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Lila's project looks to go nationwide

Central Lee student, former teacher taking "Pay it forward" approach to helping Nepalese people rebuild their schools

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

DONNELLSON - A couple of months ago an FMHS student collected a semi full of supplies for hurricane-ravaged areas of the country, a middle school student sold pet pillows for the Toys for Tots program, and now Lila Shepard, a 10-year-old from Central Lee, is collecting LEGOs for children in Nepal.

The effort, which began about a year ago, resulted in several totes of the stackable plastic toys being carted off to the linear country located in Asia nestled between China and India.

Lila Shepard began collecting the toys for the students last year after recalling a news program she had watched a few years ago.

"Ok, so it was, like, three years ago and I was watching the news and saw some boy was collecting LEGOs for kids in Africa. So about a year ago, I thought to myself, 'Hey, I could do that for these kids," she said Thursday after speaking to about half the student body at the elementary.

Shepard is working with former Central Lee science teacher Ernie Schiller,

"

Ok, so it was, like, three years ago and I was watching the news and saw some boy was collecting LEGOs for kids in Africa. So about a year ago I thought to myself 'Hey, I could that for these kids'."

> -Lila Shepard, Central Lee Elementary Student



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Lila Shepard helps former Central Lee teacher Ernie Schiller talk about her LEGO project that will send LEGOs to the Nepal region. The two were asking the school students to help with donations for the project.

who's taken about three trips to the area after an earthquake decimated the region in 2015.

Lila's mother, Nicole Farrell, said family members, co-workers, and other Iowa communities are starting to get on board with project.

"We gave Ernie about five tote loads a couple weeks ago after a newspaper arti-

cle came out. We had great results from that," she said. "But we want to be gentle about it, we don't want to be pushy and we want this to come from the heart. We don't want to make people think they have to do it," she said.

Schiller said the whole idea about the

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14-year-old Fort Madison Middle School student Abbygail Wheeler, poses next to the FMMS Bloodhound and her dog pillow that Wheeler donated. Wheeler made more than 30 of the pillows and used the proceeds to buy toys for area Toys for Tots programs.



FMMS student creates fundraiser for area Toys for Tots campaign

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BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A local Fort Madison student took a passion for animals and turned it into a means to raise funds for the local Toys for Tots program. Abbygail Wheeler, a 14-year-old student at Fort Madison Middle School, made more than 30 dog pillows in less than five weeks and sold them to area residents. She then took the money and bought toys for the Semi of Love trailer at Westland Mall.

Wheeler said she chose the idea because she has a passion for animals and loves being around them and the project helps keep her happy.

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OBITUARIES

LAVONNE KROGMEIER

LaVonne Krogmeier, 69, of Ft. Madison passed away at 4:11 AM on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at her home.



She was born on February 10, 1948 in Ft. Madison to Lloyd and Phyllis Boeding Westfall. On December 17, 1966 she married Leroy J. Krogmeier in Ft. Madison and he passed away on July 19, 2014. LaVonne was a homemaker and in her early years worked at Sheaffer Pen. She was a member of Holy Family Parish and the Altar and Rosary Society. LaVonne enjoyed reading, attending her grandchildren's activities and going to daily mass.

KROGMEIER

Survivors include five sons, Christopher (Leah) Krogmeier of Keo-

sauqua, Craig (Sarah) Krogmeier of Kahoka, Wesley (Sylvia) Krogmeier, Aloysius and Thaddeus Krogmeier all of Ft. Madison; twenty four grandchildren; two great grandchildren and one on the way; five sisters Rhonda (Kenneth) Gosnell of Argyle, IA, Karen Westfall of Montrose, IA, Sharon (Scott) Anderson of Huxley, IA, Joan (Mike) Freesmeier of Muscatine, IA and Theresa (John) Ammer of New Haven, IN; two brothers, Kevin (Marlene) Westfall of Ft. Madison and Phillip (Anita) Westfall of Donnellson; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, a child in infancy and six grandchildren.

