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Construction worker suffers fall at work site

Circumstances of fall and victims name not released yet

**BY CHUCK
VANDENBERG**
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A construction worker was injured in a fall at a local hotel at about 3:30 p.m. Wednesday afternoon.

Fort Madison rescue personnel were dispatched by LeeComm to Boulders Inn & Suites Fort Madison on the western end of Fort Madison for a report of a

worker who had suffered a fall at the construction site. However, neither the specific circumstance of the fall nor the identity of the worker have been released.

Fort Madison Police, Fort Madison Fire & Rescue and Lee County Ambulance responded to the scene and the worker was transported to Fort Madison Community Hospital with injuries.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison police talk with construction workers on the north side of the Boulders Inn and Suites expansion project Wednesday at about 3:50 p.m. A construction worker was taken to Fort Madison Community Hospital after suffering a fall at the site.

BHS may join Southeast loop

**BY CHUCK
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FORT MADISON - According to Fort Madison Activities Director Andy Mitchell, the Southeast Conference is in talks of expanding with the possibility of including Burlington and Ottumwa in the very near future.

Mitchell said conversations held at a meeting last week are still very preliminary but adding two schools to the conference would benefit most athletic teams in the conference.

He said basketball alone is very tough scheduling when you have to fill 21 games and only have eight of those conference games.

"That's a good example of why these smaller conferences aren't a good thing," Mitchell told the board.

"Over the past years we've tried to get other schools to join the conference without much success.

Mitchell said Burlington officials sent an email to the schools in southeast Iowa requesting a meeting to discuss possibly forming a new conference. He said the meeting took place on June 5th and Oskaloosa declined, indi-

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Stigall named Grand Marshal of Kiddie Parade

PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison 4th of July Kiddie Parade Committee is ready to launch the 105th annual Charlie Korschgen Kiddie Parade starting at 18th and Avenue G at 10 a.m. on July 4th and proceeding down Avenue G to the Moose Family Center parking lot on 6th Street, according to General Chairman, L. D. "Andy" Andrews

As always the parade will be youth and patriotic oriented, however many area organizations, industries and businesses are encouraged to take part in the parade to celebrate the birth of our nation. If you are not taking part in the parade the committee urges spectators to line the streets in support of the marchers.

Grand Marshal for this year's parade will be Mrs. Doris M. Stigall of Fort Madison a relative of Charlie Korschgen. Andrews, chairman of the parade for many years never remembers a parade that Stigall was not in attendance.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Tuesday July 4 at the south side of the old Fort Madison Middle School in the 1800 block of Avenue G and proceed east up Avenue G to the Loyal Order of Moose Parking Lot in the 600 block of Avenue G. Pre-registration



Courtesy photo

Avenue G will be filled once again this year with red, white, and blue on all ages of entrants in the 4th of July Kiddie Parade.

in not required, however, forms may be picked up at Dodd Printing and Stationery, 621 Avenue G, and be turned in at the registration desk the morning of the parade.

Registration will open at 8:30 a.m. at the South entrance to the Old Middle School, and entries will be lined up in the various categories. For those parents having small

children who are not able to participate the full length of the parade they should register and then meet in the 900 block of Avenue G in front of the former State Farm Insurance office and parade officials will see they get placed in the proper spot in the

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SPORTS

Hounds drop doubleheader to North Scott

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The Bloodhounds have had some problems at the plate this year, but Wednesday's matchup with North Scott proved to be something a bit different.

The Hounds dropped two 11-0 games to the Lancers whose pitchers allowed just four hits on the night and kept most of the Hound hits on the ground.

In game one, Tyler O'Tool, Dayne Cordray, and Parker Denning all had singles for the Hounds. Ryan Steffensmeier took the loss for the Hounds.

In game two the

Hounds kept the game within reach through the first four innings behind some pretty stellar pitching by freshman Brandon Reichelt.

Reichelt gave up two runs in the top of the first with a lead-off single to left by Sam Stonskas. Reichelt walked the next batter and they both stole second and third. Brooks Sunny then grounded out to short scoring Stonskas. Adam Sacia then flied to shallow right and the Hounds second baseman Aaron Steffensmeier made a nice running catch going back but couldn't turn and make the throw to home in time. Reichelt struck out the next batter to end the inning.

