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Photo courtesy of Veronica Weeks

Fort Madison's Jacob Mohrfeld prepares for a turn in one of his races Saturday at the YMCA State Swim meet. Mohrfeld won three events and set a new YMCA state record in the 50 breaststroke.

Mohrfeld sets new state YMCA swim mark

Sailfish junior wins three events; Gobble, Dixon also top 5

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison's Jacob Mohrfeld took three titles and set a state YMCA record over the weekend.

Mohrfeld's just a couple weeks out from placing at the Iowa High School Swim meet where he took 5th place among the state's best in the 100-yard breaststroke.

The 16-year-old junior from Holy Trinity Catholic set the new state mark in the 50-meter breaststroke with a time of 27.93 in the 15-21 age group, a full three seconds in front of the second place swimmer.

He also took the title in the 100 breast at 1:00.88 and the 200 breast at 2:17.66.

Kadence Gobble captured a third-place finish with

“
Next year, if I decide to do Y again, it will be my last year. But if I do, my goal will be to break that mark and maybe set other records in the other events.”

–Jacob Mohrfeld
YMCA state champion

a time of 38:05 for another top five finish for the Fort Madison YMCA Sailfish.

Mohrfeld said his goal was to win his three events and set at least one state record. He accomplished all those feats. He knows his times well, because at the IHSAA meet two weeks ago he said he wanted a top

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Region XII artists win awards

FMAAA hosts annual judging for eight county competition

BY BRIAN RIGGS
Fort Madison Area Artists Association

FORT MADISON - Ft. Madison Area Arts Association is the host gallery this year for the Region XII competition.

Artists that are members of the Iowa Artists Group, founded in 1970 by Jack Olds of IA Arts Council, competed with blue ribbon winners having the opportunity to advance to the state competition in May in Ames. Participants had to be 18 years of age and all mediums were fair game except digital images and photography.

There are 12 regions in Iowa and this territory is Region XII comprised of Lee, Des Moines, Louisa, Henry, Jefferson, Muscatine, Washington, and Van Buren counties. A reception for the public will occur March 9th from 2-4pm. HyVee of Ft. Madison is the sponsor for the exhibition.

A first, second, and third place ribbons are awarded for every 10 participants in the regional. Honorable mentions were at the juror's discretion.

The juror this year was former Ft. Madisonian, Tim Van Ginkel of Iowa City. Margaret Ertz and Cathryn Layer are the coordinators for Region XII.

There are over 60 works in the exhibition and the

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Drug Task force gets two Lee County men

PCC STAFF

LEE COUNTY – The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of Christopher Farnett of St. Paul IA, and Brett Montgomery of Fort Madison IA on felony drug charges.



FARNETT

Christopher Farnett, 40, of St. Paul, Iowa was arrested on February 28th, 2019 in West Point IA by the Lee County Sheriff's Office. Farnett is charged with aiding and abetting to the delivery of more than five grams of methamphetamine within 1000 feet of a public park, class B felony. If convicted Farnett faces up to 30 years in a state correctional facility.

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CURRENT-LEE

FORT MADISON – The following is a list of events and happenings going on in Fort Madison as submitted to the Pen City Current.

Community Blood Drives

A blood drive will be held at the Fort Madison Public Library from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday March 8. Lincoln Elementary will be the site of a blood drive on Thursday, March 21, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Call the blood center at 800-747-5401 ext. 1281 to donate.

YMCA Little Tykes Spring Soccer

Registration is currently underway for the 2019 season, which runs March 26 – May 2. Registration deadline is March 10 for regular fees of \$20 for members, \$40 for non-members. From March 11-17th participants can register but fees are \$10 higher. Volunteer coaches are needed. Call the YMCA at 319-372-2403 for more information.

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United Way Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser

The United Way of the Great River Region is hosting its 9th annual Spaghetti Dinner at the Hawkeye Restaurant on March 11. Carry out or dine-in options available. Serving times are from 5 p.m. to 6:30, and 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information contact Director Karen Thie at 319-524-4504.

Senior Community BINGO at The Kensington

Each month on the second Wednesday of the month, The Kensington hosts Senior Community BINGO at 2 p.m. in their dining room at 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. All seniors are welcome and cash prizes are awarded.

