



Pen City Current

Sunday, January 20, 2019 | 16 pages | Volume 3 • Issue 30



Courtesy photo

Royalty

Despite the postponed hoops contest, the Homecoming activities went on as planned Friday evening at Holy Trinity Catholic and Connor Holvoet and Elyse Pothitakis were crowned the 2019 Homecoming King and Queen. See the court picture inside of today's edition.

Downtown Ave. G rehab set to begin mid-April

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A \$1.5 million project to put in new sidewalks and curbing, and improve stormwater drainage on Avenue G downtown, is getting closer to becoming a reality.

At Tuesday's City Council meeting, a spokeswoman from HR Green, Inc. out of Cedar Rapids, said the company, under contract with the city, is putting the project out for bids.

According to Teresa Staleman, the project manager for HR Green, the city has \$1.55 million to spend on the project, but current engineering estimates have a three-block section from 7th to 10th streets at \$1.45 million and another one-block section at roughly \$425,000.

The project will put in new sidewalks, curbing, permeable pavers, and storm water enhancements along the north and south sides of Avenue G.

The funding source comes from the interest that would have been paid to the state on loans taken out to rehab the city's waste water treatment plant. So instead of paying interest on those loans, the city can use \$1.55 million of that interest to fund the project.

Staleman said the bids for the project will go out in February and then come back to the council for review. The council would then select and approve a bid, hold a public hearing, and then go to construction by mid-April and be done before Thanksgiving.

City Councilman Bob Morawitz told a group of business and property owners at a Riverfront Business District meeting on Thursday construction will involve tearing up one block and then moving to the next block and start tearing it up for the improvements. While the second block is being torn up, crews will rehab the block

See **SIDEWALKS**, page 2

P.A.W. locates escaped dog

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Local animal officials have caught a large German Shepherd that escaped from the PAW Animal Shelter during last weekend's storm.

PAW Director Sandy Brown said the animal is from a puppy mill and had not had much inter-

action with people, so it was frightened.

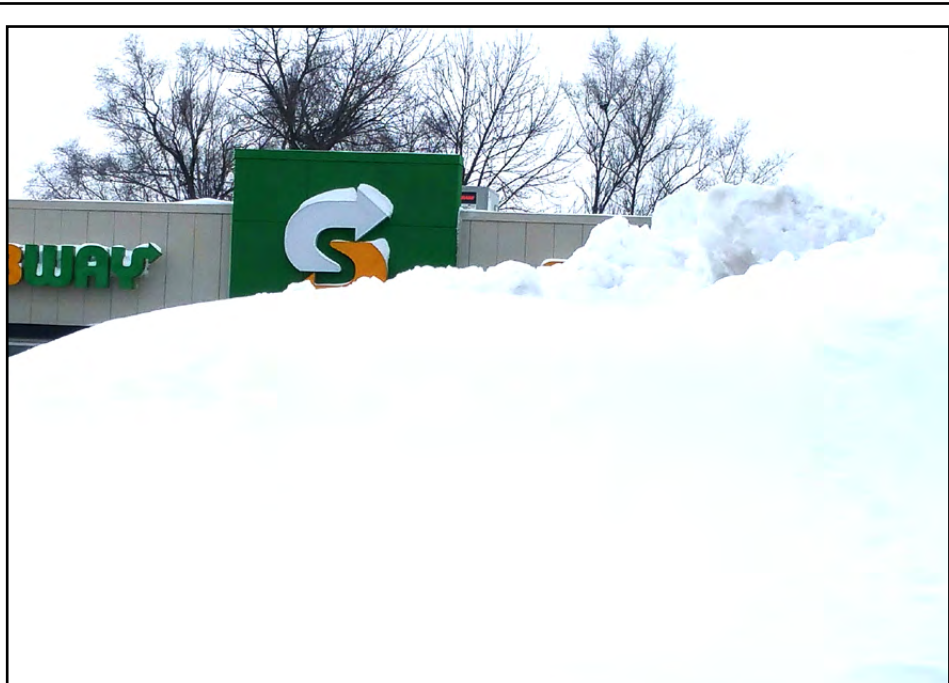
Brown and local law enforcement officials asked for residents' help in locating the animal, but warned that trying to catch the animal might have caused him to run and that could have expanded the area of search, so she asked people to call sightings into PAW.