Friends may call after 2 pm on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will meet with friends from 4-6 PM. There will be a rosary recited at 3:30 PM and a wake service held at 6 PM all at the funeral home. The funeral mass will be held at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at Sacred Heart Church with Revs. Mark P. Spring, Tony Trosley and Thomas Szydlik officiating. Burial will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

A memorial has been established for St. Jude's Children's Hospital and online condolences may be left at <u>www.kinglynk.com</u>.



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For the Record

Fort Madison Police report

11/30/17 - 9:50 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Michael Alan Pauly, 26, of Fort Madison, at the Lee County Courthouse, on an arrest warrant for attempted murder. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Lee County Sheriff's report 11/30/17 - 2 p.m. - Lee

County Sheriff's deputies arrested Brandi Renee

Ridgley, 43, of Kahoka, Mo., in Montrose on a warrant for being a fugitive from justie. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 11/30/17 - 2:20 pm. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Dyvon Michael Doyle Smith, 21, of Burlington, at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a warrant for probation violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 11/30/17 - 2:26 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies

arrested Cody Brandon Ridgely, 39, of Kahoka, at the Lee County Sheriff's office, on a warrant for being a fugitive from justice. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven quilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report 12/1/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls, two assists and two burning complaints.





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Friday Sports

James-Kokjohn scores 21 as Hounds roll

Keester throws in four of Fort Madison's eight 3-pointers, in the second half

> BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - It took about three minutes for the Fort Madison boys basketball team to let Keokuk know that there would be no upset on this night.

The Hounds dropped Keokuk 70-36 in boys high school action behind 21 points from senior Treavor James-Kokjohn. The Hounds converted eight three pointers including four from junior Brandon Keester, three in the second half.

Keester said the Hounds have enough good shooters that when one person goes cold another heats up.

"We can do that, we have really good outside shooters from Kaleb (Cresswell), to Treavor, to Logan (Rashid). It just seems that when one of us gets cold someone will step up and hit shots," Keester said.



Head Coach Ryan Wilson said Keester had a good night and tends to convert more when he shoots off the pass.

"He can shoot the ball," he said. "We've gone over some things in practice. When he catches and shoots, he's a good shooter. But sometimes he tries to take a couple jabs and that doesn't always work out. He can knock down

Kokjohn

open shots and that's what we need. Were not going to get 20 from Treavor or Kaleb every night."

James-Kokjohn found himself going up against senior Dre Moody, who attempted about four dunks on the night from under the basket. James-Kokjohn was able to extend Moody and get him outside the lane where Kokjohn could hit from outside or drive and convert while drawing several fouls.

James-Kokjohn gave the Hounds their first lead when he scored inside and drew a foul on Moody and converted the free throw to put the Hounds up 5-4. Senior Kaleb Cresswell then converted on a 3-pointer on Fort Madison's next possession down the court. After a Chiefs' turnover, Cresswell was fouled in transition at the basket and converted the free throw. James-Kokjohn added a bucket to continue an 11-0 run forcing a Chiefs' timeout.

Wilson put in a half-court press after the time out



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Sheymouhr Redd-Donald drives on Keokuk's Gavin Haner in first half action of Friday's 70-36 Hound win.

"

They have some athletes and we knew they were going to push us and I like to get out and run and play in transition as much as possible."

> -Ryan Wilson, FMHS Head Coach

and forced a Keokuk turnover, James-Kokjohn rushed to the other end and was fouled again while converting inside for his eighth point of the quarter. A Cresswell 3-pointer extended the run to 19-0 before Keokuk's Braylon Martinez scored for the Chiefs but the game was quickly getting away from Keokuk,



The Bloodhounds pushed the lead to 26-8 on another James-Kokjohn bucket. The Chiefs suffered three consecutive turnovers in the final three minutes and Fort Madison held a comfortable 34-12 lead at the end of the half.

WILSON

Two personal fouls on Cresswell and James-Kokjohn started the second half

on a shaky note. Moody clanked two free throws, but got his own rebound and converted a bucket before Keester hit one of his threes and then James-Kokjohn scored five straight, three from the free throw line. The Chiefs were able to manage a 3-pointer from D'Angelo Moorer, but the Hounds had essentially put the game out of reach 44-19.