St. Patrick's Day celebration

The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce will be holding a St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 16 including a parade, games, music and fun. Parade entry forms are available by contact the Chamber at 319-372-5471.

Fort Madison YMCA's Shamrocked 2019

The 2nd annual Shamrocked will be held on March 16 starting at 8 a.m. with a free-will donation pancake breakfast, followed by a Bike & Brew after the St. Patrick's Holiday Parade. For more information, contact the YMCA at 372-2403.

ISU Extension Estate Planning

Iowa State University Outreach and Extension will hold an estate planning session on March 19th at 6 p.m. at the extension office in Donnellson. The session is \$20 per person and registration can be done by contact Whitney Weisinger at 319-835-5116. Deadline is March 15..

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

The Fort Madison High School Music Department will be presenting its annual Dinner Theater on March 22-23. Doors open at 6 p.m with the show beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets available at Dana Bushong's at 805 Avenue G.

Step into Iowa History

A presentation on prisoner of war camps in Iowa during World War 11 will be held on Tuesday, March 26, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fort Madison Public Library. Linda McCann will be presenting.

Pen City Current will list your event in this highly visible CURRENT-LEE section in increments of 25 words for \$15. Add a photo for \$5. Non-profit organizations are eligible for the reduced rate of \$10 per 25 words and \$3 per photo. To place your listing, click here or call Lee at (319)371.4125.

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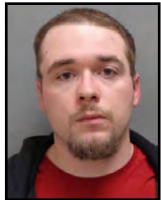
Lending a hand

Jeremy Swink judged Iowa DECA's Sports and Entertainment Marketing Team Decision Making event videos to help the Fort Madison DECA chapter due to the State Career Development Conference cancellation. DECA members were allowed to videotape their role-play presentations to Iowa DECA for judging.

Fort Madison man charged with delivery of MDMA

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In an unrelated case, Brett A. Montgomery was arrested on March 3rd, 2019 by the Keokuk Police Department. Montgomery is charged with delivery of less than 5 grams of MDMA (methylenedioxy-methamphetamine, a class C felony. If convicted Montgomery faces up to 10 years in a state correctional facility.



MONTGOMERY

The arrest of Montgomery and Farnett stems from an investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force into allegations that they were involved in the distribution of illegal drugs in the Lee County area.

The Lee County Attorney's Office, Lee County Sheriff's Office, Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, and the Keokuk Police Department assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation.

The defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

The Lee County Narcotics Task Force is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Justice and the funds administered by the Iowa Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy.

OBITUARIES

DEBORAH LEE (HOVIS) HELLMAN

Deborah Lee (Hovis) Hellman, 64 years, of West Burlington and formerly of Houghton, Iowa died at 8:03 pm Sunday, March 3, 2019 at the Klein Center, West Burlington. She was born May 23, 1954 in Missouri, a daughter of Clifford and Wanda (Pierce) Hovis. She married Fred Hellman. They later divorced.



HELLMAN

Deb was a 1972 graduate of Bloomfield High School in Bloomfield, Missouri. She worked in advertising for the Daily Democrat, West Point Bee, Donnellson Star, and KOKX radio. She enjoyed doing crafts. She was of the Catholic Faith. She loved her family, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by three sons: James Birkner of O'Fallon, Missouri; Andrew (Angela) Hellman of Houghton, Iowa; and Adam (Lisa) Hellman of Holts Summit, Missouri; one daughter, Ashley (Jeremy) Norris of Iowa City, Iowa; six grandchildren: Erin, Alesha, Alex, Ayden, Sophia, and Sawyer; one great grandson, Oliver; her step father, Clinton (Laverne) Kelly of Dexter, Missouri; cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents.

Her family will greet friends from 9:00 - 10:00 am Saturday, March 9, 2019 at the Klein Center, West Burlington, Iowa. Mass of Christian Burial will follow and begin at 10:00 am Saturday at the Klein Center, Iowa with Reverend Marty Goetz as Celebrant. Burial will be at a later date. A memorial has been, contributions may be left at the Barr Memorial Chapel. Online condolences to the family may be made at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

TONY MIENSMA

Tony Miensma, 62, of Wever passed away at 3:01 PM on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. He was born on July 26, 1956 in Morrison, IL to Harvey and Clara Rus Miensma. Tony owned and operated Teledig. He was a state champion barrel racer and bull rider. Tony loved football, fishing and all types of cars.



