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ISP assault injures three staff, one inmate

Staff suffer minor injuries breaking up inmate assault

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – Three staff members were assaulted while on duty at the Iowa State Penitentiary earlier today.

Based on a preliminary review of the incident, it

appears that at 10:22 a.m. two inmates began to assault another inmate in a housing unit at the prison. It appears that the attackers had multiple sharpened objects that were being used to cut the inmate that was being attacked. Correctional officers responded to the incident immediately, but in attempting to subdue the attacking inmates, three officers suffered what appear to be minor injuries. It does not appear that the officers were cut by the attackers.

Two of the officers that were assaulted were taken via

department vehicles to the local hospital to be seen by medical professionals. The third officer was seen by institution medical personnel and returned to their post.

The inmate that was originally being assaulted was taken to the hospital via department vehicle, and is receiving medical attention at this time. His wounds appear to be non-life-threatening.

All visiting is suspended while the institution is under restricted movement.

The incident remains under investigation.

Lee County Fair kick starts Monster year

Fair president says Monster Trucks will bring WOW factor

Thursday was goat and lamb show day. The first group of the day is judged in the afternoon. At far right, kids are entertained by the ring leader of the Kent Family Circus.



BY CHUCK
VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON – It looks to be a magical Fair as tiara's were slipped on queens' heads, an emotional dedication of a new building occurred Wednesday and Monster Trucks are on their way.

The 2019 edition of the Lee County Fair is in full swing and board president Brock Westfall says it's shaping up to be a great six-days at the fairgrounds in Donnellson.

"We're happy with what we're seeing today. This is upper 80s.. it's not raining.. it's not a 100 degrees, and its July so I'm very happy with the showing today," Westfall said Wednesday after a dedication of the new Abby Denning Shelter House.

"It's been a busy day being the first day with getting signs up and everything. We even put an ice cream machine under the grandstand this year. We used it on a smaller race night and we sold \$650 that night. We probably won't be able to keep up Monster Truck night, but I think it's going to be a big hit."

He said the Monster Truck rally scheduled for



Friday is a new twist and is shaping up to be a big crowd pleaser. The world-famous Big Foot will be leaping, bounding and eating cars as part of the revved up show at the Grandstand.

"I think attendance is going up every year and we brought in the Monster Trucks this year for something to give us that WOW factor. Monster Trucks is going to be big. The communication we've had on Facebook, Messenger and the questions on this and that...it's going to be a lot of people.

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Local News/For the Record

Hutson named FMCH top employee

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison Community Hospital recognized Christopher Hutson as their May Employee of the Month. Hutson works as a Bio-Med Tech in the Maintenance Department. He has been with FMCH for seven years. Hutson was recognized with this nomination:

Positive Attitude, Commitment to Co-Workers, Morale: This employee does so much for our patients and employees beyond what their job duties really call for. They ask questions, try to gain a better understanding of why things are necessary and just cares! They volunteer their time to come to staff meetings and huddles to talk about the importance of the Foundation, which is helpful to get employee buy-in.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

From left to right, Bob Schierbrock, Director of Facilities and Shelby Burchett, COO, Chris Hutson, and Jeremy Alexander, CEO pose with Hutson's Fort Madison Community Hospital Employee of the Month plaque.

They are always willing to help. This employee took time out of their busy day to fix a wheelchair for a spinal cord injured patient. They spent time trying to fix the wheelchair that this

patient absolutely cannot live without. I am sure there are other scenarios when this employee has helped patients or employees. I also respect this employee for their interest in health and wellness. They were willing to lead a hospital department with daily stretching to help prevent injuries and welcomes employees to work out with them (even though I think we are smarter than that!) This employee is very patient and kind. They bring a calmness to the organi-

zation and rarely seem bothered or flustered. We could all learn a lot from this employee in how we view each day and life in general. "The atmosphere, you can walk down the halls and you will be greeted by everyone you meet. It's a great positive atmosphere to work in," commented Hutson on his favorite part of working at FMCH. "Everyone in the Maintenance Shop has been influential on my career but in particular, Stan Seager has really helped me."