Reports of the ani-

mal came in from the areas of Aztec Trailer Park, AutoZone, and as far west as the bypass at Hwy. 2 after Brown made her plea.

Brown "had people text me at 3 a.m. and that's fine," she said while the search was ongoing.

The dog was located sometime Sunday afternoon, Brown reported, although it is not known where he was found.



Go around the pile

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

No, the snow isn't blocking the Fort Madison Subway restaurant at 20th and Avenue L Saturday afternoon, but a 12-foot pile in the parking lot looks like it's blocking out the building from 20th Street.

Advertiser Index

ClassifiedsPs.6-7	Kempker's True Value Rentals Ps.1-8B
Dr. Mark C. Pothitakis Family Dentistry P.2	Lee County Health Department..... P.5
Fort Madison Community Hospital P.5	Pilot Grove Savings Bank..... P.3
Fort Madison Family YMCA..... P.2	Professional Services P.6
Great River Regional Waste Authority P.8	StopTextsStopWrecks.org P.7
Hope Associates Real Estate P.7	Test Kitchen Education Foundation P.2
JDRF.org..... P.7	The Kensington P.4

News Index

Celebrations P.3
–Brookelynn Nicole Stotts
Current-Lee P.5
Education News..... P.2
For the Record..... P.3
Local News P.2,4,8
Lottery Numbers P.4
Sports P.8
Weather P.3

Scan the code to
Subscribe today
Paid & Free Options Available!



Education News/Area News

2019 National Science camp scholarships available

DES MOINES – Gov. Kim Reynolds announced this week the opportunity for two Iowa high school seniors to receive full scholarships to attend the 2019 National Youth Science Camp in Washington, D.C.

“This incredible camp could change the lives of two high school seniors in our state, who are passionate about science. Iowa has a strong reputation as a bioscience epicenter with a continuous focus on innovation and collaboration,” said Gov. Reynolds. “So, for young people, who are curious about emerging careers in this industry segment, I encourage them to apply for a scholarship.”

The NYSCamp is a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) program hosted in the eastern mountains of West Virginia. The camp will include lectures and hands-on research projects presented by scientists from across the nation. Furthermore, Students will have opportunities to conduct research at the nearby Green Bank Observatory and explore the surrounding Monongahela National Forest through backpacking, mountain biking, caving, rock-climbing, and kayaking.

Applications must be submitted online at <http://apply.nyscamp.org> by 6:00 PM EST on Feb. 28, 2019. The camp is held from June 27 through July 20, 2019. Applicants can contact Craig Johnson (319-273-2581), Executive Director for the Iowa Academy of Science with any questions.



Courtesy photo

The 2019 Holy Trinity Homecoming Court. From left to right: 2019 Homecoming Queen Elyse Pothitakis, Adam Rauenbuehler, Taylor Boeding, Brant Holtkamp, Katie Scoville, 2019 Homecoming King Conner Holvoet, Emily Box, Kyle Bredemeyer, Hannah Torgler, Sam Avery, Eryn Anderson, and Carson Schroeder.

Jones Contracting wins state safety award

DES MOINES – Jones Contracting Corp., of West Point received a state safety excellence award this week. The company’s Portland Cement Paving Division was honored for first-place recognition in the “Less than 100,000 Work Hours” division of The Associated General Contractors of Iowa’s Recognition of Safety Excellence Awards (ROSE)

The awards were handed to contractors who demonstrate a cultural commitment to safety and were sponsored by Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. This year’s award winners were announced at the ROSE Awards luncheon during AGC of Iowa’s 97th Annual Convention in Des Moines, Iowa. Also in attendance were special guests Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds and Lt. Governor Adam Gregg.

Winners have innovative safety programs and strive towards zero work site fatalities and multi-catastrophic injuries. Top safety programs also have active employee participation, safety training, and work site hazard identification and control.

Fullhart named to Simpson Dean’s List

INDIANOLA - Simpson College acknowledges excellence in the classroom by recognizing academically high-achieving students and has named Sabrina Christine Fullhart to the Dean’s List for the Fall 2018 semester.

The Dean’s List recognizes an overall GPA of 3.70 – 3.99.