MIENSMA

Survivors include his companion, Dallas Chaplin of Wever; three step daughters, Deedra (Daniel) Linnenbrink of New London, Mariah (Chip) Van Hyning of Denmark and Darby (Joey Schier) of Ft. Madison; grandchildren, Korah, Kolt, Joanna and Makenna; three sisters, Judy (Larry) Tiesman of Albany, IL, Linda (Richard) Schipper of Fulton, IL and Tami (Joey) Hornick of Tennessee; one brother, Dennis Miensma of Albany, IL; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held at 11 AM on Friday, March 8, 2019 at the First Christian Church with Jeff Metcalf officiating. The family will meet with friends from 10-11 AM at the church. Burial will follow at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in his memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.



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Kindergarten Kick-Off

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Kindergarten Round-Up Day

- Friday, March 8th at HTC Elementary in West Point
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Celebrations/From the Front

Celebrations

MADALINE KATE MENKE

SALEM – Mr. and Mrs. Alan and Jessica Menke, of Salem, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Madaline Kate Menke, on Feb. 28, 2019 at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Madaline is joined at home by Emma, Nicholas, Addison, and Jillian.

Grandparents are Dorn Luder of Dallas City and Sally Luder (deceased); and Albert and Mary Menke of Salem.

Great-grandparent is Delores Shoemate (deceased).

Pen City Current congratulates the family on this wonderful news.

OLIVER MORRIS

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – Mr. and Mrs. Devin and Kayla Morris are proud to announce the birth of their son Oliver Morris on Feb. 19, 2019 at Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, N.C.

Grandparents are Chris and Connie Hudson of Montrose; Charity and Tom Newville of Irons, Mich.; and Daron and Karen Morris of Belding, Mich.

Pen City Current congratulates the family on this wonderful news. MORRIS



Pen City Current Celebrations policy

The Current runs birth announcements, wedding anniversary announcements, and other milestones at no charge to individuals and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. Announcements can be submitted online here: <https://www.pencitycurrent.com/submissions/> or by email to editor@pencitycurrent.com.



Fort Madison's Mary Scott won a second-place ribbon with "Ordinary Girl" above. Below are some of the Region XII 1st place winners.



FM's Kirby, Scott earn art ribbons

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first task was to hang works while more were coming into the scene. This hanger was thankful for assist by Carlene Atwater to set the stage.

As the region held their meeting on the Member Artist Gallery side, the juror was able to get acclimated to the environment. Then Tim Van Ginkel gave a demonstration of book binding for the Region XII artists, which was a very cool presentation. When the artists broke for lunch the ribbons were awarded. Upon their return Tim gave a critique of the ribbon winners and individual critique for any artist wishing feedback on their work.

Earning ribbons at the competition were:

First Place Ribbons: Kathleen Almelien of Washington, Jessica Kirby of Ft. Madison takes 2, Jason Davis of Burlington, Carol Gunn of Bonaparte, Care Connet of Fairfield. First Place in 3D division went to Carol Keller-Hein of Letts, IA. She also won the admiration of her peers with People's Choice Award with it as well. Second Place Ribbons: Kathleen Almelien, Mary Scott of Ft. Madison, Care Connet, Ann Porter of Mt. Pleasant, Kryseth of Fairfield, and Christal Arthur of Columbus Junction. Ron Deen of West Burlington took 2nd in 3D. Third Place Ribbons: Christine Laue of Burlington, Carol Gunn, Jane Shank and JoAnne Worley of Washington, Barry Ross and Cindy Ballou of Fairfield. Curt Swarm of Mt. Pleasant won 3rd in 3D. Honorable Mentions went to John Carlson of Burlington, Jane Shank, and Jason Davis. Viewing available all month for another memorable feature in Ft. Madison!