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

7/10/19 - 7:02 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3000 block of Ave. N.
 7/10/19 - 8:03 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3400 block of Ave. L.
 7/10/19 - 2:40 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3100 block of Ave. L.
 7/10/19 - 7:22 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 100 block of Oak Dr.
 7/10/19 - 10:44 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Jessica Kim Bower, 28, of Fort Madison Iowa, on a charge of serious domestic abuse/ assault in the 1900 block of Ave. I. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 7/11/19 - 2:10 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Jerry Lee Allen Jr., 55, of Fort Madison, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance

in the 1500 block of Ave. H. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 7/11/19 - 4:58 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Brandon Beau Shane Franklin, 29, of Fort Madison, on a charge of driving under suspension in the 1500 block of 53rd St. He was released upon citation

Lee County Sheriff's Report

7/10/19 - 7:50 a.m. - A member of the Lee County Sheriff's Department arrested Anthony Leroy Bernard, 29, of Donnellson, IA on a warrant for violation of parole at the Sheriff's Office. He was held in custody.
 7/10/19 - 10:38 a.m. - A member of the Lee County Sheriff's Department arrested Sean Lewis Rambow, 18, of Burlington, IA on a warrant for violation of parole at the Sheriff's office. He was held in custody.
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Area News

Chapmans to lead free theater camp in Fairfield

FAIRFIELD – Two local favorites Allen and Anne Chapman will be leading the Fairfield Evelyn Gamrath's Summer Camp at the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center and Sondheim Theater.

Russ Lippencott, the director the center and theater said camp was awarded a grant to increase the accessibility of the theater camp for youth across Southeast Iowa.

The \$10,000 grant provided by the Iowa Arts Council, a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, and the National Endowment for the Arts, will provide the funding for up to 75 youth, ages, 8 – 14 years, to attend the theater camp at no cost July 15 – 20.

"We are excited to receive the Arts Program grant, as it opens up this great opportunity to more youth," Lippencott said. "With camp scheduled to start next week, we hope our message of no cost to the youth or their families will reach all interested youth and we will see them at camp. There are no income requirements or financial assistance applications to complete as the grant applies to all youth between 8 and 14 years of age.

Following four successful years of summer camp, the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center is excited for the fifth annual Evelyn Gamrath's Summer Theater Camp, Play Ball: Take Me Out to the Sondheim, Monday, July 15 through Friday, July 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and free performance Saturday, July 20 at 3 p.m. on the Sondheim stage. Students 8 yrs. through 14 yrs. old are invited to celebrate with song and dance as we hit the ball out of the park with a baseball and softball theme this year. The camp is split into two parts by age with 8 – 10 year olds attending camp from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 11 – 14 year olds attending from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. All campers will enjoy a complimentary lunch from the Fairfield Community School District from 12 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

"It is a great honor for our theater camp to be recognized by the peer review committee, the Arts Council and the Department of Cultural Affairs," said Lippencott. "We are required to match the \$10,000 in camp expenses. We will be working through the guidelines of the

grant and be offering refunds to the campers whom have registered for the camp once the grant has been fulfilled. We will offer parents and guardians the opportunity to convert their registration payment to a donation to the camp."

Danville's Vicki Jacobsen, music director and Lynn Jacobsen, stage director, will join Allen Chapman as camp director and Anne Chapman as choreography director at the summer camp.

"This is going to be an unbelievable experience for the students," Lippencott said. "We have assembled the best educators we possibly could have put together for this camp...call it the 'who's who' of Iowa High School vocal and show choir educators. What an extraordinary opportunity for the kids to be with these educators for an entire week."

