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Harmony to dock in FM Sunday

City, American Cruise officials hoping for a large turnout to welcome the 1st year ship

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – It's maiden voyage will bring it to the shores of Fort Madison, and city officials want you there to see this ship.

Fort Madison City Manager David Varley said American Cruise Lines will be bringing it's newest ship the Harmony to dock at the city's pier in Riverview Park on Sunday morning just before 8 a.m.

"We, and American Cruise Lines, are hoping we can put on a big welcome for this ship because this is the first year it's been on the Mississippi and the first time here," Varley said Tuesday night during the Fort Madison City Council meeting.

"So we want to welcome and encourage everyone to come down to welcome these passengers. We're hoping, because it's Sunday, to be able to get some music down there, maybe a school band or something and put on a nice welcome. Dr. Watkins will be there again from the Old Fort to shoot off the canon."

The Harmony is American Cruise Lines second offering in it's modernized river



Photo courtesy of American Cruise Lines

The Harmony is one of the newest modernized boats in the American Cruise Lines lineup and will be docking in Fort Madison on Sunday morning. City and cruise line officials are hoping for a large turnout to welcome the new ship to Fort Madison's shoreline.

cruise ships. With a passenger capacity of just under 200, the Harmony carries more passengers in a sleek, longer boat that has a walkway, or gang plank, that extends out from inside the nose of the boat to let passengers off at the pier.

The Sunday stop will be a six-hour layover for passengers and will include one of two tours through historical Fort Madison or through some of the areas agribusinesses. Passengers can also utilize a shuttle to explore downtown Fort Madison.

City and Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce officials have encouraged retail business owners to be open on Sunday to allow the passengers wandering downtown Fort Madison to see all the the city has to offer.

The cruise will be the sixth stop out of 14 scheduled before the end of October. Next year the cruise line is planning on close to 30 stops in Fort Madison.

2019 CINCH CHUTE-OUT



The 2019 CINCH Chute-out was packed with action and a few surprises Wednesday night. At far right, Mitchell Pollock, the Saddle Bronc Champ gets up close in his championship ride. Above right, Jacobs Crawley rocks back as his horse gets in the air. Above left Luke Brown slips the head rope on in the team roping competition, and at left the clowns, jump in again to save a rider.

Photos by Chuck Vandenberg

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

SUE ANN SCHMITZ

Sue Ann Schmitz, 77, of Nauvoo, Illinois passed away at 10:35 a.m. Monday, September 2, 2019, at the West Point Care Center in West Point, Iowa.

Born on July 11, 1942, in Quincy, Illinois, the daughter of Louis Martin and Alberta Jean (Polhans) Sheridan. On April 27, 1963, she married Robert J. Schmitz at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Fort Madison, Iowa. He preceded her in death on August 21, 2007.



SCHMITZ

Survivors include her daughter: Robyn (Greg) Rosenboom of Carthage, Illinois; two sons: Kent (Pamela) Schmitz of Nauvoo, Illinois and Brian (Lyndsey) Schmitz of West Point, Iowa; seven grandchildren: Amanda Schmitz, Michael Schmitz, Danielle Rhodes, Matthew Rosenboom, Zachary Rosenboom, Nolan Schmitz and Dylan Schmitz; Brother: Martin (Carolyn) Sheridan of Fort Madison, Iowa; sister: Janice Faeth of Bettendorf, Iowa; three sisters-in-law: Mary Ann (Minor) Garrelts of Hamilton, Illinois, Margaret Schmitz of Fort Madison, Iowa and Kay Schmitz of Keokuk, Iowa. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: Bob; special friend: Tom Walker; brother: Michael Sheridan brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Barbara Sheridan, Jon Faeth, Ed and Marilyn Schmitz, Beverly Schmitz and William and Gracie Schmitz.

Sue Ann was a graduate of Aquinas High School. She was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo, the Catholic Women's Club and the Nauvoo Historical Society where she served as Vice President, and tour guide at the Rheinberger Museum. Following her marriage she worked for Kern Insurance, Cheese Shop of the Nauvoo Cheese Factory and in the development office at St. Mary's Academy. She later retired as greeter and receptionist at Fort Madison Bank and Trust. Following her retirement she volunteered at the Sts. Peter and Paul School and was a greeter for Schmitz Funeral Homes. Sue Ann enjoyed flowers, reading, dancing, going out to eat, going to Burlington Symphony Orchestra performances, her faith and her Irish heritage.

