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Helping Hands for Harvey becomes a Puerto Rican aid effort



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Trailer and pickup loads of donated goods were loaded Tuesday on a Ruan Trucking semi-trailer for shipment to Florida. The donated good were originally intended for Texas and areas hit by Hurricane Harvey, but receivers backed out of accepting the donations and now the good will be headed to Puerto Rico.

Texas aid workers told family they didn't want the load

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The efforts of a Fort Madison High School student that garnered regional and state-wide attention almost ended with a thud last week.

Lexi Miller, a student at Fort Madison High School, and her family started working back in August to collect donations for the Texas coast ravaged by Hurricane Harvey, in an effort dubbed Helping Hands for Harvey. The community and region rallied behind Miller and her parents Amy and Jimmie Hayes with collections being taken at the schools, area businesses and local events.

A Ruan semi-trailer was loaded with the goods on Tuesday afternoon with the help of about 15 volunteers. A house that was literally being used as a storage facility was unloaded in about two hours and then hauled down to the truck waiting in the former Sheaffer Pen parking lot.

But up until this week, the 3/4 of semi-trailer had no place to go. The groups that Miller and her mother had contacted to receive the goods no longer could accept them. Hayes said she was shocked and was afraid the effort may have tragically been wasted.

Miller said her mother started making calls and found out the places the donations were supposed to be going no longer were accepting them.

"I was kind of upset because we could have called them earlier but we waited longer to get more. I'm just glad she found someone," Miller said on Tuesday afternoon while loading the trucks.

"I just don't think they were interested any more at all. They said something about not being able to take the clothing because of possible health issues, but they wouldn't take any of the stuff."

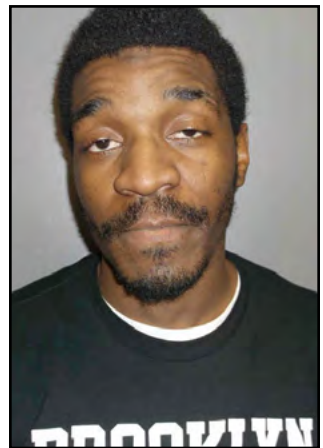
But in the end she said it all is working out even better because now more people in different places will be able to benefit from the community's efforts.

"It's going to Florida now and then they're flying it to Puerto Rico. Now I'm happy that it's going to more places than just one and it can help more people," Miller said.

But Hayes was a bit more concerned that all the ef-

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FM man sought in connection with Friday shooting



BAYNES

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The Lee County Sheriff is asking Lee County residents for help in locating a suspect in a non-injury shooting that took place Friday just north of Fort Madison near 330th Avenue.

The suspect's name is Tourmaria Resean Baynes, whose last known address was 1409 Avenue F in Fort Madison. Baynes is considered armed and dangerous.

A description provided by the sheriff's department lists him as a 5',11" black male who goes by the nickname or alias "Whammy".

He has brown eyes and black hair and weights approximately 165 pounds. He was born in Pasadena, California.

He has outstanding warrants for attempted murder and intimidation with a dangerous weapon in connection with the Friday shooting.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber said a bullet was pulled from a vehicle that had been shot on Friday and local law enforcement, including the Fort Madison police, tried to locate a vehicle fitting a description given by the motorist whose vehicle had been shot at. No other information on the shooting has been released.

Anyone with information on Baynes' whereabouts should call the Lee County Sheriff's office at 319-372-1152 or 911 or contact Lee County Crime Stoppers at 800-392-8900. A reward may be available through Crime Stoppers for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Baynes.

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Birth Announcements/Current-Lee

Celebrations

QUINLAN ARTHUR PIXLER

FORT MADISON - Christa Bronnenberg and Sean Pixler announce the birth of their son Quinlan Arthur Pixler.

Pixler was born on Oct. 17, 2017 at Fort Madison Community Hospital. He is joined at home by two sisters MaKenna, 12, and Brynley, 6.

Grandparents are Curt and Connie Bronnenberg of Perry, Iowa and Arthur and Christine Pixler of Fenton, Iowa. Great-grandparents are Wayne and Judy Gardner of Perry, Iowa; Alice Pixler of Whiting, Iowa and Rita Platt of Early, Iowa.

