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Kids battle at Riverview Games 2018

Families spend Saturday morning on FM Riverfront

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The annual Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce's Riverview Games brought hundreds of kids down to the Fort Madison riverfront for the annual event Saturday morning.

Children ages 2 through 6th grade competed in games such as a football toss, a Baggy Clothes Relay race, a bag toss and back flip game, and the popular obstacle course. Despite the warm, humid temperatures, the kids, along with parents, grandparents and families, worked their way around Fort Madison's Riverview Park.

Air Evac brought in the rescue helicopter and landed it in the park where kids and their families could climb inside and ask questions of the rescue team on scene. Fort Madison firefighters and a big crane truck were also on hand to capture the imaginations of the children for a couple hours.

Before a lunch of hot dogs, chips and cookies sponsored by Hy-Vee, prizes were given out of the day's best performances at each of the games, and then other children's names were drawn for the remaining prizes.

The event was organized by the chamber and staff, with volunteers from the chamber, Fort Madison Rotary, Fort Madison Kiwanis, and Fort Madison Lion's service clubs on hand to help with the activities.



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Tiffany Vogler, an AirEvac specialist, center, explains how the AirEvac helicopter works to children and their families as part of the annual Riverview Games put on by the Fort Madison Area Chamber of Commerce. Below, left, Bronson Helt, works with a child on the obstacle course, while below, Caimen Huston, 7, of Niota, looks over his RC truck he won at the event.



YMCA nearing campaign goal

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison YMCA is nearing its goal of \$30,000 to help underprivileged families have access to the facility's programs.

According to YMCA executive director Ryan Wilson, the campaign is currently at \$26,200 and needs to hit the goal before the campaign wraps up in September.

"We're just on the back end of everything. We've got some past donors that we're trying to track down, but we'd certainly love to have some new donors come in and help us smash this goal."

Wilson said he's confident the campaign will meet the goals.

The funds are used to provide financial assistance for memberships to families and individuals that apply and qualify. Wilson said last year that took about \$42,000. So this year the YMCA set the goal at \$30,000. He said the United Way of the Great River Region gave the YMCA \$10,000 and the YMCA funds help bridge any gaps in need for the community.

"If we didn't provide financial assistance and all those people on assistance paid full, we'd make about \$42,000 more each year," he said. "That's a big deal, es-

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Hearing delayed in Aug. 5 accidental death

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A preliminary hearing for the man accused in the accidental death of a Muscatine woman in Lee County has been postponed pending information being filed with the North Lee County Court.

Damian Hamann, 28, of Morning Sun was originally scheduled to appear Friday morning for a preliminary hearing following his arrest on charges of leaving the scene of a death accident, which is a class D felony in

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Dale A. Pohlpetter, 64, of Ft. Madison passed away on Friday, August 24, 2018 at 2:10 AM at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.



POHLPETER

He was born on December 29, 1953 in Ft. Madison to Richard and Lois Morrett Pohlpetter. On April 7, 1979 he married Gerry Powelson in Ft. Madison. Dale worked at Anchor Metals in his early years, he then worked at ISP as a correctional officer and retired in 2008. Dale enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Gerry Pohlpetter of Ft. Madison; one son, B.J. (Sarah) Pohlpetter of Ft. Madison; one daughter, Jessi Pohlpetter of Ft. Madison; two grandchildren, Madison and Mason Pohlpetter of Ft. Madison; four sisters, Becky (Rick) Baker, Carol May and Lorrie (John) Bird all of Ft. Madison and Ellen (Curt) Mumpower of Quincy, IL; several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, August 27, 2018 at 11 AM at First Christian Church in Ft. Madison with Reverend Dann Masden officiating. Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory.

A memorial has been established in his memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

FM YMCA just \$3,800 from campaign goal

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pecially when you look at the percentages and numbers of kids on free and reduced lunches in our community?"

The campaign kicked off June 1.

Wilson said campaign contributions over \$500 get a banner that hangs in the hallway as people enter with the donor's name on it.

"We did get a few new donors this year and that's always when you're able to find new monies."

Wilson said the campaign specifically funds the assistance program and does not go into programming or equipment or other YMCA expenses.

Anyone interested in making a tax-deductible contribution to the YMCA can obtain more information by calling the Fort Madison YMCA at 372-2403 during regular business hours.



Hamann busted in Louisa County while on pre-trial release

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Iowa. Class D felonies carry a maximum five year prison sentence and \$75,000 fine.

Hamann is charged with the crime in connection with an incident that resulted in the death of Sadie Alvarado, 20, of Muscatine. Alvarado's body was discovered along a ditch southwest of West Point on the morning of Aug. 5. Hamann turned himself into the Lee County Sheriff's office that same evening and was released the next day on a pretrial release.