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United Way of the Great River Region

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Lee County, Iowa
Board of Supervisors
Agenda
DATE: TUESDAY,
March 5, 2019
MEETING
CONVENING TIME:
9:00 A.M.
LOCATION:
Correctional Center
2530 255th Street,
Montrose, IA

Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Agenda
Approve Tuesday, February 26, 2019 Board Minutes
Consider Approval of Claims
Public Input
Consider Approval of Second Reading of ATV /UTV Ordinance for Lee County
Consider Approval of Road Rock Contract with Cessford Construction Company
Consider Approval of Rate for Argyle RUSS Sanitary Sewer Users
Approve Preliminary Budget and Set Public Hearing for Argyle Sanitary District Budget
Consider Approval of

Fiscal Agent Agreement with Green Bay Levy and Drainage District
Personnel Action:
A. New Hire-Assessors Board of Review Reports:
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15. Ability to maintain a large filing system of current and closed files.
16. Must be able to travel to North Lee County Office and/or courthouse on occasion.

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The deadline for submitting a resume is March 11, 2019

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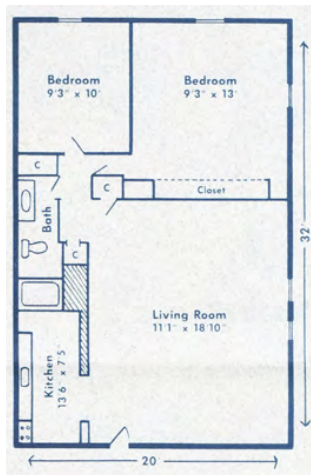
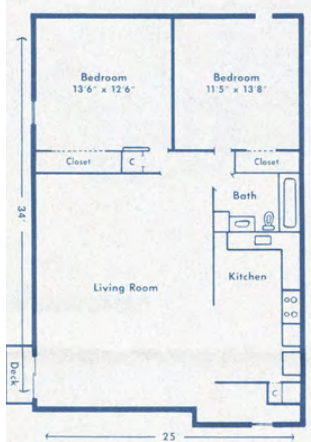


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From the Front/Weather

Sailfish bring home hardware from state meet

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five finish in the 100 and he finished 5th.

He said his confidence is much higher at the YMCA events, but as he gets older, he prefers the competition at the high school level.

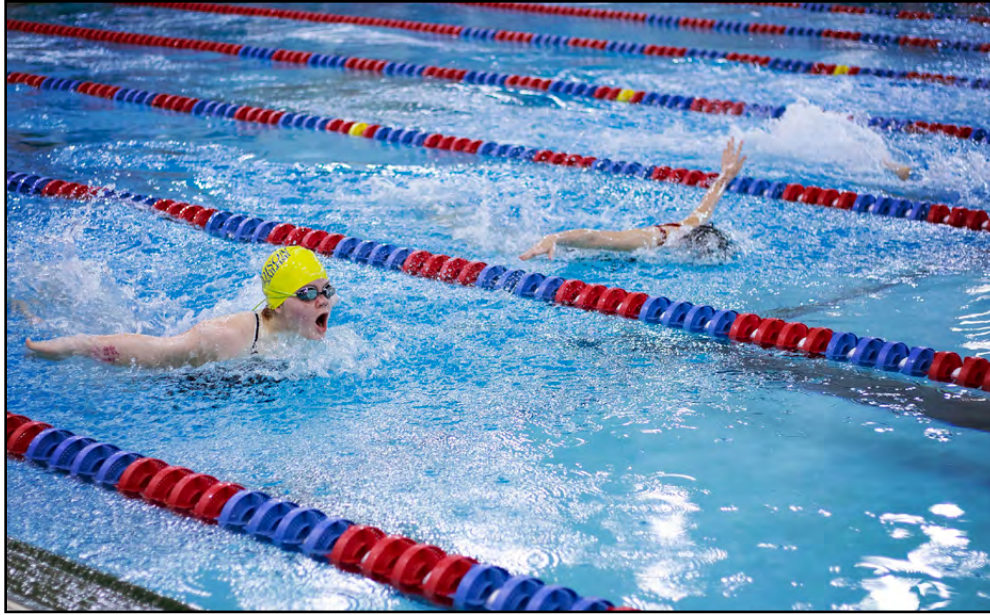
"I feel more confident at YMCA, but I like the high school competition better. I have a better feeling there. After each event, they call names individually and you get a podium," he said.