Wilson started working some bench players into the

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HTC boys cold in loss at WACO

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR



BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

Keokuk girls dismantle Lady Hounds 60-16

FORT MADISON - Head Coach Charlie Knipe said the Fort Madison girls Bloodhound basketball team has a mental block when it comes to playing Keokuk.

It would appear so.

The Hounds committed close to 30 turnovers and couldn't handle Keokuk's full court press for most of the game enroute to a 16-60 loss Friday night at the Hound Dome.

"They're a great team," Knipe said. "There a fast team that likes to run and I've got nothing but my hat off to them and (head coach) Mike (Davis)."

2016 All-stater Micheala Davis controlled

Photo by Ava Peitz/PCC Intern

Maddie Rashid goes to the hoop from the left side under heavy Keokuk defensive pressure. Rashid finished wth five points to lead FMHS.

the tempo and kept Fort Madison from getting into any set offense for most of the game. Davis finished with 16 points, including a couple 3-pointers to lead all scorers. Maddie Rashid led the Hounds with five. "Honestly, I think we have mental block against this team. Our girls hear the name 'Michaela Davis'

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WAYLAND - During preseason workouts, Holy Trinity Catholic Head Coach John Hellige said it would be tough to replace the Crusaders solid senior corps.

The Crusaders have dropped their first two games of the year including a 40-67 loss Friday at WACO, and shooting seems to be the biggest problem in the early going.

HTC lost seniors Cory Hopper and Connor Conrad who torched opponents for most of the year last year. Conrad went over 40 points in a single game in the early going last year, but then went down 10 game into the season with a knee injury and never really got back into the swing of the things. Hopper went on to win co-conference player of the year with New London's Mason Porter, averaging just under 19 points per outing.

This year, the Hounds are relying on a very young team starting just one senior, two juniors and two

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Friday Sports



Photo by Ava Peitz/PCC Intern

Sophomore Anna Kester drives against Keokuk's Michaela Davis in Friday's lopsided 16-60 Hound loss at the Hound Dome.

Hounds get week off to heal up after loss

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and they just struggle," Knipe said.

The Chiefs tormented the Hound ball handlers and inbound plays racing to a 21-3 first quarter lead. The Hounds had trouble getting the ball in bounds after the Chief's made buckets and when Fort Madison was able to get the ball inbounds, menacing back court defense kept the Hounds out of many scoring chances. Senior Amber Dilsaver was able to get a bucket inside and was fouled in the first quarter but couldn't convert on the foul shot. Sophomore Anna Kester put in the back end of a couple free throws half way through the quarter.

Knipe said Fort Madison didn't respond well to the full court pressure

"They like to deny the inbound by faceguarding the inbound pass. Our girls didn't remember that you can run that line after a bucket and that happened about five times in a row. Quite a few times we had open girls and we just didn't see it," Knipe said.

The second quarter played out the same way with Keokuk scoring off many turnovers and then blanketing the Hounds ball carriers most of the way up the court. Keokuk had pushed the lead to 30-3 before junior Braxtyn McGhghy converted a three-point play when she hit a bucket in transition and was fouled. Those were the only points the Hounds would get in the second period, as Keokuk raced to a 41-3 halftime lead.

Knipe moved Dilsaver, the tallest girl on the floor at 6-foot, up in the press to try to give the Hounds more options getting the ball in play. The usually speedy senior guard Taylor Shannon went down with about 13 seconds in the quarter. Shannon had been nursing an upper leg injury and got up very slowly after scrambling for a ball. She didn't play in the second half.

Senior guard Kamryn Bailey was also sat out the game after suffering a concussion in Tuesday's game with Ottumwa.

"Taylor's been hurt with a pulled groin and we're gonna sit her the rest of the week. And we should have Kamryn back next Saturday," Knipe said.