The Hounds then went three straight innings

with two strikeouts and a ground out and couldn't get anything going against the Lancers' Luke Wilder who had good control mixing in a fastball and some off speed stuff to keep the Hounds hitters guessing.

The Lancers put up another run in the top of the second when Reichelt walked Griffin Wilder and then Ben Steidler laced a double to center scoring Wilder. Reichelt whiffed the next hitter and got a fly out to right to end the inning with North Scott up 3-0. The Lancers didn't get a run across in the third or fourth inning. Fort Madison got their first baserunner of the game in the fourth inning when Cordray walked, but he was caught trying



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The Bloodhounds' Dayne Cordray gets caught trying to steal second base on the fourth inning of Wednesday's 11-0 loss to North Scott in the second game of a double header.

to swipe second. Denning struck out and Jordyn Gerdes flew out to center to end the inning.

The Lancers got another run in the 5th to go up 4-0 when Sacia singled to left scoring Tony Barreca from third. O'Tool got the first hit of the game for Fort Madison in the bottom of the 5th when he singled to center. Jace Burger fanned and Ryan Steffensmeier walked and head coach Ken Steeples had an inning going, until Reichelt grounded to second where North Scott's Jared Russ put a tag on Steffensmeier and threw to first for the double play ending the inning.

Steeple pulled Reichelt in favor of Brady Reyn-

olds to start the 6th and the Lancers hit for the cycle and added another home run put the game out of reach 11-0.

Head Coach Ken Steeples said the North Scott pitchers had good control all night.

"They were pretty solid kids. Probably two of the best pitchers we've seen all year," Steeples said. "And they hit really well."

Steeple said he was impressed with Reichelt's effort on the mound.

"He did great. It was his best outing of the year,"

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OBITUARIES

GLEN WAYNE HOWELL

Glen Wayne Howell, 89, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 2:20 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at the Clark County Nursing Home in Kahoka Mo. He was born on May 8, 1928 on a farm north of Luray MO, the sixth of nine siblings to Victor and Imogene Dietrich Howell. He married Neoma "Jean" Lough on October 29, 1950 in Memphis MO. She died June 29, 1991. He then married Virgie Rudd April 21, 2000.

She died July 11, 2014. Glen was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1950 to 1952 during the Korean War. He worked 37 years at Dupont in Fort Madison until his retirement in 1985. He graduated from Wyaconda High School in 1946 and attended the First Baptist Church in Fort Madison for 65 years. He enjoyed taking his family camping in Colorado, playing pinocle, mushroom hunting, hosting hay rides and Howell family reunions at his farm near Wyaconda in Clark County. He enjoyed tending to his cows and spending time with his sweet Boston Terrier, Susie. He was a dedicated husband & father, hardworking and had tremendous integrity.



HOWELL



Survivors include: one son Eric (Claudia) Howell of Urbandale, IA; three daughters: Pamela Howell of Waukee, IA, Glenda Haynes of Fort Madison, IA and Jennifer (Doug) Chambers of Derby, KS; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one sister Edna Schuster of Kahoka, MO; one brother Don Howell of Wyaconda, MO; two step-daughters, Kathy Krogmeier and Dana Trone; two step-sons Dave Rudd and Tony Rudd; eleven step-grandchildren, four step-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Besides both his beloved wives: Jeanie and Virgie, Glen was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers: Emery, Loyd & Dean and three sisters: Evelyn, Almeta & Iva.

The family will receive friends from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. with the funeral service to immediately follow at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 24, 2017 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Bill Willis officiating. Burial will be held at Soldiers' Circle in Oakland Cemetery with military rites performed by the Fort Madison Veterans Honor Guard. A memorial has been established for Eastern Iowa Honor Flight. Online condolences to Glen's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

LINDA G. MARTIN

Linda G. Martin, 69, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 8:16 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at Fort Madison Community Hospital. She was born on April 23, 1948 in Mason City, IA to Norman & Frieda Rezab. She married Robert D. Martin on August 19, 1988 in Fort Madison, IA. She loved the outdoors and enjoyed gardening, cooking and was an avid reader.