Pheasant season opens this weekend

Iowa's annual pheasant and quail seasons open this weekend. The highest pheasant counts were found in counties from NW Iowa angling down to SE Iowa. Quail numbers are the strongest in decades, with the largest population in the southern three tiers of counties.

Here are some last-minute tips and resources:

- Check out IHAP maps and locations, where private landowners open their land to public hunting. Or visit the Iowa Hunting Atlas for all of Iowa's public hunting areas.
- Blaze orange -- wear at least on of the following with 50 percent or more solid blaze orange: hat, cap, vest, coat, jacket, sweatshirt, shirt or coveralls.
- Purchase your hunting license and habitat fee, online from the DNR's license sales website, or from any license retailer.
- Have fun and be safe!

CURRENT-LEE

FM Rotary accepting orders for commemorative blankets

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Rotary Club has begun accepting orders for a new commemorative Fort Madison blanket with the proceeds being used to help fund local community and charitable events.

The blanket will be similar to those produced in the past and will depict historic and iconic locations in Fort Madison. The blankets are \$60 each or two for \$100. Payment is requested at the time of ordering and checks can be made to Fort Madison Rotary Club

Funds raised will help support local high school scholarships, the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy, Operation Warm (Coat Project), Central Park, International projects, Polio Plus, Community Match grants, and the Riverview games.

Those interested in the project or purchasing a blanket are encouraged to contact any Rotarian or Matt at 563-650-5272 or Janelle at 319-470-4011.

Three Rivers to hold chicken dinner fundraiser Nov. 5

BY PCC STAFF

DONNELLSON - The Three Rivers Conservation Foundation is hosting a Chicken Dinner Fundraiser on Sunday, November 5th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Charleston Board of Trade.

The price of the dinner is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. During the event, there will be a general raffle along with a 50/50 raffle. All the money generated from this event will be reinvested in Lee County.

Mary Van Pelt, a foundation member from Montrose explains "Our mission is to support Lee County Conservation projects and environmental education programs. Events like the Chicken Dinner ensure we are able to help advance conservation initiatives within our county."

Individuals wanting to purchase tickets for the event should contact a foundation member or contact the Lee County Conservation Office. Walk-ins are also welcomed the night of the event.

"We hope people will join us for this event and help us support future conservation efforts throughout Lee County" says Van Pelt.

For more information on the event, contact the Lee County Conservation Office at 319-463-7673. The Charleston Board of Trade is located at 1962 253rd St in Charleston, which is south of Donnellson along HWY218.

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For the Record/State News

For the Record

<p>Fort Madison Police report</p> <p>10/24/17 - 11:46 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue G.</p> <p>10/24/17 - 1:35 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1700 block of Avenue D.</p> <p>10/24/17 - 4:00 p.m. - Fort</p>	<p>Madison Police arrested Ashley Ranae Enger, 33, of Fort Madison, in the 600 block of Avenue G on four charges of aiding and abetting forgery. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.</p> <p>10/24/17 - 4:06 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 1200 block of 33rd Street.</p> <p>10/25/17 - 4:24 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested</p>	<p>James L. Jackson, 45, of Fort Madison, at the police department, on a charge of serious assault. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.</p> <p>Lee County Sheriff's report</p> <p>No incidents were reported.</p> <p>All persons in these listings are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.</p>
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AFSCME head claims victory in recertification election

DES MOINES – AFSCME Council 61 President Danny Homan issued the following statement regarding the results of the October recertification elections:

“After over 24 hours of waiting for election results, I am proud to share that 100% of AFSCME-covered employees voted to retain their union, but because of a rigged law and an alleged voided ballot, we lost one bargaining unit of four employees by a single vote. This sweeping victory confirms what we’ve known since the gutting of collective bargaining rights in February: that unionized employees, both members and non-members, value their voice in the workplace and reject the actions of Kim Reynolds and legislative Republicans who turned their backs on working Iowans in February. I am confident that workers will once again claim victory in the November 2018 election when those politicians who stabbed them in the back are sent packing.