Fullhart is the daughter of Dustin and Carrie Fullhart of West Point, and Tiffany Fullhart, of West Point and is a 2018 graduate of Holy Trinity Catholic High School.

You can't beat FREE!
Subscribe to #PCC today
 Paid options also available.



LEARN. GROW. THRIVE.

FREE 4-Year Old Pre-School
 2019-2020 Enrollment Open
 Call or click for details!



220 26th St • Ft. Madison, IA • 319-372-2403

ACT PREP CLASS
 Sundays, 6-8pm; Dinner served at 6
 There's still room! Join us this Sunday!

Elliott
 Test Kitchen
 807 Avenue G • Fort Madison
 www.tkef.org

ADVERTISE
 in a
 brand new
 way.

Nissa (319)520.8953
 Shawna (319)470.0622
 Lee (319)371.4125

Pen City
 current

NEW YEAR. NEW YOU. NEW SMILE.

Call Dr. Mark C. Pothitakis
 Family Dentistry now
 to schedule your
 6-month checkup
 or click anywhere on this ad.

Now accepting new patients.



Fort Madison Family Dentistry East
 319-372-3614

Burlington Dental Associates
 319-753.2515

Fort Madison Family Dentistry West
 319-372-4882

Mediapolis Dental Care
 319-394-3255

Burlington Family Dentistry
 319-752-7993

New London Dental Care
 319-367-2311



Dr. Mark C. Pothitakis
Family Dentistry
 www.drmarkdds.com

Celebrations/For the Record

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

01/15/19 – 6:25 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 4000 block of Avenue O.
 01/15/19 – 7:23 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2000 block of 303rd Avenue.
 01/15/19 – 8:45 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft, reported at the police department.
 01/15/19 – 6:40 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1600 block of Avenue G.
 01/16/19 – 10:43 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 300 block of 15th Street.
 01/16/19 – 10:54 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 700 block of 13th Street.
 01/17/19 – 2:14 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1700 block of Avenue G.
 01/18/19 – 12:06 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Franklin James McColium, 23, of Fort Madison at the police department on a warrant for 5th-degree theft. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

01/15/19 – 6:56 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersections of Hwy 61 and 343rd Avenue where a vehicle driven by Marianne Adewle Kraus, 30, of Keokuk slid sideways on black ice and collided with the rear end of a vehicle driven by Laura Janet Peitz, 32, of Fort Madison. No citations or injuries were reported. Kraus' vehicle suffered major damage, while Peitz vehicle suffered minor damage.
 01/15/19 – 9:49 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Christopher Otto Brownlee, 32, of Warsaw, Ill., at the Hancock County Jail and a charge of contempt of court. He was held in custody.
 01/15/19 – 11:58 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one vehicle accident. A vehicle driven by Whitney C. Morgan, 30, of Quincy, Ill, slid on icy roads turning northbound onto X32 from Hwy 61. No injuries or citations were reported at the scene.
 01/16/19 – 8:23 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Bryce Anthony Gunsauls, 32, of LaGrange, Mo., at the Lee County Sheriff's office on warrants for sexual abuse under 12 years of age, child endangerment with

bodily injury, child endangerment without bodily injury. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 01/17/19 – 1:56 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident at the intersection of X23 and 218th Street, where a vehicle driven by Cody Daniel Schneider, 18, of Donnellson lost control and went into a ditch striking a county road sign. No injuries or citations were reported at the scene. Those listed above are pre-

sumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

01/15/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls, 01/16/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to five medical calls and one false alarm
 01/17/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one medical call, one report of smoke smell, and one power line down.

Birth Announcement

STOTTS

FORT MADISON – Kennedy Stotts, of Fort Madison is proud to announce the birth of her daughter Brookelynn Nicole Stotts, on Jan. 14, 2019 at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Kennedy is welcomed home by Blayire Stotts and Braelyn Harkey
 Grandparents are Leslie Stotts of Fort Madison; and Brad Stotts of Denmark.

Great-grandparents are Sandy and Jimmie Hayes of Fort Madison.

