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City rings in holiday season

Community Thanksgiving Dinner, the annual Parade of Lights, and downtown's Mistletoe on Main Street welcome in the Christmas season in Fort Madison



Genevieve Geoffrion of Fort Madison "whips" up some hot drinks for patrons at Dollhouse Dreams and Megan's Old Fashioned Ice Cream Parlor. Fort Madison's downtown was open for business Saturday with carriage rides, popcorn, the Enchanted Forest, and a visit with Santa Claus.



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Danny and Vicky Gomez walk the path of the Enchanted Forest at the Old Lee County Bank building on Saturday as part of the Mistletoe on Main Street shopping extravaganza. At left, Santa Claus brings up the rear of the annual Lighted Christmas Parade Friday night.

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



Columnist to hold book signing Dec. 15 in Burlington

Just in time for Christmas, I will be doing a book signing in Burlington at Burlington By the Books, 301 Jefferson St., on Saturday, December 15th, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Books will be available at the bookstore for \$15 each, a bargain considering the life-altering information contained within (I'm not joking). As an added bonus, tucked away in the stack of books at my signing table will be two, twenty dollar bills. (I have to do something to attract readers. lol!). No fair searching the stack of books for the twenty dollar bills. Just purchase your book, or books—Christmas presents you know—have me personally sign them, and be monetarily surprised when your book turns up with a double sawbuck. Heck, the twenty will cover the cost of the book and give you five extra smackers to spend on something else, like a double chocolate mocha.

"Protected" is a true story about my struggle with alcohol and drug addiction, passion for writing, and a very up-front and personal encounter with God. God actually walked through my locked front door, pointed a finger at me, and altered the direction of my life once and for all. Looking back over my life, I can see where God has opened doors, cleared the path, and "Protected" me, often without me knowing how or why He was doing this. Not a religious in-your-face book, or "come-to-Jesus," holier-than-thou scolding. "Protected" is a down-to-earth, first-person narrative of how God has worked in my life. Many people have had such encounters, or would like to have. See if you can identify.

"Protected" is my first book. My second book will be available sometime next spring. It is a book of short stories, once again based upon my experiences, this time illustrated by a local artist. A-book-a-year might be a good goal.

Don't let the burned out Tama Building, which is

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Local News/For the Record

Financial groups partner for food pantry donation

FORT MADISON - Josh Denning & Associates partnered with Connection Bank & Insurance and sponsored a food drive for the Food Pantry during November. At right, Josh Denning and Peg Mohrfeld from Josh Denning & Associates, and Jonna Schneider and Heather Dickey from Connection Bank & Insurance with the many bags and cans of precious food donated by their customers.

Funds and food donations are warmly welcomed and can be mailed to PO Box 273, Fort Madison, IA 52627 or dropped off at the Pantry at 3421 Avenue L, Fort Madison. Hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Additionally, please consider donating your time and volunteer to help the Pantry carry out its mission of providing food to the food insecure.



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For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report
11/19/18 - 12:24 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Jeremy Lincoln Atwater, 29 of Fort Madison, in the 2800 block of Avenue P on three warrants for violation of probation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
11/20/18 - 2:05 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Cole Stephen Salazar, 26, of Fort Madison, in the 1100 block of 21st Street, on a charge of driving under suspension. He was released upon citation.

Lee County Sheriff's Report
11/19/18 - 11:36 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 2100 block of Hwy. 103, where, according to the report, a vehicle driven by Haley Ann Henry, 21, of Anamosa, struck the rear of a vehicle driven by Patrycja A. Radon, 26 of Norridge, Ill., who was stopped making a left-hand turn. Both drivers declined medical attention and Henry was cited for failure to provide

insurance, expired registration and failure to maintain control.
11/19/18 - 4:53 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Terry Eugene Wixom, 53, of Burlington at the sheriff's office on a charge of probation violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
11/19/18 - 6:28 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Joshua Alan Eaton, 41, of Keokuk, in the 700 block of N. 13th Street in Keokuk on a charge of stalking. 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
11/22/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls and one false medical alert call
11/23/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls
11/24/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one lift assist.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

MON 26 Nov	Clear Skies High - 20.4° F Low - 10.3° F
TUE 27 Nov	Clear Skies High - 13.2° F Low - 3.3° F
WED 28 Nov	Clear Skies High - 15.3° F Low - 3.6° F
THU 29 Nov	Clear Skies High - 22.2° F Low - 21.1° F
FRI 30 Nov	Light Snow High - 34.2° F Low - 30.0° F

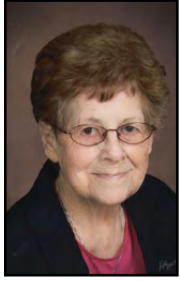
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Obituaries/Lottery Numbers

CARMELITA ROSE SCHUTTE

Carmelita Rose Schutte, 85, of rural Kahoka died Thursday, November 22, 2018, at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born February 26, 1933, the daughter of Vincent and Bess McDonnell Boudreau in St. Patrick, Missouri. On July 18, 1953, she was united in marriage to Herbert Schutte at the Shrine of St. Patrick in St. Patrick, Missouri. He preceded her in death on December 8, 2012.



SCHUTTE

Carmelita graduated from St. Patrick High School with the Class of 1951. She was employed with the Clark County Nursing Home as a Certified Nursing Assistant for three years and then was an LPN for twenty years, retiring in 2005. Carmelita had an unwavering and deep faith in God and was an active member of the Shrine of St. Patrick and a charter member of the Daughters of Isabella for 69 years. Her faith was an active and vital part of her life.