The "coaches" for our baseball themed theater camp are led by Allen Chapman, a 40-year vocal music educator from elementary through college. Vicki Jacobsen returns as the music director. Vicki spent 32 years leading the vocal music at Danville Community Schools. Anne Chapman, daughter of Allen returns as the choreographer, a role she has at numerous camps and schools, as well as adjudicator and clinician, guest speaker at competitions across the country. Lynn Jacobsen returns to the camp as the stage director assisting with theme development, costumes and props and general performance skills. Lynn is a member of the Iowa High School Speech Hall of Fame and led Danville students to the All-State Speech Festival

The Summer Camp at the Sondheim is made possible by the support of Wayne & Nan Kocourek, Everybody's Whole Foods, Jefferson County Farm Bureau, and Fairfield Community School District.

The Summer Camp at the Sondheim is named in honor of Evelyn Gamrath, wife of Bob Gamrath and mother of Bob Gamrath, Jr., Kathryn Carpenter, Nan Kocourek and Tom Gamrath. Evelyn Gamrath was a long-time junior high choral director, collegiate and church choral director, and had a passion to teach

children and instill in them love for the arts.

Visit www.FairfieldACC.com or call 641-472-2000 to register for the Evelyn Gamrath's Summer Camp at the Sondheim. www.FairfieldACC.com.

"It's going to be an exciting week, Monday through performance day," said Lippencott. "We are staging a full length performance together in one week and the stars are 8 – 14 year olds, it will be a lot of fun, the kids will learn from some of the best choir and show choir educators in the country and perform under the Sondheim stage lights."

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Ag News/Weather

USDA to issue payments on Dairy Margin Coverage

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) opened enrollment for the Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) program on June 17 and has started issuing payments to producers who purchased coverage. Producers can enroll through Sept. 20, 2019.

"Times have been especially tough for dairy farmers, and while we hope producers' margins will increase, the Dairy Margin Coverage program is providing support at a critical time for many in the industry," said Bill Northey, USDA Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation. "With lower premiums and higher levels of assistance than previous programs, DMC is already proving to be a good option for a lot of dairy producers across the country. USDA is committed to efficiently implementing the safety net programs in the 2018 Farm Bill and helping producers deal with the challenges of the ever-changing farm economy."

Authorized by the 2018 Farm Bill, DMC replaces the Margin Protection Program for Dairy (MPP-Dairy). The program offers protection to dairy producers when the

difference between the all-milk price and the average feed cost (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer. To date, nearly 10,000 operations have signed up for the new program, and FSA has begun paying approximately \$100 million to producers for January through May.

DMC provides coverage retroactive to January 1, 2019, with applicable payments following soon after enrollment.

The May 2019 income over feed cost margin was \$9.00 per hundredweight (cwt.), triggering the fifth payment for eligible dairy producers who purchase the \$9.50 level of coverage under DMC. Payments for January, February, March and April also were triggered.

With the 50 percent hay blend, FSA's revised April 2019 income over feed cost margin is \$8.82 per cwt. The revised margins for January, February and March are,

respectively, \$7.71, \$7.91 and \$8.66.

Dairy producers can choose coverage levels from \$4 up to \$9.50 at the time of signup. More than 98 percent of the producers currently enrolled have elected \$9.50 coverage on up to 95 percent of their production history.

On December 20, 2018, President Trump signed into law the 2018 Farm Bill, which provides support, certainty and stability to our nation's farmers, ranchers and land stewards by enhancing farm support programs, improving crop insurance, maintaining disaster programs and promoting and supporting voluntary conservation. FSA is committed to implementing these changes as quickly and effectively as possible, and today's updates are part of meeting that goal.

For more information, visit farmers.gov DMC webpage or contact your local USDA service center. To locate your local FSA office, visit farmers.gov/service-locator.