Friends may call after noon on Thursday, September 5, 2019, at the Schmitz-Banks and Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo where the family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. that evening. A Parish Rosary will be recited at 6:30 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, September 6, 2019, at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo with Father Thomas Szydlak as celebrant.

Burial will be at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Nauvoo.

In lieu of flowers memorials have been established in her memory for Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School or Nauvoo Fire and Rescue.

Schmitz - Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at www.sbbfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARIES

JEAN LUCILLE WENKE

Jean Lucille Wenke, 78, of Bonaparte, Iowa passed away Sunday, September 1, 2019 at 10:40 a.m. at her home.

She was born May 21, 1941 in Burlington, Iowa, the daughter of LaMonte and Jane (Meck) Petersen. On May 25, 1963, she married William "Bill" Wenke in Burlington, Iowa.



WENKE

Survivors include her husband, Bill; three children, Dana Mabe of Bonaparte, Iowa, Evan Wenke of Fairfield, Iowa, and Mark (Laura) Wenke of Ottumwa, Iowa; four grandchildren, Heather Mabe, Natasha Wenke, John (Diana Foster) Wenke and Connor (Kaeli) Davis, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her infant granddaughter, Alyson Mabe, and brother, Raymond Petersen.

Jean was a 1959 graduate of Burlington High School and she attended Burlington Business College. She was a member of Chocolate Sisters and the Bonaparte Friends of the Library where she served as secretary. Jean and Bill owned and operated Waterfront Place Antiques in Bonaparte. Jean was a devoted mother, homemaker and Christian. She loved to make quilts to give to her family and friends, and tending to her flower gardens.

Friends may call after 12:00 P.M. Wednesday at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington where the family will meet with friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Following the visitation her body will be cremated.

GLORIA "JEAN" BRASFIELD

Gloria "Jean" Brasfield, 77, of Ft. Madison passed away on Tuesday, September 03, 2019 at 1:35 AM at the Ft. Madison Community Hospital just short of two months since her husband passed away.

She was born on September 20, 1941 in Peoria, IL to Robert and Lorene Kingston Nelson. On March 5, 1960 she married Richard P. Brasfield and he passed away on July 5, 2019 which was their daughter Joni's birthday. Jean was a homemaker. She enjoyed gardening, crocheting and knitting. Jean loved spending time at their cabin and she was greatly known for making the best fried catfish and potato salad. Her greatest love of all was her family, especially spending time with her grandchildren.



BRASFIELD

Survivors include a daughter, Janet (Garrett) Long of Houston, TX; three grandchildren, David Wellman, Colleen Long and Preston Long; a son-in-law, Brian Wellman of Ft. Madison; brothers and sisters in law, Michael and Norma Brasfield of Wever, Thomas and Jeanette Brasfield of Ft. Madison and Carol and Arlin Clover of LaHarpe, IL; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a daughter Joni Wellman; a brother, Jim Nelson and a sister, Patricia McKisson.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The Memorial Service will be held at 11 AM on Monday, September 9, 2019 at King-Lynk Funenal Home & Crematory with Rev. Les Featheringill officiating. The family will meet with friends from 10 AM until the time of the service. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery.

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OBITUARIES

JOANN KETTERING

JoAnn Kettering, 64, of Keokuk, IA, died Friday, August 30, 2019 at her home. She was born on May 27, 1955 in Keokuk, IA, the daughter of Laverne and Mary Catherine Doyle Pezley. She graduated from Central Lee High School in Donnellson with the Class of 1973.



KETTERING

On September 20, 1975, JoAnn was united in marriage to James Kettering in Montrose, IA. He survives.

