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Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC



Above, a little Marco Polo was on the agenda at the Fort Madison Municipal Pool Wednesday morning. At right, synchronized jumping.

Greenwald, state reach plea deal in fraud case

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Local businessman and first-ward city councilman Chris Greenwald has reached a plea deal in a case brought against him by the state.

Greenwald was originally charged on Jan. 18 and 20 by the Iowa Department of Transportation's Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division with three counts, the first being the 3rd-degree fraud, which is an aggravated misdemeanor. That charge has been consolidated by the court with one count of failure to maintain motor vehicle records and one count of failure to obtain a manufacturer's or importer's certificate.

According to the records on the Iowa Courts Online website, an order was filed by Judge Tyron Rogers indicating a plea agreement had been reached in the case and the prosecution was to file



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a written confirmation of the plea.

The case had been set for trial to begin on Wednesday.

Henry County Attorney Darin Stater is prosecuting the case after

acting Lee County Attorney Clinton Boddicker, and then newly-appointed Lee County Attorney Ross Braden, both filed motions to withdraw due to conflicts of interest.

Stater didn't reveal details of the plea agreement Wednesday morning but said he would be filing the written agreement with the court by the end of the week.

"He's pleading guilty to some of the charges and we waived others and I'm willing to call that good," Stater said Wednesday.

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United Way, Kiwanis join for Back to School Health Fair

Business, organizations still sought to help get event going

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Two local service organizations are joining forces to provide a Fort Madison with a Back-to-School health fair on August 12.

The United Way of the Great River Region currently offers a similar program, but the location is prohibitive as it's in Keokuk and many families in Fort Madison don't have the transportation to get to the event.

According to Dawn Johnson, one of the coordinators of the event, the transportation issue convinced her that an event was needed in Fort Madison.

"Because of this restraint for our families, I have been trying to develop something here that would be more accessible," she said. "I was talking to my co-worker Mary Hellige about my desire to do something here, and wouldn't you know she is a member of Kiwanis. She took the idea to the group and they agreed to sponsor the event."

Johnson said Kiwanis President Denise Fraise and

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I was talking to my co-worker Mary Hellige about my desire to do something here, and wouldn't you know she is a member of Kiwanis. She took the idea to the group and they agreed to sponsor the event.”

-Dawn Johnson,
Event coordinator

Kiwanian Nancy Booten have been part of the planning committee and the committee of four have been meeting and planning for a few months, organizing and contacting businesses and organizations in the community for assistance with the event.

The Back To School Health Fair will be held on August 12, 2017 at the Fort Madison Community High School from 10 am to noon. Some of the services being offered include haircuts, DNA swab, immunizations for students entering kindergarten and those who are 11-12

years of age, vision screenings, and tennis shoes. Many groups are going to be on location during the event to distribute information about things in the community that residents may not have previously known about. The group will also be giving out backpacks with most school supplies.

Flyers were sent home in grade card envelopes on Thursday, May 25th to explain this event. Any family who is in need of assistance with getting school supplies can pre-register at Eichacker Center @3433 Ave O in Fort Madison as well as Community Action center. Only those who have pre-registered by July 10, 2017 will be guaranteed backpacks and supplies. For more information you may contact Dawn Johnson @ 660-341-6427.

"We are going to collect all materials and supplies by July 24th," Johnson said. "We are still looking for many volunteers to organize supplies and stuff backpacks and also need help during the event. We would also like any salon or hairdresser to help offer hair cuts if available that day. We are very fortunate that we live in such a giving and caring community, everyone to date that has been contacted has been wonderful in agreeing to help!"

Any organization or business that has not yet been contacted and would like to join our efforts, are being asked to email Johnson at dawn.johnson@fmcsd.org.

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Sports

HTC boys falter in seventh in 11-3 loss

7 run 7th inning does in Crusaders Tuesday night

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT - A seven-run seventh inning spoiled an otherwise well played game Tuesday night as the Holy Trinity Catholic baseball team fell to Iowa Mennonite 11-3.

The Crusaders held a 3-2 lead going into the fifth inning but the Crusaders put two men on in Cole Ours and Drake Brezina with one

out. HTC starting pitcher Cameron Bahl struck out Reggie Bontrager for the second out. But then Noah Bruns laced a single up the middle to score Ours and Brezina in what proved to be the game winning RBIs. IM's Blake Bontrager then lined a single to left center to put runners at first and second, but Bahl got Caleb Yoder to ground out to short to end the threat with HTC down 4-3.

HTC went 1-2-3 in the



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

HTC hurler Cameron Bahl picks off an Iowa Mennonite base runner in Tuesday's 11-3 loss at South Park in West Point. The Crusaders held a 3-2 lead going into the fifth inning.

bottom of the fifth. IMS threatened to score again in the top of the sixth but with two outs, Crusader junior shortstop Colin Thornton got horizontal and made a fully stretched grab of a grounder behind second base just inside the grass. He jumped to his feet, bobbled the ball, and realizing he didn't have a chance at first, fired home to nail Blake Bontrager trying to score

on the play to end the inning.