"But we're gonna get better, we're gonna keep working and we're gonna get better." Sophomore Sara Bernhart converted a free throw to start the second half and the

Hounds got a bucket and another free throw from Rashid. The Hounds held Keokuk

HTC girls win second in 5-game road stretch

Box, Boeding, Schneider lead Crusader past WACO, 49-46

BY PCC STAFF WAYLAND - Junior Emily Box led the Holy Trinity girls basketball team to their second win of the season in a 49-46 win over WACO Friday night in Wayland.

Holy Trinity, which will play it's first five games on the road to start the season, held a slim one-point advantage at the end of the first quarter before building a six-point lead at the end of the first half.

Junior Taylor Boeding led the way with nine points in the half, including two 3-pointers.

The Lady Crusaders extended the lead to eight points at the end of the third period, but WACO closed the gap to 34-30 with about three minutes to go. In the fourth quarter HTC kept WACO down by as much as six, but a couple of last minute 3-pointers by Kristen Conelly pulled the Warriors within three during the last minute.

Box finished with 11 points and Boeding had 10 leading the scoring for Holy Trinity. Senior Brett Schneider fired in eight points, seven in the second half. Sophomore Ashlynn Haas and senior Madison Mohrfeld each chipped in with four points and junior Eryn Anderson scored three points for the Crusaders.

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to seven points in that period as Davis started emptying the bench.

McGhghy finished with three points for Fort Madison, Eleesha Estrada, Dilsaver and Nadia Boedag each had two points, while Kester and Bernhart each added one.

Fort Madison (0-3) is off for the next week and will pick up action again next Saturday against Burlington Notre Dame.



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From the Front

In one month, Wheeler donated \$200 in toys

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New Mix 107.3 KGRS' Semi of Love is parked on the lot and they collect money and raise funds for Toys of Tots. Wheeler doesn't donate the money from the sales, but instead purchases toys locally to take over to the semi.

The pillows came in three different sizes: small, medium, and large with price tags of \$4, \$8, and \$12 and Wheeler raised more than \$200 in just over a month selling more than 30 of the pillows.

"You get the order and it depends if we have the material or not. If we don't, we go out and buy it and we don't use sales proceeds for the materials, that's our money, so we're donating, too. I sew the pattern and then my mom stuffs it and my grandmother finishes stitching it up," she said.

Wheeler said she stopped taking orders on Friday, but may continue to do pillows if there is a demand and then she would donate the money to area animal causes.

"I still don't like thinking of selling them afterward and keeping the money. I don't like thinking that way, I might keep doing it and donate the money to a dog cause afterwards. I'm just not sure yet.

Giving back has been a part of her upbringing. Wheeler said her mother, Sarah Droege, has always showed her the importance if helping others when possible.

"My mom donates a lot and helps homeless people when we go into big cities. Every year we also do the angel tree where we take an angel and get a toy for someone. And that's fun for me and makes me happy. I like buying toys for other people," Wheeler said.

Wheeler said she may do the project again next year.

"This is something that keeps me happy. We went to P.A.W. and donated some to them, too. And I wanted to thank the Fort Madison Middle School and The Madison for helping me reach my goals," she said.



LEGOs symbolize rebuilding for Nepalese

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LEGOs came from the young girl and he said her efforts to "Pay it Forward" as he repeatedly told the group of children at the assembly, could become a national effort.

He said a video is being sent to national media programs including Ellen DeGeneres, Mike Rowe, Oprah Winfrey, and the Today Show to try and draw a bigger helping hand with the project.

Shepard said the video is an easy conversation with Schiller.

"We sent them a video with me and Ernie talking about what we're doing and about how their involvement would really help our project," she said. "We're trying to get, like, Ellen DeGeneras or Oprah to help us build the program."

Schiller said it's like a fireside chat and the two just discuss the Pay it Forward mentality and how this 9-year-old girl is helping these children who have little to nothing on a daily basis.

"It's a conversation with Lila and I, trying to explain the project. For a nine year old kid to come up with that..it's pretty amazing."

Schiller said it's becoming more common to see children taking up projects for the less fortunate.