On Wednesday, Hamann was charged with public consumption of alcohol-1st offense out of Louisa County, which violated his pretrial release conditions and District 8B Judge Tyron Rogers issued a warrant for Hamann with a \$15,000 cash only bond.

Lee County Attorney Ross Braden said Hamann had not been taken into custody as of Friday.



HAMANN

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GBP's Budnik earns financial distinction

Submitted article

FORT MADISON - Tim Budnik of Group Benefit Partners in Ft Madison was recently acknowledged by Iowa Bankers Insurance & Services (IBIS) as a Level 11 producer. IBIS believes their top agents are above and beyond a perfect 10. Level 11 Achievement Awards are earned in Individual under 65, Medicare, and Group Health categories. Agents reaching Level 11 status are judged by new sales and retention while providing top tier customer service and expert advice with personalized solutions to their clients for their health insurance needs. "Our Level 11 agents consistently exhibit intense customer focus and go to the next level to provide solutions for their clients in the ever-changing world of health insurance." says IBIS President Chad Ellsworth.



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Sports

Frantz hauls in 137 yards as Hounds roll

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON - For the second year in a row, the Fort Madison Bloodhound football team is starting 1-0. And for the second year in a row, the Hounds opened with a shutout win.

Fort Madison dropped cross-county rival Central Lee 21-0 in a game that in all reality could have been double that had the Hounds had a little better timing in the air.

Senior quarterback Lennon Barker, who threw for 281 yards, 18-31 passing on the night, had a handful of overthrows on the night, several of which were to open receivers in the endzone.

“We need to definitely work on our timing. I had a lot of overthrows,” Barker said. “We’ve got some things to work on, but we have things we need to work on every week.”

Barker started the game with a bang on a 71-yard completion to Dominic Frantz on the Hounds’ first possession. Frantz, who finished with a very quiet 132 yards on five catches, was caught from behind by the Hawks’ TJ Stutes at the 3-yard line. The Hounds then



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison’s Dominic Frantz escapes down the sidelines in the early going as the Hounds rolled over Central Lee 21-0 Friday in Donnellson. Frantz led all receivers with 137 yards on five catches in the win.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Hounds’ junior Jayden Fedler puts the squeeze on Central Lee’s quarterback Evan Pohren just after Pohren got a pass off in the second quarter.

fell as far back as the 43-yard line after a bad snap on 2nd and goal and then a double penalty on 3rd and goal from the 13. Barker and Frantz hooked up again for 21 yards but the drive fell short on 4th and goal when Barker hit Shaymouhr Redd-Donald for a 16-yard pass play to the 6.

The Hounds forced a 4 and out at the 49 yard line and the Hounds mixed up the offense with runs by Kali Maestro and Barker dealing on the run. Junior Mike Mosenca caught two passes in the series, the second for 15 yards, to get the Hounds to the 7 and Barker would bull in from the right side for the first points of the game to give the Hounds a 7-0 advantage.

Fort Madison caught Central Lee in another four down set forcing a punt that left the Hounds in good field position at the Hawks’ 41. Maestro carried again three times for 24 yards in the series and Barker found three different receivers in the set before taking it off tackle again from two yards out to give the Hounds 14-0 with the AJ Nolting extra point.

Central Lee got their legs under them and took the next series 13 plays starting at their own 22 yard line and put senior tailback Tyler Hopp to work. Hopp carried the ball six times for 20 yards while junior signal-caller Evan Pohren completed three passes in the series including a 27-yard strike to Stutes that took the Hawks to the Bloodhound 4. Pohren then looked for Dalton Westercamp on a corner route that bounced off Redd-Donald’s hands and then off Nicky Carter’s hands before landing in Westercamp’s arms only to fall to the

ground incomplete. Redd-Donald would break up the next pass, as well, turning the ball back over to the Hounds on downs.

Both teams would exchange 4 and outs before Harley Pennamon picked off a Pohren pass at the 26 to end the half.

Fort Madison came out and scored quickly in the third when Diego Lozano spun and stiff-armed his way through the right side of the Hawk defense keeping his feet and stumbling into the endzone from about 10 yards out to set the final score.

It looked like the Hounds had scored after the Hawks were unable to get a first down on the next series and punted the ball to Brock Califf, who bobbled the punt and then picked it up and raced to the right, caught a couple blocks and scampered down to the sideline for a touchdown, but an illegal block on the play nullified the run. Fort Madison would run seven plays in the next series highlighted by a 30-yard pass play from Barker to Redd-Donald, but two incompletions and a holding penalty snuffed the drive forcing a punt.