“While this process was unnecessarily challenging and unfair at every turn, I am immensely proud of our members and leaders who stepped up to earn every last vote. We worked hard to communicate the rigged system put in place to each and every eligible voter, and that work paid off. I congratulate the hardworking public employees who voted to recertify; this victory is all theirs.”



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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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Halloween Happenings



Trick or Treat night in Old Settlers Park

The 2nd annual Trick or Treat night in Old Settlers Park will be held from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Tuesday October 31st. Coordinated by the Old Settlers Association, friends, neighbors, and small businesses will be

handing out treats to beggars participating in Beggar's Night.

Trick or Treat night in Old Settlers Park provides a safe family atmosphere with good lighting, adult supervision, an open restroom, and smooth sidewalks (stroller and wheel chairs are welcome!)

Fraise Real Estate will be providing a light supper in Fahey Shelter. Enjoy Halloween fun in the park as well as in downtown Fort Madison. Let's have some spook-tacular fun!!

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Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays throughout October, the undead have taken over old Fort Madison. This interactive venue features the spirits of 1812! Can you survive? Will your Indian spirit guide have enough power to get you through the dead zone? Or will you

be screaming for mercy? \$5.00 cash at the door! All proceeds in support of Old Fort Madison on the riverfront in Fort Madison, Iowa.

Location: Old Fort Madison, 716 Riverview Drive

Dates: Oct 12-14, Oct 19-21 & Oct 26-28

Time: 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm
Cost: \$5.00

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Halloween Happenings

pm to 7:00 pm. Zombie Soldiers, Vampires, Widow Washer Women and all the characters will be handing out candy in the different displays in the fort. Fort closes promptly at 7:00 pm.

Location: Old Fort Madison, 716 Riverview Drive

Date: Tuesday, October 31

Time: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Cost: FREE

Lee County Sheriff's & Lee County Crimestoppers Halloween Event

Come join us at the 1st Annual Halloween Event hosted by the Lee County Sheriff's Office and Lee County Crimestoppers.

For all kids 12 and under, wear your costumes, and come out to the Lee County Sheriff's Office located at 2530 255th Street, Montrose, IA on Monday October 30, 2017 from 5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. for a safe, non-scary event.

FMHS Key Club Carnival

Key Club along with Kiwanis and other Fort Madison Key Club students are putting on their annual Halloween Carnival! There will be games, activities, and prizes along

with a costume contest sponsored by Kiwanis! Many more details to follow!

Saturday at 12 PM - 2 PM, Fort Madison High School, 2001 Avenue B. CHILDREN SHOULD

BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT TO THIS FUN FAMILY EVENT!

First Annual YMCA Trunk or Treat
Friday at 5:30 PM -

7:30 PM, Fort Madison YMCA, 220 26th St.

Trick or Treat at Old Lee County Jail
Tuesday, October 31 at 5 PM - 7 PM, 711 Avenue

F, Fort Madison.

It not often that you can have an evening tour of the Old Lee County Jail all decorated up for Halloween. The North Lee County Historical Society that leases and cares for

the 1867 structure will have it open for Trick or Treaters and tours. A real experience to walk inside an 150 year old historic structure. Donations always welcome to provide for the upkeep of this historic structure.

19th Street Trick or Treat

Join neighborhood businesses for treats, drinks, & eats on Beggars' Night, Tuesday, October 31 from 5:00pm to 7:00 pm, 19th Street & Avenue H, Fort Madison.

Hill Side Inn Halloween Party

October 28, 8pm-11pm featuring Chaz and the Channel Catz.

Donnellson Beggars' Night

Tuesday, October 31, 5pm-7pm

Food & drinks at the Fire Station from 4:30 to 7pm. Cost: Free will donation or canned goods for Local Food Pantry.

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The Donnellson Police Department reminds parents that children should wear reflective clothing and dress appropriately for the weather. Please drive with caution!