Linda is survived by: her husband: Robert Martin of Fort Madison, IA; 2-sons: Ted (Sandy) Martin of Donnellson, IA & Chris Martin of Maryland; 3-step sons:

Robert "Shane" Martin of Fort Madison, IA, Shawn Martin of Fort Madison, IA & Michael Martin of Denver, CO; several grandchildren; 2-brothers & 3-sisters. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and no services are planned. Online condolences to Linda's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

Hounds staying positive during slump

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Steeple said. "I talked to him before the game and I told to just go out there and throw it. And he seemed to have more confidence tonight."

The Hounds fall to 0-18 on the season and Steeples said aside from the lopsided record he's still proud of how his team goes out and gives their best each night.

"We talk about staying positive and working hard," he said. "They're stepping up and doing a pretty good job. Their attitudes are really pretty good and I'm very proud of them."

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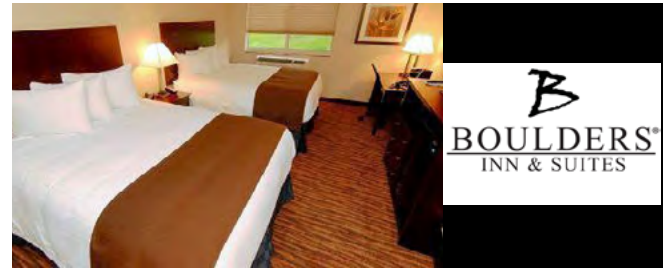
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From the Front

Majority of FMHS coaches favor the change

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cating they are happy with their current situation.

“Burlington ran the meeting and they’re looking to get out of the Mississippi Athletic Conference (MAC). Financially it makes more sense for them to be part of our conference than it does to be in that one,” Mitchell said. “We talked about the pros and cons and what things could be like if they joined. Ottumwa was there and there’s definitely some interest there, as well.”

He said since the meeting there hasn’t been any other communication with the schools.

“It’s real early in the discussion,” he said. “We play most of those schools in most sports as it is. I think there’s a fairly good chance Burlington will request to come into the conference. Ottumwa I

would say is 50/50 right now.”

Phone calls for this article to Burlington’s Athletic Director Zach Shay and Ottumwa school officials went unreturned.

Burlington is currently part of the Mississippi Athletic Conference and they are looking at adding Dubuque schools which would make travel even farther. Ottumwa plays in the Central Iowa Metro League and plays larger schools in the Des Moines area.

Mitchell said he did a survey with coaches at the high school and one said no to Burlington and another said no to both, but all the other coaches were in favor of having the other schools.

If you look at our middle school conference we have Burlington and Ottumwa anyway.

Board member Tim Wondra asked if West Burlington would be an option. Mitchell said when they’re with Notre

Dame sure, but the programs aren’t all combined so that wouldn’t work.

“If they go with Notre Dame in all sports I could see that, but Notre Dame is the big dogs in their conference in a lot of sports so they may

not want to change that.”

Head wrestling coach Ryan Smith said he favored adding teams even though he didn’t see it impacting his program.

“My overall opinion is I’m game for it,” he said. “We already compete with those schools at the state level and that’s who we compete with at districts. But anytime we get more teams in the conference I think it’s good. It really doesn’t matter who it is.”

Smith said having the additional schools wouldn’t add competition to the wrestling program because the Hounds travel

to places like Urbandale, Cedar Rapids, North Scott, and other high level meets and typically run into those schools there. They also had a dual meet with Burlington last year.

“I just think it would be good for our conference and maybe add a little respect,” he said.

Head baseball coach Ken Steeples said, overall, he thinks adding the schools is a good idea.

“I don’t like (the conference) with just five teams,” Steeples said. “I’m ok with adding a couple of teams. Burlington is down a little in baseball this year but perennially they’re pretty good.. Overall I think it’s a good thing.”

Football is scheduled by the state in districts with recommendations from the schools, although proximity between schools is a determining factor.

Volleyball Head Coach Kent Bailey said the addition would be an improvement.

“The addition of these two schools would make our conference one of the most competitive in

multiple sports,” Bailey said. “It would be good for scheduling and for the fans from

each of the schools and would bring back memories of the old Southeast Seven.”

Ryan Wilson said from a basketball standpoint he’s in favor of the proposed moves.

“Being 3A down in the southeast corner, it’s so tough to get 3A games and to get two more conference schools means four more conference games,” Wilson said.

“That’s 12 conference games as opposed to eight. On top of that they are 4As and in basketball

you get points for beating the bigger schools. It’s great to get more teams in our conference. You get back to the old stomping ground and you get more people in the gym.”