Pen City Current congratulates the family on this wonderful news.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST


SUN 20 Jan

 Light Snow
 High– 6.2° F | Low – -2.6° F


MON 21 Jan

 Partly Sunny
 High– 21.7° F | Low – 8.8° F


TUE 22 Jan

 Light Snow
 High– 38.1° F | Low – 34.3° F

WED 23 Jan

 Light Snow
 High– 24.0° F | Low – 12.0° F

THU 24 Jan

 Snow
 High– 14.0° F | Low – -7.2° F

[OpenWeatherMap](#)

Looking for less volatility in your financial plan?



Go with a safe & secure deposit account.

Secure Certificates of Deposit at Competitive Rates

319-469-3951

Pilot Grove Savings Bank

www.pilotgrovesavingsbank.com



Click this ad for details.

Local News/Lottery Numbers

Students artwork on display at FMAAA in January

BY BRIAN RIGGS
FMAAA Director

FORT MADISON – January means kid’s art at FMAAA gallery with the Annual Budding Artist Exhibition. This feature is over a decade strong now so had to do some digging. However, it is an official record. There are over 650 examples of art from the students of Central Lee, Holy Trinity, and Ft. Madison Public. The hanging has been literally days in the making and is just culminating today. I must say quite a mother load and a challenge to keep an important concept to this show...inclusion. Needless to say all available real estate has been taken in the feature gallery. Farmers Savings Bank in the sponsor for this annual fan favorite.

There are over 60+ examples of kindergarten works. Do believe kids are little more advanced from when this writer began the school system. Eye spy the balancing elephants, rainbow painted owls, and tree torn paper collages from Central Lee. First grade Holy Trinity students balance their works with largescale gracefully painted ballerinas. First grade Lincoln and Richardson students paired their visual elements with written statements. Third graders undertook responsibly conscious printmaking paired with cooperative themed logo cards displayed in trading card format, while third grade Holy Trinity ate at the feeder with mixed media birds of a feather. Central Lee elementary has many circus-themed projects with first grade spot lit clowns, second grade animal crackers, fifth grade movable circus animals, and sixth grade ceramic performance animals. Let the show go on!

Middle school students at FMMS have one instructor specializing in 3D and the other in 2D. 2D includes Picasso portraits, reflections prints, color scheme paintings, pop art prints, Cinco de mayo quilt squares, Thiebuaud desserts, linocuts, and

microscopic cell images. 3D utilized clay and papier mache raw materials for reptile eyes, fish, dogs, frogs, penguins, and masks. There is also a group project for 5-8 grade students inspired by the works of Louise Nevelson. Central Lee took a biological approach with formally attired animals, adorable tree frogs, snowmen sporting various bird species, and colorful cacti. Holy Trinity has surrealistic magazine collages, homemade scratchboard design, earth tone winter landscapes, graffiti walls, segmented pattern paintings, and sign-language posters. This is merely a sampling of the types of works to be seen this month at FMAAA gallery at 825 Avenue G. AS ALWAYS thanks to the ongoing dedication of our local K-12 art instructors Kaity Price, Diane Mitchell, Amy Hellige, Ann Canida, Jamie Jones, Janelle McCrabb, and Steve Rung.

FMAAA gallery is located at 825 Avenue G and is “Always Moving”. New this year will be expanding hours of operation to Tuesdays-Saturdays from 10am-7pm. FMAAA sees the demand for services in the early evening and has had success with our music lessons in piano and guitar. FMAAA has partnered with Musicians Pro-Shop in Burlington. We have filled a guitar load for Clay Houston. FMAAA will bring Nick Knedler into the mix for first and third Tuesday of the month lessons. He will begin coming once we have 3 students. We will begin filling the 4pm slots. Lesson is half hour and we will continue to fill his slots to the 7pm time slot. Incidentally Nick has been voted to the Iowa Music Hall of Fame this year. Students are able to plug into the amps for that electric experience if desired. Teri Wellborn is our piano instructor and teaches two to three Thursdays per month with over 57 years of tinkling the ivory beginning at 4pm.



Courtesy photo

This frog sculpture by Zach Manwill of Central Lee Middle School is just one of the 650 displays currently on exhibit at the Fort Madison Area Arts Association through January. The Budding Artist exhibit is one of the most popular events of the year.



Jacob Hummel, a 7th grader at Holy Trinity Catholic is also part of the display this month at FMAAA

CAREGIVERS CONNECTION

Dedicated to learning about all dementia types



Held at noon the 4th Tuesday of each month in our private dining room.