The Crusaders weren't able to get anything going in the bottom half of the 6th and IMS' Trevor Leyden made a catch in foul territory falling backward to end the inning there.

IMS blew the game open in the top of the 7th with seven runs. They scored two runs on a Drake Brezina single to right center which

prompted HTC head coach Albert Schinstock to pull Bahl and bring in Reed Fehseke from third base. Fehseke struck out the first batter, walked the second, and then gave up an RBI single to Blake Bontrager which left the bases loaded. Fehseke then plunked Leyden to score another run. A wild pitch scored the third run of the game and then Reggie Bontrager hit a

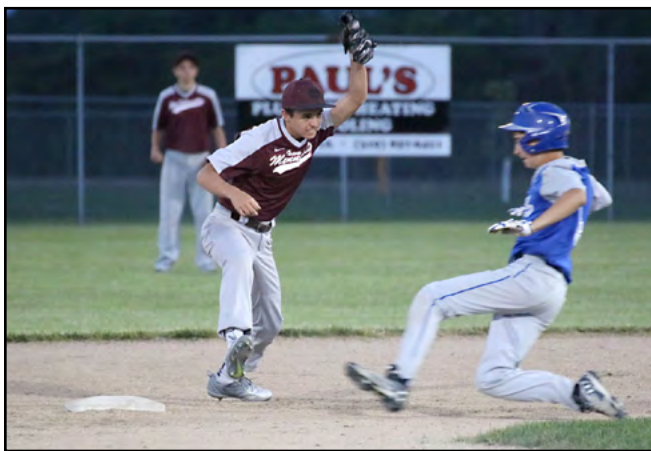
single to right center that scored another run.

Schinstock pulled Fehseke in favor of Jason Thurman who got the Crusaders out of the inning but not before IMS put the game out of reach 11 to 3.

Fehseke and Bahl led the Crusaders at the plate going, 2-4 and 2-3, respectively. Vasin Thurman had the other hit for the Crusaders. Cole Thornton, Garrett Hannum and Aiden Alford scored the Crusader runs. Alford had the only RBI for the Crusaders and also had a stolen base.

Bahl went six innings giving up seven runs, all seven earned on 10 hits, striking out two and walking three. Fehseke went 1/3 of an inning and gave up four runs one earned on one hit with a K and two walks. Thurman went 2/3 of an inning without a hit, run, walk or strikeout.

Holy Trinity falls to 1-2 on the season and travels to 5-0 Highland on Thursday.



HTC's Cole Thornton slides safely into second base in the fourth inning of Tuesday night's 11-3 loss to Iowa Mennonite. Thornton would come around to score in the inning.

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HTC junior high drops first game

BY PCC STAFF

KEOSAUQUA - The Holy Trinity seventh grade softball team lost it's first game of the season Tuesday 12-6 at Van Buren.

Mary Hellige struck out four batters on the mound, while contributing a single and an RBI at the plate.

Anna Sobczak had a triple, a walk and two runs scored for the Crusaders. Raquel Schneider walked twice and scored once, while Brooke Mueller had a single, two walks and a run scored. Kayla Box had a walk and a single. Laura Mehmert walked twice and Jenna DiPrima had a walk and a single. Kelli Meierotto had a walk and a single and Alexa Dingman had a single and a run scored.

The Crusaders are now 2-1 on the young season and travel to Central Lee on Friday.



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Fort Madison Police report

05/30/17 - 8:58 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1700 block of Avenue H.
 05/30/17 - 10:34 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Hattie Kemp, 32, of Fort Madison in the 1100 block of Avenue G on charges of no city tags on four dogs and no rabies tags on four dogs. She was released with the citation.
 05/30/17 - 11:04 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1900 block of Avenue J.
 05/30/17 - 2:34 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Brian Hale, 37, of Fort Madison on a charge of no vaccinations for his dog. He was released with the citation.
 05/30/17 - 4:54 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 500 block of Fourth Street.
 05/30/17 - 4:59 p.m.

- Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 1400 block of Avenue D.
 05/30/17 - 5:13 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1800 block of 39th Street.
 05/30/17 - 10:51 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 40 block of Alta Drive.

Lee County Sheriff's report

05/29/17 - 9:41 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on 330th Avenue near X38. A vehicle driven by Roberta Mae Sandbothe, 84 of Fort Madison, had struck a deer causing minor damage to the vehicle.
 05/30/17 - 10:28 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Francis William Wrieden III, 21 of Keokuk, at the Lee County Sheriff's office on

a warrant for domestic assault causing bodily injury. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 05/30/17 - 11:33 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff deputies arrested Crystal Anne Laktas, 37 of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse on a court-ordered hold. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 05/30/17 - 2:04 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Erica Renee Woodbury, 25 of Keokuk, at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a warrant for contempt for failure to pay fines/costs. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 05/31/17 - 12:40 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Charles V Yoh, 51 of Maineville, Ohio on a charge of simulated public intoxication. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

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Great River Regional Waste Authority reminds you to use the 3 R's!