After Central Lee worked a first down at 4th and 2, junior end Quentin Schneider picked off a Pohren pass on 1st and 10 and raced it back 22 yards to the Fort Madison 25. Penalties and a couple incompletions forced a 4-10 from the 15. Shiffman sent in Nolting, who made his only field goal attempt last year, but Nolting’s shot went wide right and the Hawks took over

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Sports

Hounds D holds Hopp, Hawks scoreless

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at the 20.

Both teams had a four and out before Fort Madison reeled off an 11-play drive to start the 4th quarter. Barker went 4-6 on the drive for 41 yards, but a sack at 3rd and 8 pushed Fort Madison back to the 33 and forced a punt. Central Lee went to the air with Pohren throwing eight times in the next series for 39 yards, but the last three fell to the ground. Neither team would get into scoring position the rest of the final period.

Shiffman said offensively the Hounds missed on some opportunities but for the first game of the season, they did what they needed to do.

“We were executing up front and doing what we needed to do but we have to get better at it and get sharper,” he said “I think we improved as a team from the Mediapolis scrimmage but we still have a long way to go. We got work to do and we know it, but we’ll get it accomplished.”

Eight different ball carriers were used on the night by the Hounds led by Lozano who finished with 61 yards on just seven carries. Maestro had 22 yards on nine carries. Barker hit five different receivers on the night led by Frantz’s 132 yards. Mosena had 56 yards on 5 catches and Redd-Donald had 70 yards on six grabs on the night.

The defensive effort was a bend-don’t-break performance and holding Hopp to just 85 yards on 23 carries was no small feat, according to Shiffman.

“That Hopp kid’s a ton. He got the ball a lot and he runs hard. We told our defense he would run hard and play hard and they did that for sure,” Shiffman said.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Senior quarterback Lennon Barker carries off tackle for a 2-yard touchdown run in the first quarter of Friday’s 21-0 win over the Hawks in Donnellson. Barker threw for 281 yards and rushed for two scores to lead the Hounds..

“Our defense stepped up and made plays when they needed to. They bent a little at times, but when we needed them to make a play, we either forced a turnover or a punt.”

Defensive coordinator Luke Rickelman said the defensive line controlled the game after giving up some yards early.

“Overall, I’m extremely happy with the entire defense and the way we played, Rickelman said. “We didn’t do anything fancy, we played our base defense with a solid front and solid coverage. We didn’t have

to bring a ton of blitzes or overscheme. We knew what they wanted to do and they wanted to get the ball to Hopp, so we focused on the basics.”

Rickelman said Schneider, who had five solo tackles, three assists, a sack, and an interception, had a standout night and said the entire defensive line came together after Hopp gained some big runs early.

The Hounds open the home schedule Friday with West Burlington coming to town. The Falcons fell at home 44-0 to Mediapolis Friday and will come into the contest 0-1.

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Art groups bridge Lee County for contests

BY BRIAN RIGGS
FMAAA Director

FORT MADISON - The art industry like all else in life is constantly changing. A decade ago Barn Quilts were all the rage. Last few years Paint-Your-Own Canvas parties certainly attracted interest. Gaining in popularity in leaps and bounds is the growing plein air competitions around our area.

“Plein Air” means to paint outside, what you see, in the elements, on occasion with gawkers looking over your shoulder or mosquitos buzzing on your neck. Should you have that type of countenance and the skill to render what the landscape communicates to you in pastel, watercolor, colored pencil, or oil, you may have what it takes for this competition.

The idea originated with Virginia Riddle’s desire to showcase Rand Park in Keokuk for some type of art contest where amateur artists could compete for prizes. Virginia joined forces with another Keokuk Fine Arts Council member, Joe Fierce, to pursue the proposition. Keokuk Rock the Arts committee worked with Ft. Madison Area Arts Association’s Art-in-Central park to form a collective cultural arts weekend for Lee County Sept. 21-23, that will be marketed as Bridging the Arts in Lee County. Both non-profit organization’s resolved to match Virginia Riddle’s donation and a Lee County Plein Air Competition was born. From there outside patrons have added to both Keokuk and Ft. Madison awards to be determined on each day of display.

An artist may participate by submitting \$25 for both days or \$15 per day per town to compete in one day. Keokuk paint day is Sept. 22 with competitors needing to turn in works by 4:30 p.m. for competition at the tent outside of The Grand. Artists may submit up to two works for judging, but may display more for sale. Canvases or paper can be stamped at Keokuk Convention and Visitor Bureau

at 8 a.m. that morning and maps will be available.

Display will be from 5-7 p.m. for the public to view or purchase at the tent that will be set up next to the Grand Theatre. First place will be awarded \$225 while second takes \$125 and third \$50. Virginia Riddle Family will select Best Rand Park piece for \$200 purchase award. A “People’s Choice” purchase award at \$300 will be selected at the event as well.

