referendum because I believe there are legitimate concerns on both sides. However I have been disturbed with the responses from the "Yes" camp.

I have seen multiple name-calling, shaming, demeaning responses that border bullying in my mind.

All this does is shut down any chance of dialogue with those who voted "no". I understand the results have caused a lot of disappointment. This situation calls for mature, open dialogue between all voters. I truly feel like those who voted "no" have questions and concerns that they are afraid to air publicly due to the overwhelming rude responses from those who voted "yes". I also feel it would be helpful to specifically reach out to the rural communities in Lee County and find out what their concerns are. No matter how you voted, your fellow voters deserve your respect and thoughtful consideration of their view.

Kristin Brookhiser





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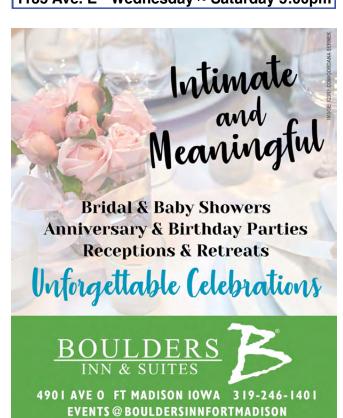
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#### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE** FORT MADISON **COMMUNITY SCHOOL** DISTRICT **BOARD OF DIREC-TORS PUBLIC HEARING April 9, 2018** 5:00 P.M. **AGENDA** 

I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum

II. Approve the agenda III. Certified Budget FY2018-2019

IV. Receive written comments

V. Receive oral comments

VI. Adjourn

FORT MADISON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT **BOARD OF DIREC-TORS PUBLIC HEARING April 9, 2018** 5:05 P.M. **AGENDA** 

I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum

II. Approve the agenda III. Hours / Days of instruction for the 2018-2019 school year

IV. Receive written comments

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### **Celebrations/From the Front**

### Birth Announcements

### JACK KNUSTROM

FORT MADISON - Mrs. and Mr. Julia and Brent Knustrom have announced the birth of their son Jack Thomas Knustrom on March 26, 2018 at the Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Jack is welcomed home by Tate and Linnea.

Grandparents are Mike and Sally Knustrom of Fort Madison, Liz Swanson of Warsaw, Ill., and Dan Swanson of Keokuk.

Great-grandparents are Jack and Pat Knustrom of Nauvoo, Ill., Marjorie and Lloyd (deceased) Burns, of San Jose, Calif., and Tom and Carol (deceased) Walljasper of Fort Madison.

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

## JAXSON NICOL

KEOKUK - Ashley Dean and Jacob Nicol have announced the birth of their son, Jaxson Samuel Nicol on March 27, 2018 at Fort Madison Community Hospital. Jaxson joins Jayden Nicol and Brenliegh Dean at home

Grandparents of Jaxson are Roni Sue and Scott Nicol of Niota, Ill., Michelle Dean of Harrisburg, S.D., and Mark and Gina Dean of Keokuk.

Great-grandparents are Roger and Shirley Tripp of Niota, Ill., Sam Nicol and Jenna Nicol (deceased) of Nauvoo, Ill., Dick and Becky Soukup of Sioux Falls, S.D., and the late Jack and Lois Dean of Keokuk.

The Pen City Current congratulates the family on this wonderful news

# Live Health 5K April 14 at Montrose

#### **RUN** - Continued from Page 1

the race. Participants in the 10 Week Wellness Challenge can still receive a \$10 discount on registration by redeeming the coupon code from the weekly email or by showing their LHI Access Card during on-site registration. The 1K kid's run for ages 12 and younger is \$5 through race day. For additional event details, or to register, visit <a href="https://www.livehealthyiowa.org">www.livehealthyiowa.org</a>.

Proceeds to this year's race will go towards the Lee County K9 Association. The committee will be available the day of the race to answer any questions. They will also be raffling off some prizes to participants. Also, the Montrose Riverfront, Inc. will be holding their Farmer's Market Kick-off Breakfast of pancakes, sausage scrambled eggs, juice and coffee that morning from 8:00-10:30am along with some demonstrations. Breakfast is \$4 for adults, and \$3 for those under 10 years-of-age.

"Montrose is excited to partner with Live Healthy Iowa again this year to offer this fun and healthy event," said Emily Biddenstadt, Live Healthy Lee County member. "Partnering with the Lee County K9 Association has been great. I hope people come out to learn more about what this committee is doing."

Live Healthy Iowa and Live Healthy Iowa Kids provide challenges and events throughout the year to promote healthy and active lifestyles. To learn more about these programs and find more information about the Live Healthy Iowa 5K, please visit <a href="https://www.livehealthyio-wa.org">www.livehealthyio-wa.org</a> or call (888)777-8881.

About Live Healthy Iowa

Live Healthy Iowa, formerly Lighten Up Iowa, was created in 2001 by the Iowa Sports Foundation as a strategic health initiative to address the state's growing obesity problem. Live Healthy Iowa brings together friends, families, businesses, and communities in teambased wellness challenges designed to promote positive lifestyle change. In 2017, more than 230,000 adult and youth Iowans took part in a Live Healthy Iowa challenge or event. To learn more, visit <a href="https://www.livehealthyiowa.org">www.livehealthyiowa.org</a>.



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