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Halloween Happenings

Boo-ti-ful Nauvoo Pumpkin Walk

Saturday, October 28 at
2 PM - 9 PM

The city of Nauvoo is again coming alive in the Halloween Spirit hosting its annual Pumpkin Walk on Saturday, October 28, 2017. This year's event will again feature hundreds of hand-carved jack-o'-lanterns that will be lit and displayed along Mulholland Street. Many of the Nauvoo merchants will operate on extended hours with specials, treats and entertainment throughout the day. The 2017 event organizers have made several logistical changes to the event in order to ease some of the traffic congestion of the event. There will be two shuttles to and from designated parking areas as well as a centralized food court. New this year, is a pumpkin chucker!

2017 Boo-ti-ful Nauvoo
Event Schedule

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Pumpkin Chucking Cannon will shoot every 30 minutes from the hillside west of Wells Street

2:30 p.m. Tim Burton's "Corpse Bride" showing at the Kraus' Theater located inside Grandpa John's Café. Sponsored by the Nauvoo Public Library & Grandpa John's Café



5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Food vendors set up at various locations along Mulholland Street and on N. Barnett Street
5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Haunted House at the

former N-C Elementary School (enter through Motley Fitness)
Dusk to 9 p.m. Over 500 hand-carved jack-o'-lanterns on display along Mulholland Street

6 p.m. Halloween Parade begins at N-C Elementary School and ends in the Nauvoo City Park - come in costume and join in the fun!!
6:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. -

Photo opportunity with a famous Nauvoo character near the Allyn House
6:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. Haunted Virtual Forest at the former M&K parking lot (Mulholland and Rob-

inson Street)
6:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. Fortune telling at various location in the 1200 block of Mulholland
6:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. Face painting in the former Nauvoo Market building
6:30 p.m. Warsaw High School Jazz Band to perform near the corner of Barnett & Mulholland Street

Downtown Burlington Trick or Treat

Ghosts and goblins will have a chance to haunt downtown Burlington from 4 to 6 PM on Friday, October 27, with treats available at dozens of participating merchants.

Denmark UCC Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 30, 6:00p.m., 401 Academy Avenue

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THU 26 Oct
 Partly Cloudy
 High – 60.7° F | Low – 51.4° F

FRI 27 Oct
 Partly Cloudy
 High – 45.6° F | Low – 40.6° F

SAT 28 Oct
 Moderate Rain
 High– 45.6° F | Low – 40.9° F

SUN 29 Oct
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 High– 42.9° F | Low – 38.1° F

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forts people were putting into the project would go unrealized. When the project first started and Miller's family had found a place to deliver the goods, they told them it would be mid-October before the donations would be sent down, so she was surprised when she called to let them know they were coming and they were told they didn't want them anymore.

"I called down to groups we started with and they said they didn't need the donations anymore. And I was just floored. Floored. So I started calling churches and other places down there and nobody wanted the stuff."

Hayes then called a friend she had met when she lived in Florida in the military and a name popped up of someone who may be able to take the supplies. Hayes said her friend had heard of a businessman who was looking to fly goods into Puerto Rico.

"I told her that I had a whole house full and said, 'Do you want it?' She said 'Sure, when can you get it here,' and this was on

Friday."

Hayes said she immediately contacted Ruan Trucking, where her husband works, and they said they could get a truck down to Fort Madison on Tuesday.

"The community was so gracious to donate all this stuff and now it's like, nobody wants it. I was even contacting the islands where the eye of Harvey went and no one wanted it," Hayes said.

"I know Puerto Rico only has about 20 percent of the people with electricity back on. There's this business man down there, and I've never met the guy, but he has his own business and a jet and all this stuff is going into a hangar and he's gonna have it flown into Puerto Rico."

Hayes said she was ready to start contacting local shelters and other places who may need these types of donations.

Miller said she was very thankful for all the community did to help with the effort and had no idea the project would generate this kind of support.

"My mom helped me



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FMHS student Lexi Miller helps carry donated items onto a semi-trailer donated by Ruan Trucking. The truck, which was about 3/4 full on Tuesday afternoon, will be headed to Tampa, Florida where it will be then flown to Puerto Rico.

with a lot of this. It was very intimidating, all the trips we had to make to get things and all the trips she had to make when I

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