Other survivors include one son, Matthew (Crystal) Kettering of Parker, CO, one daughter Michele (Justin) Neally of Donnellson, IA, four grandchildren, Jackson and Layla Kettering of Parker, CO and Gavin and Garrett Neally of Donnellson, her mother, Mary Catherine Pezley of Argyle, IA, brothers and sisters, Jim (Jayne) Pezley of Argyle, Jan (Joe) Tweedy of Montrose, John (Debbie) Pezley of Keokuk, Jean (Allen) Wells of Argyle, Jerry Pezley of Pella, IA, Jacob (Machelle) Pezley of Argyle, Jill (Kent) Gray of Argyle and Julie (Michael) Petty of Argyle, many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father Laverne "Toad" Pezley. JoAnn had been employed at Henniges Automotive in Keokuk for forty-two years, retiring in 2018 as a Supervisor.

She was a member of the First Christian Church in Keokuk. She enjoyed working in her yard and her flowers were always beautiful. JoAnn was a loving wife, mother and grandmother and her greatest joy was spending time with her family.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday at the First Christian Church in Keokuk with Pastor David Turner officiating. Burial will be in the String Prairie Cemetery in Argyle, IA.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday at the church from 12 noon until time of service with family meeting with friends at that time.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the University of Iowa Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk is in charge of arrangements. On-line condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

DEATH NOTICES

RONALD W. DERRICKSON

Ronald W. Derrickson, 30, of Ft. Madison and formerly of Peoria, IL passed away on Friday, August 30, 2019.

He was born on April 3, 1989 in Pekin, IL to Ronald J. and Lannette Wolf Derrickson. Survivors include his father, Ronald J. Derrickson of Peoria, IL. He was preceded in death by his Mother.

Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A celebration of life will be held at a later date in Peoria. King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory is in charge of the arrangements.

OBITUARIES

ANN MARGARET LEEPER

Ann Margaret Leeper, 66, of Keokuk died Saturday, August 31, 2019 at River Hills Village in Keokuk.

She was born on February 7, 1953 in Bellevue, MO the daughter of Edward and Lora Wilson Light.



LEEPER

Ann was a graduate of Thunderbird High School in Phoenix, AZ with the Class of 1971.

She was a member of the Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Keokuk, IA.

Ann loved the company of her cats, and enjoyed the beauty of the plants she grew. She also enjoyed looking for treasures at garage sales. Her favorite movies were "Dirty Dancing" and "Roadhouse" along with the TV show "House".

She is survived by her significant other: John Moylan of Keokuk, two daughters, Lora Smajlovic of Wichita, KS, and Angel Leeper Terrazes of Ventura, CA, seven grandchildren, Darrien Leeper, Malik Smajlovic, Lejla Smajlovic, Brandiee Young, Mia Young, Nicco Moylan and Ricco Moylan, three sisters, Sam Clough of Lakeside, AZ, Darlene Williamson of Phoenix, AZ, Tammy LeClair of Saskatchewan, Canada and one brother, Leo Light of Camp Verde, AZ.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, Edward Light, Jake Light and Wayne Light, one sister Mary Espinosa, three grandchildren, Cammie Patterson, Michael Anderson and Emina Smajlovic.

Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday at Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk with Pastor Goldie Laymon officiating. Visitation will be held after 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with the family meeting with friends from 6 - 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to the donor's choice. On-line condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

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Sports

HTC's Hellige finishes 3rd in X-country opener

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

IOWA CITY – Holy Trinity Catholic's Matthew Hellige started the season on a brisk note with a third-place finish at a roley-poley Hillcrest Academy Early Bird run on a roley-poley Iowa City Regina course Tuesday night.

It was the first cross country run of the year for the Crusaders, who finished sixth in team scoring.

Hellige ran the three-loop 5K in 18:26.95 just 3.5 seconds behind Iowa City High's Evan McElroy and 25.6 seconds off a the quick pace of Cedar Rapids Jefferson's Lukas Lamparek, who almost broke the 18-minute barrier at 18:01.32.

Hellige said he was pleased with the first official run of the year.

"I think it was a really good course to start the year," Hellige said. "This was probably one of the hilliest courses I've been on, but the running conditions were really good."

Hellige finished 9 seconds in front of Wapello senior Aiden Housman, who was ranked 21st in the initial Iowa Association of Track Coaches top 30 Class 1A runners. Housman took 4th place at the run.

HTC Head Coach Matt Mohrfeld said the Crusaders performed strong in their first outing.

"The team looked good on a hard course especially for the first race of the season," he said. "Matt Hellige's dedicated off season work paid off with a very strong-third place finish."