She was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan and when it came to NASCAR, Dale Earnhardt, Jr. was her man. Carmie and Herb loved to dance every chance they could. Most weekends were spent attending a dance somewhere. Most of all her heart was in her home where she made a lifetime of treasured memories with her family. The time she spent with her family was priceless and the memories that were made will live on in their hearts forever.

She is survived by five daughters; Janet Koltun of Springfield, IL, Nancy Greer and her husband Ron of Quincy, IL, Joan Ruhs and her husband Greg of Hamilton, IL, Ann Sturm of Kahoka, MO and Barbara Alber and her husband Otto of Shelbina, MO, three sons; Gerald Schutte of Kahoka, John Schutte and his wife Dayle of Grand Island, NE and Daniel Schutte and his wife Cathy of Canton, grandchildren, Kristen (Steve Myers) Greer, Zachary Greer, Kyle (Alexandra) Schutte, Sara Schutte, Evan Schutte, Nicholas Ruhs, Danielle Ruhs, Amanda Frankel, Tanner Schutte, Andrea (Josh) Kinman, Adam (Hannah) Sturm, Anna Sturm, and Matthew Alber, four great grandchildren, Blake Myers, Katelynn Myers, Finley Schutte and Jase Kinman, six sisters-in-law, Hilda Schutte of Macomb, IL, Patricia Schutte of Yucca Valley, CA, Rita Burn of Springfield, NY, Ruth-

anna Garrison of St. Louis, MO, Joan Rodis and her husband Ted of St. Louis, MO, Jane Styczynski of Augusta, MO, two brothers-in-law, Dennis Schutte and his wife Doreen of St. Louis, MO, Joseph Schutte and his wife Mary of LaGrange, MO, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband, she was also preceded in death by her parents, twin granddaughters, Erin and Erica Alber, two sisters, Emma Danker and Joan Beglin, five brothers, Robert Boudreau, Edward Boudreau, Charles Boudreau, Maurice Vincent (Bode) Boudreau and Paul Boudreau, a son-in-law, David Koltun, and two brothers-in-law, Edward and Paul Schutte.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Shrine of St. Patrick, St. Patrick, MO with Father Rob Fields, Father James Wheeler and Father Tom Alber officiating. Burial will be in the St. Patrick Cemetery.

Prayer service and rosary will be held 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Vigen Memorial Home prior to the visitation. Visitation will be held after 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Kahoka with the family meeting with friends following the prayer service and rosary till 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Shrine of St. Patrick Cemetery Association, or in care of Janet Koltun for the Christmas Angel tree, in memory of Carmie. On-line condolences may be made to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

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“Widow”, “Bohemian Rhapsody” on holiday movie watch list

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directly across the street from Burlington By the Books, keep you from attending the book signing. The burned-out structure is a scary eyesore, yes, and gobbler of downtown parking, but a deterrent to merry Christmas shopping it is not. Right beside Burlington By the Books is the Art Center of Burlington, where my daughter, amongst many other fine local artists, has art on display (hint hint). You can't be too thin, too rich, or have too much artwork. Once again, just in time for Christmas.

I'm going to recommend some movies for holiday entertainment. “Widows,” “The Girl in the Spider’s Web” and “Bohemian Rhapsody” are all excellent movies with or without buttery popcorn.

“Widows” is perhaps Viola Davis’ finest role to date. Couple her with hunk, Liam Neeson, and you have a thriller you’ll be talking and asking questions about for days afterwards, like Ginnie and I did. Based in our friendly city of Chicago, “Widows” is more than a social statement about politics, crime and race, it is an honest rendition of the state-of-our-nation today. Don't miss it.

Claire Foy “The Girl in the Spider’s Web” is the 4th novel in the “Millennium” Series, written by David Lagercrantz. You've seen (or wanted to see) Claire Foy in “The Crown” and “First Man.” Now see her take on a completely different role in “Spider’s Web,” which proves her amazing talent as one of today’s finest actors.

I've written about “Bohemian Rhapsody” before. Rami Malek as Queen’s iconic rock star, Freddie Mercury, is a “must see.” One scene has Malek playing the piano upside down. Don't wait for “Bohemian Rhapsody” to come out on Netflix.

See you at my book signing.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at curtswarm@yahoo.com or find him on Facebook. Curt's stories are also read at 106.3 FM in Farmington.

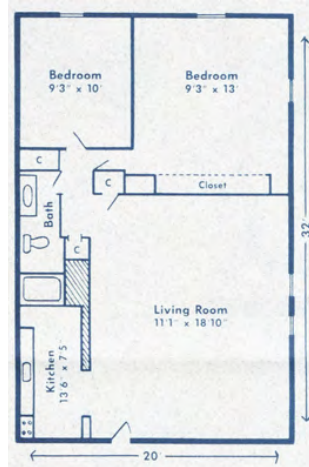
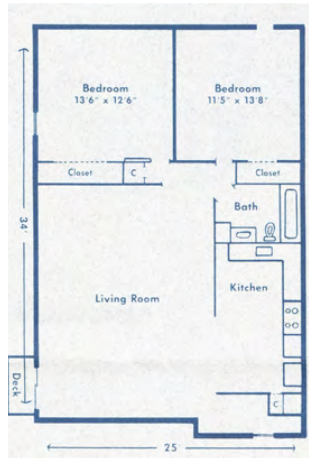
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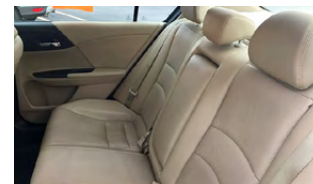


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