Call 319-372-4233 to RSVP or for more information.

Click this ad to visit our website.



2210 Avenue H • Fort Madison • 319.372.2243



IOWA LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS

Lotto Drawings

Game	Draw Days	Sales Cutoff Time	Approx. Drawing Time
Lucky for Life®	Mon & Thu	8:30 pm	9:38 pm
Mega Millions®	Tues & Fri	8:59 pm	10:00 pm
Powerball®	Wed & Sat	8:59 pm	9:59 pm
Lotto America™	Wed & Sat	8:59 pm	10:00 pm
Pick 3 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
Pick 3 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm
Pick 4 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
Pick 4 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm



1/18

2 43 48 62 64

Mega Ball: 24

Megaplier: 3



1/18 MID-DAY

9 0 6

1/18 EVENING

6 5 2



1/18 MID-DAY

1 4 6 6

1/18 EVENING

4 6 6 7

Pen City Current encourages you to play responsibly.

Charles Vandenberg, Editor
(319).371.1670
editor@pencitycurrent.com

Lee K. Vandenberg, Sales Manager
(319).371.4125
sales@pencitycurrent.com

Copyright © 2016 by Pen City Current
All published materials are property of Pen City Current and cannot be used without express written permission.

Pen City Current

Founded in 2016



P.O. Box 366 | Fort Madison, IA

Member LION Publishers
www.lionpublishers.com



Pen City Current and www.pencitycurrent.com are products of Market Street Publishing, LLC. Pen City Current is published Sunday through Friday mornings.

Current-Lee

CURRENT-LEE

FORT MADISON – The following is a list of events and happenings going on in Fort Madison as submitted to en City Current.

Budding Artist Exhibit

The Budding Artist Exhibit is on display now at the Fort Madison Area Arts Association, with a reception taking place Saturday, Jan. 19 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Children’s Immunization Clinic

The Lee County Health Department will be holding a children’s immunization clinic with free lead testing on Thursday, Jan. 24 at the LCHD’s facility at #3 John Bennett Drive in Fort Madison from noon until 5:30 p.m. The clinic is open to children with no insurance, those insured by Medicaid/MCO or those with private insurance that doesn’t cover vaccines. No appointment is necessary. Call 319-372-5225 for more information.

Community Blood Drive

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will hold a drive at Lincoln Elementary School on Thursday, Jan. 24 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. To donate call LeAnn Cashman at 319-372-2896.

Cake Auction

The Fort Madison Bloodhound Boosters will hold a cake auction on Saturday, Jan 26 at breaks during the varsity girls and boys basketball games.

Nerf Wars at FM YMCA

The Fort Madison YMCA will be the site of another round of Nerf Wars on Sunday, Jan. 27. From 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. boys and girls ages 1 through 6 will compete in Nerf Wars in the gymnasium. Children must bring eye protection, their own Nerf guns, darts/bullets/balls. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. For more information contact program director Noah Dean or visit the YMCA’s Facebook page for more information.

Local artist on display at SCC

Lori Illner Greene will have her art work on display at the Southeastern Community College Art Gallery, 1500 W. Agency Road in West Burlington from Jan. 28-Feb. 15. The gallery showing will feature her “Raptors and Other Birds of Prey” series.

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.

Ribbon-Cutting

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

Fort Madison Partners Annual Dinner

The Fort Madison Partners Annual Dinner will be held Feb. 22 at McAleere Hall in Fort Madison. A night of gaming, food and fun has been planned. Contact Partners at 372-5471 for more information.

Senior Community BINGO at The Kensington

Each month on the second Wednesday of the month, The Kensington hosts Senior Community BINGO at 2 p.m. in their dining room at 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. All seniors are welcome and cash prizes are awarded.

Caregivers Connection at The Kensington

The Kensington hosts this monthly gathering to help educate attendees about all dementia types. Held at noon the 4th Tuesday of every month in The Kensington’s private dining room, 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. Call 319-372-4233 to RSVP or for more information. The next luncheon will be held January 22, 2019.

St. Patrick’s Day celebration

The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce will be holding a St. Patrick’s Day celebration on March 16 including a parade, games, music and fun. Parade entry forms are available by contact the Chamber at 319-372-5471.