Jacob Mohrfeld was the second Crusader across the line with a time of 22:03.50 for enough for 26th place

overall, followed by Mitchel Pothitakis at 22:32.37 (30th).

Team scoring is calculated by taking the finishing positions of the top five runners at each school and the Crusaders finished with 137 points. Others figuring in on the scoring included James Scheetz at 24:07.35 (37) and freshman Jacob Pothitakis at 24:39.42 (41).

Other runners competing were Chandler Rung 24:53.98 (41), and Wyatt Hellman 28:34.59 (46).

Hellige, a two-time state cross country qualifier in Class 1A has finishes of 90th and 58th in his sophomore and junior years running at Fort Dodge's Lakeside Municipal Golf Course at Kennedy Park.

He said he's upped the number of weekly miles he's running to about 45 per week and said he's goal this year is to just let it go and place higher at state.

"We ran every day this summer. I probably got in close to 45 miles per week, which I think is an increase in my mileage this year to last year. I really just want to place high at state and do my best," he said.

"But it's really fun getting out and competing again and I'm excited for my senior year and my last couple meets. It's kind of sad almost, but it's exciting and I'm looking forward to the rest of the season."

Lady Hounds take one from No. 13 Fairfield

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FAIRFIELD – Fort Madison took the first set off perennial foe Fairfield Tuesday night, but couldn't hold off the 13th-ranked Lady Trojans in the final three sets dropping the conference opener 1-3.



BAILEY

The Hounds rolled to a 25-18 first set win behind the hot net work of senior Jillian Wiseman, who finished the night 42 of 52 hitting with 23 kills and six of the team's eight blocks.

"We started out good the first game by serving well and Jillian was hot with nine kills in the first set," head coach

Kent Bailey said after the game.

The Trojans then made some adjustments going into

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Fort Madison Police Report

09/03/19 – 11:47 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Brett Allen Michael Montgomery, 26, of Keokuk, in the 1300 block of 33rd Street on a charge of driving while barred. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 09/03/19 – 12:04 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 600 block of Ninth Street.
 09/03/19 – 12:14 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to

a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 19th Street and Avenue G.
 09/04/19 – 5:22 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Jon Peterson, 27, of Fort Madison, in the 1600 block of Avenue A, on a charge of serious domestic abuse assault. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

09/04/19 – 2:54 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Scott Allen Gilman, 51, of Fort Mad-

ison, in the 2300 block of Hwy. 2 on charges of 3rd degree burglary, public intoxication and assault on a law enforcement officer-no injury. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. *Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

09/03/19 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls and one false alarm.

Live Healthy group looking for produce Monday

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

FORT MADISON – Live Healthy Lee County will be at the Fort Madison Farmers Market from 5:30-6:00pm on Monday, September 9th and September 23rd to pick-up any donated produce for their Produce Box Project. Anyone with donations is welcome to bring them to the market, and LHLC will take the donations to one of the participating sites.

If you can't make it to the market, and have a donation feel free to drop it off in the yellow produce boxes at one of the following locations Fairview Apartments (Donnellson), Heritage Center (Keokuk), Hillview Village (Fort Madison), Mississippi Terrace (Keokuk), Newberry Center (Fort Madison), Park View Apartments (West Point), and River Terrace (Keokuk). Denmark Star Park also has a community table.

For more information on the Produce Box Project contact Emily Biddenstadt, Lee County Health Department Outreach Coordinator, at (319)372-5225.