The plein air awards is pigeonholed between two major bands at the Grand. Hear the Motown Sound of Fantasy Band at 3pm followed by the heralded Tom Petty tribute band, Free Fallin’ at 7:30pm. Tickets for the Grand Bands available at Keokuk Convention and Tourism Bureau and Hy-Vee in Keokuk, as well as FMAAA gallery in Ft. Madison.

Ft. Madison is the subject matter for the second day of competition on Sept. 23. Artists can get their canvases stamped at Art-in-Central Park in the morning and then off to paint. Finished products need to be at Art-in-Central Park for hanging at 2 p.m. for display at the event from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. next to the Microbrew BBQ.

Placements awards are the same as Keokuk with addition of four added Honorable Mention awards at \$50 each. FMAAA will award purchase award for best Rail/River scene. Due to the shorter painting day, Ft. Madison will look to offer a nocturne painting opportunity at Riverview Park after the Keokuk display for those artists interested. Art supply merchandise awards will be granted at the display time as well from sponsors Jack Richeson Fine Art Materials and Guerilla Painter to a \$500 overall level. Dr. Marie Brady Whitcanack will be the juror for both Lee County plein air sites. So if you see a plein air siting in Lee County the weekend of Sept. 22-23, smile like spotting a Bald Eagle a few years back, cause the movement is popular and spreading its wings!

FMCH welcomes more new physicians

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Pediatric Clinic at Fort Madison Community Hospital has added three new pediatricians in August.

Dr. Gary Palicka is a Board Eligible Pediatrician. He completed his Pediatric Residency training at Navicent Health Children’s Hospital in Georgia after receiving his Doctor of Medicine degree from Rush Medical College in Chicago.



PALICKA

“Medicine is a second career for me. After graduating with a Physics degree from Loyola University in Chicago, I created medical equipment software for companies including Siemens Medical Systems and Packard Instruments. During this time, I observed physicians working and wanted to contribute as a doctor. I enjoy personal interactions and find it rewarding to help people,” he said.

“It is important to have an understanding of the entire family when caring for children. Having a positive relationship with the parents while providing health care for all of the children in a family increases your ability to educate, diagnose, and treat the pediatric patient.

I feel that I connect well with my patients and their parents,” Dr. Palicka said.

When asked what advice he would like to share with parents, Dr. Palicka said, “Parents should trust their instincts; they know their children best. If you feel something is wrong, consult your pediatrician and be persistent. Your goal should be to have confidence in the health of your child. You always have options, and that could include getting a second opinion and/or seeing specialists. The health and quality of life of the child is most important.”

The clinic is also welcoming Dr. Liberty Balbort to the staff.

Dr. Balbort is a Board Certified Pediatrician who brings eight years of experience to FMCH. She was most recently employed by McDonough District Hospital in Macomb, Illinois as a General Pediatrician. Dr. Balbort completed her Pediatric Residency at Florida State University after receiving her Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Iowa Carver College Of Medicine. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the University of Notre Dame.

Dr. Balbort chose pediatrics because of the many opportunities for

making a difference in children’s lives as they grow and change. “The most rewarding part of my job is watching my patients blossom. It’s such a treat to watch infants become toddlers and then children and then adolescents. Each step has its own rewards and challenges. I love interacting with; listening to, teaching and playing with children in all stages of development - I find them to be an endless source of joy. To me, there is nothing better than making a child smile,” said Dr. Balbort.

She also appreciates the strong role parents and guardians play in their child’s good health, “parents and caregivers are the role models for children.



BALBORT

If you want your children to be healthy, you need to start making healthy choices for yourself. In addition, I encourage parents and caregivers to please be mindful of everyday choices and make your children’s health a priority. It is the small every day choices that really add up over time.”

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Quality senior assisted living
A little help goes a long way.

Making memories for tomorrow...

The Kensington is devoted to making each day special for residents and their families. Our team focuses on helping residents make the memories they want to make and help provide life residents experiences to remember!

- ~ Personalized programs and family events
- ~ Day Trips & Shopping Trips
- ~ Festival & Fair Trips
- ~ Annual Traditional Events
- ~ Friends & Family Gatherings
- ~ And so much more!

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5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

SUN 26 Aug
Light Rain
High -83.2° F | Low - 78.1° F

MON 27 Aug
Partly Cloudy
High- 87.3° F | Low - 81.3° F

TUE 28 Aug
Heavy Rain
High- 89.6° F | Low - 71.0° F

WED 29 Aug
Light Rain
High - 70.5° F | Low - 52.7° F

THU 30 Aug
Light Rain
High- 72.1° F | Low - 63.3° F

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