"I think that parents are so busy that kids are now



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Former Central Lee instructor Ernie Schiller and 10-year-old student Lila Shepard speak with Central Lee elementary students at an assembly Thursday morning about Shepard's LEGO project that will send the toys to Nepal for students to use.

having to think outside the box. Kids are allowed time to think about making a difference. The innocence of paying it forward is coming from a lot of these kids and, honestly, I just don't really know where that is coming from."

The two asked the children to look for small LEGOs they may have that they would like to donate to the project. Schiller challenged the students to color a picture and write a note to the students to ask questions and write about their lives here in Iowa and then attach a quarter or a dollar to help fund books and other supplies.

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Schiller said the land raised about 10 feet during the quake and destroyed basically the entire region's way of life and the rebuilding process is still going on. Schiller's trips have been focused on rebuilding and invigorating the area's educational system. He is planning on leaving again in June for another trip and hopefully will have raised enough money to send a container full of LEGOs and other science supplies to the region.

People in the area live on rice, potatoes, corn and raise waterbuffalo. Existence requires everyone in each family involved in bringing in the crops and moving to the next seasonal planting while tending to the livestock. He said markets are rare and sporadic in the area and familes eat what they raise, and raise what they eat.

Donations can be made at <u>https://www.gofundme.</u> <u>com/2f2mgsek</u> or Ernest Schiller, Rebuild Nepal Education, 2224 204th Avenue, Donnellson, Iowa 52625. Special accounts are also in place at Pilot Grove Savings Banks throughout the area.

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Friday Sports/Current–Lee

Ball control, tempo helps Bloodhounds to 2-0

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game without giving much away to the Chiefs. Sophomore Jayden Fedler had six of his 10 points in the fourth quarter. The Hounds had four players in double figures, which is a value of Wilson's offensive scheme. Sophomore Michael Mosena gave the Hounds some solid ball control off the bench and then fired in a 3-pointer late in the game to give the Hounds the 70-36 win.

Fort Madison kept the pace brisk throughout the game, another trait of Wilson's teams.

"We like to push the ball and we knew Keokuk was going to push," Wilson said. "They have some athletes and we knew they were going to push us and I like to get out and run and play in transition as much as possible."

When Wilson started subbing, the Hounds didn't lose much in the way of ball handling with Mosena, Keester, and Rashid scrambling about.

"Ball control is a huge, huge part of our program I would take a team of guards any day. It makes it that much harder to guard us," Wilson said. "We were fortunate to have Wentzein come through and Cam Crissman and now Rashid, Cresswell, and Mosina. We work on it all the time."

Keester finished with 12 points and Cresswell had 13 for the Hounds. Rashid finished with seven points, Mosena had five and Sheymouhr Redd-Donald had a bucket for Fort Madison.

Anthony Potratz led Keokuk with 11 points and Moody had nine.

Hellige leads HTC with 14 in loss to WACO

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sophomores, and are still working out the shooting jitters. Friday at WACO the Crusaders went 12 of 53 from the field, led by sophomore Matt Hellige who went 5 of 8 for 14 points.

The Crusaders didn't get on the board for the first four minutes until they converted a free throw, and trailed 20-6 after the first period. WACO's sophomore Drew Kissell led the way with 7 points in the quarter and junior Colton Horak added a couple of 3-pointers. Kissell led the Warriors balanced scoring with 15 points. Horak added 13.

The Warriors continued to pressure the young HTC team in the second quarter pushing to the lead to more than 20 ending the half at 43-20.

"We played timid and got down early and couldn't battle back," said head coach John Hellige. "We struggled shooting again tonight, but we hope to rebound tomorrow at Mediapolis."

The second half was much of the same with the Warriors outscoring HTC 17-8 and holding leads by as much as 30 before WACO went to the bench and Holy Trinity was able to make up a little ground in the 4th quarter.

Brant Holtkamp finished with 11 points, senior Collin Thornton added seven points, Jake Eaves finished with four points, Quentin Schneider had three and Adam Rauenbuehler added one. Schneider led the team with seven rebounds on the night.

The Crusaders travel again Saturday to Mediapolis for freshman/ junior varsity/ varsity girls/varsity boys matchup with games beginning at 4:30.

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