He said, aside from the conference opponents, the next closest 3A schools in basketball are schools up by Iowa City.

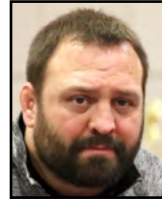
Head coach Dean Hogan said he favors bringing in the schools.

“I think it would bring about more competition to the area teams. I think it’s something that would be better for all sports in general. It will be better for attendance to the gates and a win/win for scheduling,” Hogan said.

“Overall it gives more of an identity with the newcomers. We used to play Ottumwa years ago, so in tennis it’s always a good situation. Ottumwa has always been strong and Burlington can be very good so that will bring added competition.”



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From the Front/Weather

Tradition continues with 104th holiday kids parade

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parade.

Judged categories for this year's parade will be: decorated tri-cycle or stroller; decorated wagon or float; walking or marching group; junior decorated bicycle/scooter (age 8 and under); pets; humorous; family unit; patriotic; senior decorated bicycle/scooter (over age 8) and a motorized category for the larger units.

The committee has also

purchased commemorative ribbons for each parade participant and trophies as well as prize money will be given to the winners of each category. The prize money for this parade is \$15.00 for 1st Place, \$12.00 for 2nd place and \$10.00 for third place. Several \$5.00 honorable mention prizes will also be awarded.

At the end of the parade, members of the local

Moose Club, will be serving treats to all the participants as they have done since 1946 and as the prize winners are being announced items donated by area merchants will be given away to the parade participants. The committee wants to recognize the Loyal Order of the Moose for 72 years of assisting with this parade.

During the last few parades many area businesses have given gift certificates, toys, bicycles, etc. so every child that participates will get more than just being patriotic. Items for this year's parade and raffle may still be left off at the local Moose Lodge or the North Lee County Historical Society Museum.

In case of inclement weather, which seldom happens, the parade will be held on Saturday, July 8th at the same time as scheduled on the 4th.

The parade got its beginnings back in 1913 when a young AT&SF car department clerk, Charles C. Korschgen, saw his neighborhood kids had nothing to do on the 4th of July, so he purchased a dozen small flags strapped his snare drum around his neck and led them many times around block in the west end of Fort Madison.

Having started a tradition, Charlie continued



Courtesy photo

Trailers and tricycles alike will be decked out in the red, white, and blue for this year's 104th annual 4th of July Kiddie Parade in downtown Fort Madison along Avenue G.

this routine for many years, gradually increasing the parade route and buying the participants candy with his own money. Finally by the time the 1930's rolled around the participation had grown so that Charlie got help from fellow workers at the AT&SF and neighbors to assist with the treats and the parade. By this time the "east enders" had noticed the importance of the parade and invited Charlie to lead his band of patriots into the Fort Madison downtown district. One loyal youngster who took part in the first parade, Don Valentine, stayed with the parade until Charlie passed away in January 1966 after

leading 53 parades. Don Valentine helped the Fort Madison Jaycees keep the tradition alive.

By the 1940's, Charlie was having 500 to 1,000 kids take part in the parade and by 1946, when the Loyal Order of the Moose started providing treats the "grand old-man" as Charlie was called just had to organize the parade. With age catching up with Charlie the Fort Madison Junior Chamber of Commerce volunteered to take over the organization of the parade and continued to do so until the local Jaycee Chapter disbanded in 1999 and since that time a small dedicated group of volunteers have kept the parade

going and in 2008 incorporated as a non-profit corporation.

Everyone young and old is invited to take part in the parade to celebrate our nation's birthday, however, the committee reserves the right to refuse entries not in the spirit of the holiday or would create a safety hazard to those participating in the parade.

Those having any questions on the parade or if interested in volunteering to assist the committee to keep the parade safe and on time, contact L. D. "Andy" Andrews at 319-371-5379 or email at NLCHS@iowatelecom.net or follow information on our [Facebook page](#).

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

THU 22 Jun
 Light Rain
 Low - 72.3° F | High - 86.5° F

FRI 23 Jun
 Moderate Rain
 Low - 61.8° F | High - 74.3° F

SAT 24 Jun
 Heavy Intensity Rain
 Low - 60.6° F | High - 65.7° F

SUN 25 Jun
 Light Rain
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