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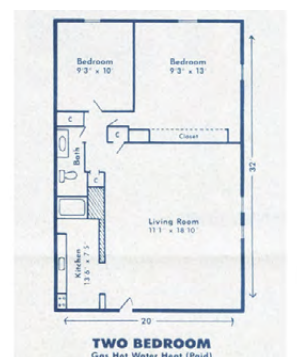
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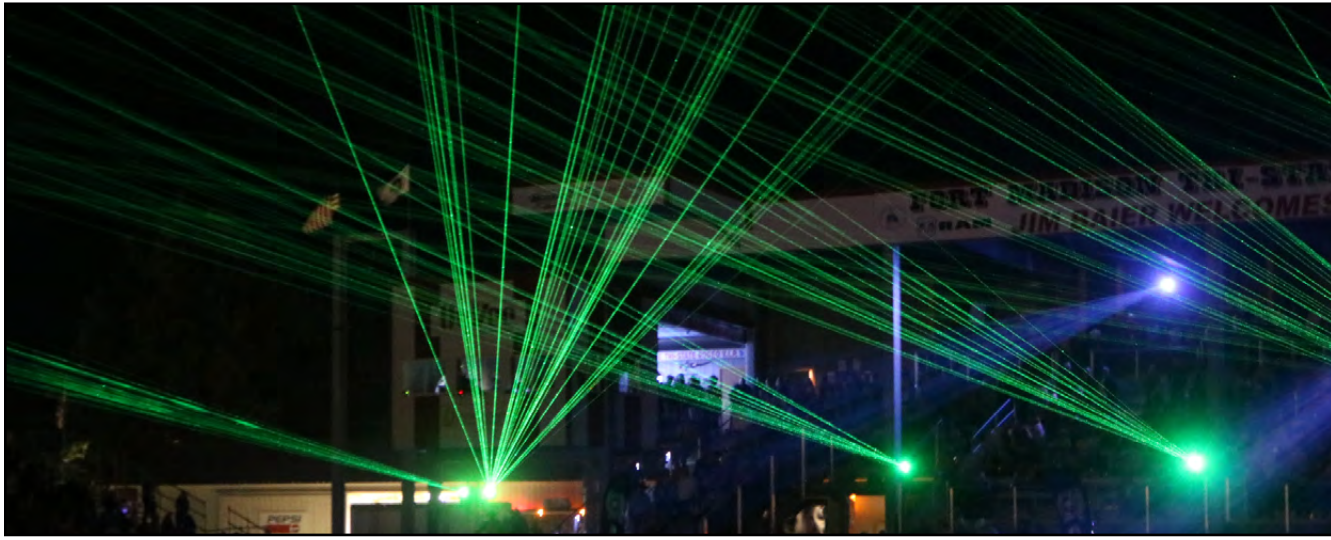


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New to the 2019 Tri-State Rodeo was a dazzling laser show that was featured following the 10-man and 3-man bull riding championships at the CINCH Chute-Out Wednesday night. The Tri-State Rodeo action kicked off Wednesday and continues Thursday-Saturday.

FM girls looking for successful combinations

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the second set to throw Fort Madison off their rhythm. "Fairfield improved their blocking and bothered our hitters the rest of the evening. This led to 38 hitting errors on our part which was the story in the match."

No other Bloodhound had double digit kills as Wiseman carried the load on offense. Junior Lauren Bailey had 33 of Fort Madison's 36 assists in the match and she went a perfect 22 of 22 serving with four aces.

Junior Reyna Lampe had five kills on 19 of 31 hitting and had 10 digs and a block on the night. Junior Nadia Boeding led FMHS with 14 digs and was also perfect at the line going 13 of 13.

Senior Gracie Pumphrey was 24 of 25 serving with three aces and nine digs. Junior Kailyn Guzman was second on the team with six kills on just 22 attacks.

The Hounds were a meager 73% attacking with 106 successful of 144 attempts. Bailey said despite improvement from Saturday's 2-4 performance at the tourney in Bondurant-Farrar, he's still looking for the right combinations.

"Our players showed improvement from Saturday, but again we didn't finish the sets. Each set we were even until 20 and Fairfield pulled away the last three due to our errors," he said.

"We are going to keep working at it and find the lineup that will get the job done."

Fairfield senior Gracie Sever and junior Olivia Jones led the Trojans offensively. Sever was 27-33 hitting with six kills and Jones went 22-24 hitting and had 10 kills.

Senior Olivia McClaren had 28 digs and fellow senior Lily Hoskins has 24 assist for Fairfield.

Fort Madison 2-5 overall and 0-1 in the Southeast Conference is off until next Tuesday when they host Burlington in the season home opener.

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- FRI 06 Sep** — Clear Skies
High– 81.0° F | Low – 58.6° F
- SAT 07 Sep** — Light Rain
High– 76.1° F | Low – 62.9° F
- SUN 08 Sep** — Heavy Intensity Rain
High– 71.8° F | Low – 68.3° F
- MON 09 Sep** — Light Rain
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