Pen City Current will list your event in this highly visible CURRENT-LEE section in increments of 25 words for \$15. Add a photo for \$5. Effective Jan. 1, 2019 non-profit organizations are eligible for the reduced rate of \$10 per 25 words and \$3 per photo. To place your listing, call Chuck at (319)371.1670 or Lee at (319)371.4125.

Follow Us @pencitycurrent



Touching the Community with Care



#3 John Bennett Drive, Fort Madison
(319) 372-5225 . www.leecountyhd.org

YOU DESERVE TO LIVE ACTIVE!

How long are you going live with that pain in your knee, your shoulder or your hip? FMCH wants you to be active and we have two highly skilled Orthopedic Surgeons, Dr. Derek Breder and Dr. Brent Woodbury, and Sports Medicine physician, Dr. Josh Sirucek to get you moving again. Providing up-to-date, evidence based treatment options for all of your aches and pains. No referral necessary.



Derek Breder, M.D.



Brent Woodbury, M.D.



ORTHOPEDICS & SPORTS MEDICINE
319-376-1135 ♦ www.fmchosp.com

Classifieds

SHOP the classifieds



PLACE YOUR AD ONLINE AT WWW.PENCITYCURRENT.COM OR CALL (319)371.4125

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Protect your bottom line with The Power of AgMax®

Large commercial and diversified operations have distinctly different exposures than traditional farms and ranches. That's why we created AgMax specifically to serve the unique needs of commercial agriculture operations and related businesses, including:

- Producers who process, retail or direct market
- Equine and kennel operations, including boarding, breeding and training
- Agritainment and agritourism
- Hunting and other farm-based recreation

Contact me today to learn how I can help you maximize your insurance protection.

Larry Holtkamp
1301 37th St
Fort Madison, IA 52627
(319) 372-9145
larryholtkamp.com

FARM BUREAU FINANCIAL SERVICES

Western Agricultural Insurance Company • West Des Moines, IA • Company provider of Farm Bureau Financial Services CAD19 (12-14)

Intimate and Meaningful

Bridal & Baby Showers
Anniversary & Birthday Parties
Receptions & Retreats

Unforgettable Celebrations

BOULDERS INN & SUITES

4901 AVE O FT MADISON IOWA 319-246-1401
EVENTS@BOULDERSINNFORTMADISON

Help GRRWA Keep Your Community Hazard-Free!

Household Hazardous Waste Unit is open Monday through Friday 8am - 4pm

800-216-2370
Call for an appointment

GRRWA
Great River Regional Waste Authority

Fort Madison Main Office: 2092 309th Ave Fort Madison, IA 52627 319-372-6140
Keokuk Transfer Station: 111 Carlton Lane Keokuk, IA 52627 319-524-6175
Visit Us Online! www.grrwa.com facebook.com/grrwa

Shopping for a mortgage?

Thomas Klann RICP LTCP LUTCF, Agent
State Farm Agent
2623 Avenue L
Fort Madison, IA 52627
Bus: 319-372-5982

NMLS #139716, NMLS MLO #1359992
MLO License #24290

We have a great selection.
As life changes, so do your needs. Let State Farm Bank® help with a mortgage that fits your life and your budget. Let us help you make the right move. Bank with a Good Neighbor®. **CALL ME TODAY FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

State Farm Bank®

Some products and services not available in all areas.
1001306.1 State Farm Bank, F.S.B., Bloomington, IL

REHABILITATION & SKILLED NURSING WHEN GOING HOME AFTER A HOSPITAL STAY ISN'T AN OPTION.

YOUR LOVED ONES DESERVE THE BEST

Call to schedule your personal tour
319-372-8021

THE MADISON
EXPERIENCE SIGNIFICANCE
Short-term Rehabilitation – Long-term Care
Memory Care – Ventilator Support

1701 41st Street Fort Madison, IA 52627

Medicare, Medicaid, Private Insurance, and Private Pay Accepted

Like us on Facebook

Open Mic Night **Wednesdays 7:00pm**

Hill Side Inn

1135 Ave. E • Wednesday ~ Saturday 5:00pm

Refer A Friend Program:
Earn \$25 for you and your friend for every friend you refer to Griffins!