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- Make 2-sided copies whenever possible
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- Use electronic mail/communications or a central bulletin board

REUSE

*** Reuse products for the same purpose or for a different purpose**

It makes economic & environmental sense to reuse products. Sometimes it takes a creative mind to do so.

- Sell or Donate old clothes, appliances, toys & furniture
- Use resealable containers rather than plastic wrap
- Reuse grocery bags or bring your own cloth bags to the store

RECYCLE

*** Recycle/convert common waste into reusable material**

Recycling is a series of steps that takes a used material and processes, re-manufactures and sells it as a new product. Begin recycling at home and work.

- Recycle all acceptable products at our recycling bins, stations & trailers (see www.grrwa.com for a complete list of locations)
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- Purchase and use recycled materials for the home & office
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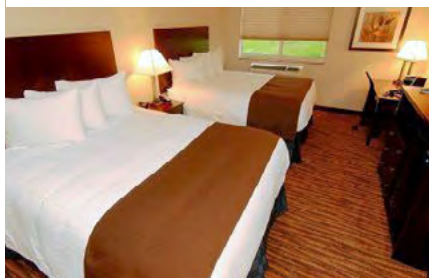
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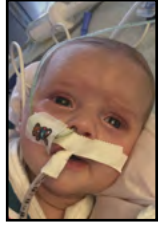


Obituaries/Local News

OBITUARIES

VALERIE ROSE LIHS

Valerie Rose Lihs, 6 weeks, of Donnellson, Iowa passed away Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa, due to complications with her heart and lungs since birth.



LIHS

Born April 19, 2017 in Iowa City, Iowa the daughter of Chad D. and Lisa R. (Briggs) Lihs.

Survivors include her parents; big brother: Kellan; maternal grandparents: Sheri (Brad) Briley of Argyle, Iowa and Gene (Julie) Briggs of Argyle, Iowa; paternal grandparents: Lee Ann (Kirk) Swanson of Wapello, Iowa; maternal great grandparents: William and Shirley Briggs of Keokuk, Iowa; paternal great grandma: Linda Whittington of Wapello, Iowa and several aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by one brother: Konner; paternal grandpa: Michael Lihs; maternal

great grandparents: Harold and Joyce Eichelberger and paternal great grandfather: Gary Whittington.

Valerie was a sassy young heart warrior who fought from the start. She wrote her own story and kept the doctors on their toes at every turn. She has had many followers for her short journey and she will be dearly missed.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 3, 2017 at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson with Pastor Peg Ellingson officiating. The family will receive friends from 9:00 to 11:00 that morning.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made in Valerie's memory.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

The Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements.

ROBERT LEO YEAGER

Robert Leo Yeager Jr., 57 years, of West Point, Iowa died Sunday, May 28, 2017 in Tijuana, Mexico. Arrangements are pending at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison, Iowa.

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Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report	05/30/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to five medical calls
05/29/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to six medical calls	All persons in these listings are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

THU 01 Jun	Clear Skies Low - 64.0° F High - 77.7° F
FRI 02 Jun	Moderate Rain Low - 74.1° F High - 72.6° F
SAT 03 Jun	Light Rain Low - 73.0° F High - 85.4° F
SUN 04 Jun	Light Rain Low - 70.4° F High - 85.2° F
MON 05 Jun	Clear Skies Low - 59.3° F High - 74.0° F

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State looked at title "skipping"

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Another pre-trial conference was set for June 13, but it is unknown whether that hearing will take place as a result of the plea agreement.

Greenwald is being represented by Elaine Fehseke Gray. Calls to Gray went unreturned Wednesday afternoon.

According to the complaint, on June 21, 2016, Greenwald, "did commit a fraudulent practice in the third degree by knowingly conceal a material fact concerning the

ownership and transferability of a vehicle while obtaining a Iowa certificate of title representing a 2004 Chevrolet truck. The defendant having a financial exposure of \$7,000 but the truck having a security lien of \$11,500. Actual value of the truck to the dealership being \$7,000."

The affidavit on file at the North Lee County Courthouse also alleges Greenwald was aware of an attempt to obtain an Iowa title via an employ-

ee making application for the title. An application for the title of the Chevy Silverado was filed at the Lee County Treasurer's office. The document also alleges that, "Greenwald had knowingly and willingly accepted the truck as a trade in vehicle and was aware that the Chevrolet truck title had been "skipped" and the person trading the truck was not the title owner and the truck title was not negotiable for transfer."

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