He's not sure if he's going to continue to swim YMCA level or move to more involvement with the Eastern Iowa USA team out of Cedar Rapids.

"They have a group in Burlington that is associated with the same team out of Cedar Rapids and I've been training with them," he said.

"It's new to Burlington and it's a pretty good team. I haven't competed yet, but I've trained with them in the past and, once I'm done with the Y, I may do more with them."

But Mohrfeld said he hasn't decided yet which direction he will go next year.



Courtesy photo

Kadence Gobble is in midstroke during the 50 fly at this weekend's state YMCA swim meet. Gobble took 3rd in the event and also had a fifth-place finish on the day.

"The YMCA allows you to swim until you're 21, but most kids don't swim Y after high school. Next year, if I decide to do Y again, it will be my last year, but if I do, my goal will be to break that mark and maybe set other records in the other events."

He's been swimming with the YMCA since he was five and has been competing at events around the state since he was six years old.

Other top finishes of note include Gobble's 5th in the 50 Free with a time of 32.69; and 10th in the

200M Free Relay with a time of 2:22.78.

Brynlee Dixon (8) placed 4th in the 25 Free with a time of 16.60; placed 7th in the 50 Free with a time of 38.16; placed 8th in the 25 Breast with a time of 24.82; and placed 10th in the 200M Free Relay with a time of 2:22.78.

Olivia Kraus (12) placed 5th in the 50 Back with the time of 33.26; placed 16th in the 100 Free with the time of 1:05.87; and placed 6th in the 100 Back with the time of 1:14.43.

Abigail (Abby) Steffens-

meier (9) placed 10th in the 50 Breast with a time of 43.97; placed 10th in the 100 Breast with a time of 1:37.61; and placed 10th in the 200M Free Relay with a time of 2:22.78.

Isabella Patton (10) placed 10th in the 200M Free Relay with a time of 2:22.78.

Max Dixon (8) placed 16th in the 25 fly with a time of 23.21.

Karson Dixon (11) placed 18th in the 50 breast with a time of 41.66 and placed 15th in the 100 breast with a time of 1:31.89.

Three area lowans arrested in Illinois on drug charges

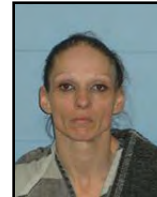
WARSAW - On March 4, 2019 at 1:55pm, a Hancock County Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a Blue 2002 Dodge pick up, at the intersection of 6th Street and Jackson Street, in Warsaw, Hancock County, Illinois.



SPARROW

As a result of the traffic stop all three occupants in the vehicle were arrested. A subsequent search of the occupants resulted in the recovery of Methamphetamine, Controlled Substances, and Drug Paraphernalia.

-Adam M. Sparrow, 37 years old, from Keokuk, Iowa, was placed under arrest for two outstanding arrest warrants from Hancock County, Illinois and Henry County, Iowa. Sparrow was further charged with Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute under 5 grams.



Br. GREER

Brooke L. Greer, 33 years old, Farmington, Iowa, was placed under arrest for an outstanding arrest warrant from McDonough County, Illinois. Greer was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute under 5 grams. Greer was also charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance.



Be. GREER

Belinda L. Greer, 52 years old, Farmington, Iowa, was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute under 5 grams.

All three were lodged in Hancock County Jail, pending setting of bond on the new charges. All are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Hancock County Sheriff's Office was assisted by Hamilton Police Department.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

TUE 05 Mar



Light Snow
High- 15.4° F | Low - 2.9° F

WED 06 Mar



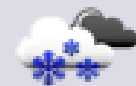
Light Snow
High- 20.0° F | Low - 17.6° F

THU 07 Mar



Snow
High- 22.9° F | Low - 20.4° F

FRI 08 Mar



Light Snow
High- 26.5° F | Low - 17.4° F

SAT 09 Mar



Snow
High- 27.9° F | Low - 14.9° F

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