319-372-2478
535 Avenue G • Ft. Madison, IA
Mon - Fri: 8am to 5pm

GRIFFIN

Like us on Facebook!

www.griffinmuffler.com

5 Generations of Printing

DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY
Est. 1877

Posters, Business Cards, Photo Correction, Wedding Invitations, Supplies, Custom Design, Office Furniture, Online Ordering

319-372-2721 • doddprinting.com

Advertise in a brand new way.
Reach more potential customers each month.
Call Lee (319)371.4125

Pen City current

Classifieds

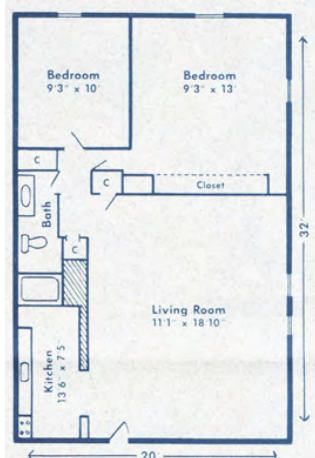
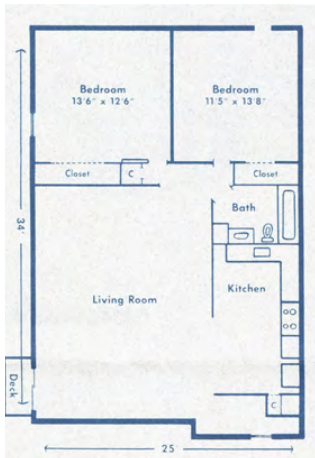
the classifieds

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

**Chateau Apartments
Extra Clean & Quiet
Apartments for Rent**



Extra clean & quiet with free YMCA membership included. 2 bedrooms, some with decks/patio. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, built-in microwave. Non-smoking, no pets. Very affordable security deposit \$300. Must pass background & credit checks (no felonies). Large backyard with picnic tables & glider swing in very nice, quiet neighborhood. Rents range from \$585-\$635. Lease required. 850 sq. ft. units. All electric. Water, sewer, trash furnished. 650 sq. ft. units. Water, heat, sewer, gas, trash furnished. Laundry rooms have new coin-operated washers & dryers (located in all buildings). On-site manager. Call 319-372-9409 or 319-750-3115 for appointment to view. Owned by Alliance Realty Co.



VEHICLES FOR SALE

2006 Pontiac Grand Prix



Clean, one owner, remote start, sunroof, leather heated front seats. 122,000 miles. \$4,500. 319-470-0347.

5 MILLION AMERICANS COULD HAVE T1D

BY 2050 jdrf.org

JDRF IMPROVING TYPE 1 DIABETES CARE

A CFC participant. Provided as a public service.

Follow Us @pencitycurrent



TEXTING AND DRIVING MAKES GOOD PEOPLE LOOK BAD.

STOPTEXTSSTOPWRECKS.ORG



(319) 372-4040
Click here for our listings.

HOPE ASSOCIATES REAL ESTATE

REALTOR **MLS** EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

Turning Hope into Reality

**Got a news tip?
Call Chuck (319)371.1670**



Pen City Current Digital Photos Now Available for Purchase

Only \$5⁰⁰ per download

Visit our photo gallery today at www.pencitycurrent.com

PO Box 366, Fort Madison, IA 52627
News (319)371.1670 • Advertising (319)371.4125

First. Fresh. Local.

From the Front/Sports

Project will reduce number of light poles on Avenue G

SIDEWALKS - Continued from Page 1

that had been torn up previously, and that the project will cycle like that throughout the construction.

Larry Driscoll said the work will not include street lighting and Alliant will provide lighting at street corners only.

He said two lights will be on the opposite sides of each corner with trees on the adjacent corners.

Councilman Rusty Andrews said by eliminating street lights in the middle of the blocks, they may save money, but the city is paying for that now, so why not continue that level of lighting.

Driscoll said the city would have to put the nodes back in the middle of the blocks and said that could interfere with the drainage system that was the reason the money became available.

"Shut the street lights off and see how dark it is down there, I can't imagine the downtown will like that. I know your argument is in residential areas you don't have street lights, but in all your business districts you have street lights. Right now you have two or three in the middle of every block," Andrews said.

Staleman said at this point, engineers have eliminated all the things they can and still retain the funding.

"We're fairly confident we can do three of the four blocks for under the \$1.55 million," she said.