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FRI 12 July



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SAT 13 July



Clear Skies
High – 83.4° F | Low – 71.5° F

SUN 14 July



Clear Skies
High – 84.8° F | Low – 72.6° F

MON 15 July



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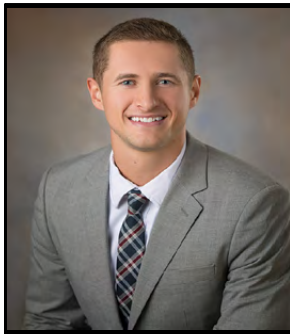
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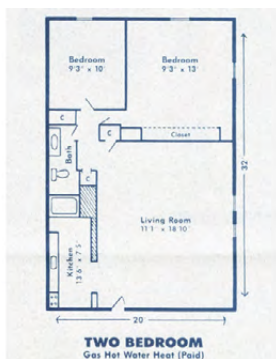
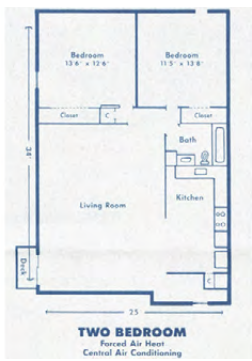
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From the Front

Fair gives goats and sheep \$25K pen facelift

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Wednesday night featured the crowning of the queens, and the Little Miss and Little Mr. Lee County Fair. It was also the third year Iowa Harness Racing entertained fans with excitement and wagering.

Westfall said 400 to 500 people were in the stands ready for the Harness racing. He said more than 250 people had gone in for fish and third annual kick-off fish fry.

The carnival was also back for the fifth year and fair goers were already on rides at 5 p.m. when the carnival opened.

He said livestock numbers are up again this year and the fair board put some money behind that effort as well. The fair put in new pens for sheep and goats on the west side of that barn and cut new entrances and exits for the building.

“Our livestock numbers just get bigger and bigger every year. We just spent \$25,000 on goat and sheep pens. We bought the metal locally and Mt. Pleasant Penitentiary they built all of them for \$2,200 and then we took them to Illinois to get galvanized dipped,” he said.

Westfall said the Fair made money last year and the board always tries to put it back somewhere. The year before was the showbarn roof and surround sound equipment were both upgraded, but he said it’s the 18-member fair board that keeps things growing

“We have four getting off this year from a 3-year term. We do one meeting a month. Not a lot of work, but everyone has their areas. I do want to give a shout out to Brian Bredemeyer. That guy works his butt off. He’s my go to guy and if I need something done, he gets it done.”

The board is extra busy this year with the addition of RAGBRAI riders landing in the area this month. Westfall said more than 70 volunteers have been lined up to assist with the “Small Town – Big Dill” promotion where the Fair Board will sell pickle sandwiches with a dill pickle cut in half on a hamburger or cheeseburger.

The board is also gearing up for it’s annual Night of Mayhem at the Pepsi Lee County Speedway feature a Figure 8 race. All the funds from the RAGBRAI event will go toward the Grand Stand renovation project.

He said volunteers are planning on selling 1,500 pickle sandwiches and the fourth year president, will be on hand in his pickle costume.

Westfall is in his sixth year on the board. He said he’s reupping for three more years on the board and probably will serve one more year as the president.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Kenny’s Funland Carnival was abuzz Wednesday evening with Lee County Fair-goers. The carnival will run each day of the fair through Saturday with \$25 arm bands providing unlimited fun.

Wednesday night evening festivities kicked off with the pageant contests where new royalty was crowned. Brooklyn Pardall, daughter of Eric and Stacy Pardall of West Point was named 2019 Lee County Fair Queen. She was also awarded the Brownfield Ag Network/KILJ Radio award along with Kyle Bredemeyer.

Pardall said being the queen is not just about looking pretty and wearing a crown, it’s about being a role model and educating others about important topics in our area.

Claire Holtkamp, was 1st runner up, Jenna Wenke was 2nd runner-up and Abby Dingman was named Miss Congeniality.

Little Mr. and Little Miss contestants were also drawn and Avery Hopp was named Little Miss Lee County Fair and Aiden McDowell was named Little Mr. Lee County Fair.

The 2019 Lee County Fair Junior Queen was won by Sidney Gruntmeir and Caralena Crooks was named 1st runner-up.


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