In other action, the council

- approved by a 6-0 vote the sale of property at 1136 Avenue H, to MM Real Estate, LLC for \$13,500. Rusty Andrews abstained. Councilman Matt Mohrfeld voted in favor of the sale, but acknowledged that the property was being sold to his nephew, Michael Mohrfeld.

- approved 7-0 to go out for bids and schedule a public hearing to do a bridge deck overlay on the 14th Street bridge over French Creek.

- approved 7-0, to have HR Green take over the Geographic Information Systems for the city at a cost not to exceed \$43,500

- appointed Carol Foss to the city's Tourism Commission, Jerry Hamelton to the city's Board of Adjustment and Appeals, and Robert Cochran to the Old Fort Commission, all with unanimous votes.

Bulldogs hand FM girls lopsided loss

PCC STAFF

MEDIAPOLIS – The Fort Madison varsity girls again found scoring difficult as they fell 69-12 Thursday night to the Lady Bulldogs on the road.

Maddie Rashid hit a three-pointer in the first quarter and Sarah Bernhart added a bucket. Brandy Walker converted a bucket in the second quarter for Fort Madison's only points of the period and the Lady Hounds were down 40-7 at halftime.

Fort Madison would get just two free throws to fall in the third period, one by Kylee Cashman and the other by Walker. Eleesha Estrada would find a 3-pointer for the only Fort Madison points in the final period.

Maya Johnson led Mediapolis with 21 points. MacKenzie Springsteen added 13, and Helaina Hillyard chipped in with a dozen points on the night.

Fort Madison falls to 1-14 on the season. Their Saturday game against Monmouth Roseville has been cancelled due to impending weather. The Lady Hounds' next scheduled game is Friday at Mt. Pleasant.

FMMS 7th grade girls open with wins

PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison 7th grade girls' basketball teams opened up their season with two wins over Edward Stone Thursday night.

In the A game, Fort

Madison won 39-4. Aija Jenkins led all scorers with 11 points, followed by Taylor Johnson with 10 points, and Gracie Blind with eight points. Madelyn Gobble contributed four points and Lauryn Helmick, Ellanore Wright,

and Ieisha Coleman each pitched in two points. Jenkins added four steals and Johnson led in rebounds with five.

Fort Madison's A team moves to 1-0 on the season and plays at Fairfield on Monday.

The Fort Madison B team won by a score of 17-15. Ieisha Coleman led in scoring with seven points. Paetyn Wiegand and Haley Lampe each tossed in four points, while Amy Yasenchok chipped in with two points. Yasenchok led in steals with four.

With the win, Fort Madison's B team moves to 1-0 and plays at Fairfield on Monday.

8th grade boys drop two

PCC STAFF

BURLINGTON – The Fort Madison Middle School 8th grade boys basketball team dropped two of three games to Edward Stone on Thursday.

Jamiah Williams poured in a dozen points for Fort Madison in the A game won by Edward Stone 43-30. Williams also led Fort Madison in rebounds with five.

Nathaniel Swigart added seven points, while Aiden Boyer and Jordan Simpson each scored four for Fort Madison.

In the "B" Game, Edward Stone rolled to a 20-14 win. George Hantzeas and Calvian Tucker each had three points to lead Fort Madison. Drew Davis had two rebounds for Fort Madison.

Fort Madison won the "C" game behind four points each from Hantzeas and Dylan Gilman. The Little Hounds rolled to a 14-2 win. Cameron Nabors had two rebounds for FMMS.

New Year. Fresh Start.

Thank you to all our customers

who worked to reduce their environmental footprint last year.

We're looking forward to helping you continue your efforts and to educating our communities on more ways to help this year.



Ft. Madison Main Office:
2092 303rd Ave
Fort Madison, IA
1-319-372-6140

Keokuk Transfer Station:
111 Carbide Lane
Keokuk, IA
1-319-524-6175

Visit Us Online! www.grrwa.com facebook.com/grrwa

Here are just a few ways you can help:

- Don't put plastic bags in recycling bins
- Rinse & clean all food jars & cans before recycling
- Flatten empty boxes for better storage & volume reduction
- Place all recyclables loose in bins
- Don't recycle wrapping paper
- Properly dispose of all electronics and household hazardous waste