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FM Partners kicks off 2018 fireworks campaign

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison Partners is gearing up for its annual Fourth of July fireworks presentation and this year is looking for \$20,000 to help give Fort Madison a spectacular holiday display.

This year marks the tenth year that Partners, the combined efforts of the Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development, Main Street, and FMSIRRC, will coordinate the event. Partners Executive director, Tim Gobble said the group is excited to continue to offer the area's finest fireworks show as it reflects off the mighty Mississippi.

"And, yes, the fireworks will once again be shot off

from Riverview Park, allowing the community to enjoy a wonderful display right on the river," he said.

Approximately \$20,000 is needed each year just for the fireworks alone, not counting any additional event expenses.

"It takes the work of many to create this spectacular celebration, and we are hopeful that you will be able to help by making a financial contribution. The fireworks display depends on this type of support, and we are asking you to make your contribution, no matter how big or small. We encourage each individual or business to please consider contributing to help make 2018's fireworks display the best it can be," Gobble said.

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This year's firework display is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, July 4th in Riverview Park (weather permitting as well as seasonal flooding of the park which would cause the event will be rescheduled). There will be a rain date, should we need it, for July 5th.



Shottenkirk gives to Elliott Test Kitchen

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Greg Shottenkirk of Shottenkirk Automotive Group presents a check for \$10,000 to Kumar Wickramasingha of Elliott Test Kitchen Tuesday afternoon. Funds from the donation will be used to help further academic and culinary programming at the facility located at 807 Avenue G in Fort Madison.

Police looking into Sunday morning shooting

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison police are looking into a shooting that took place early Sunday morning in the 1700 block of Avenue D in Fort Madison.

According to Police Chief Tim Sittig, seven shell casings were found at the scene and "more than one" slug was pulled from a residence.

Sittig said police are actively pursuing suspects, but he said the case may take time to unfold as all the evidence will be sent to the state crime lab in Ankeny, coupled with the fact that no one was awake at the time of the shooting, no suspect or vehicle descriptions are available.

"This one's gonna be tough because no one was awake, not even the lady at the residence that was shot at," Sittig said. "We'll have to send all the evidence to Ankeny and when they get caught up with their back log of cases and get to ours, we'll have some information."

Sittig put out a press release Wednesday afternoon, that indicated on Sunday May 27th 2018 at approximately 4:58 am Fort Madison Police were advised of a report of possible shots fired in the area of 1700 block of Ave. E. Responding officers checked the area and did not see any vehicles leaving the area or any sign of damage or injuries.

At 7:33 am on the same day police were advised
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Parsons, Peterson nominated for judicial vacancy

BY PCC STAFF

BURLINGTON - Two Lee County attorneys have been eliminated from consideration for a judgeship in the Iowa 8B Judicial District after

interviews conducted on Wednesday in Burlington.

According to a press release from Judge Mary Ann Brown, Chairperson of the 8B Judicial Nominating Commission, the Commission met and has

submitted Adam Parson, an attorney with the Louisa County Attorney's office, and Wyatt Peterson a Winfield attorney in the Henry County Attorney's office, to Governor Kim Reynolds' office for ap-

pointment.

Reynolds will appoint one of the two to take the position that was vacated with the retirement of District Judge John Linn in December, within the

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Opinion/Scene Around Town



Courtesy photo

The Fort Madison Student Government raised \$100.00 for the American Cancer Society. Pictured is Maddie Sadler, President of Student Government, Angie Budnik, Community Relations Director for Fort Madison Community Hospital, and Katie Larson, Vice President of Student Government.

Iowa DNR responds to drowning

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa – The Iowa Department of Natural Resources responded to an apparent drowning at Lake Manawa on Monday, May 28, 2018.

The drowning happened in the swimming area near the Lake Manawa beach around 1:15pm, when Edgar Gregorio Loarca Garcia, 16, of Omaha, Nebraska went under the water and did not resurface. It is believed that Garcia was a non-experienced swimmer.

This death does not appear to be suspicious, and an autopsy will be conducted on Garcia. The swimming area at the Lake Manawa beach will likely be closed for the remainder of the week.

The investigation into this apparent drowning continues. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources Parks Bureau and Law Enforcement Bureau were assisted by the Council Bluffs Fire Department, Omaha Fire Department Dive Team, Iowa State Patrol, Council Bluffs Police Department and Pottawattamie County Medical Examiner's Office.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police report

05/29/18 - 10:49 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 5400 block of Avenue O.
 05/29/18 - 11:07 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 600 block of Ninth Street.
 05/29/18 - 11:16 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny theft reported at the police station.
 05/29/18 - 12:42 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to

a report of a larceny/theft in the 3500 block of Avenue Q.
 05/29/18 - 3:26 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft reported at the police station.
 05/29/18 - 6:47 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 5200 block of River Valley Road.
 05/29/18 - 6:48 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 300 block of Ninth Street.
 05/30/18 - 7:41 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property

damage accident in the 3000 block of Avenue C.

Lee County Sheriff's report

05/29/18 - 8:30 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Lisa Marie Johnson, 30, of Fort Madison at the sheriff's office, on a charge of violation of probation. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report

05/29/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to four medical calls.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Morawitz best choice for Iowans

Letter to the Editor:

This letter is to show support of Bob Morawitz, Democratic candidate for the Iowa House. Bob has proven himself to put the constituents he is representing first, making sure their voices are heard. During his run for Council, Bob made a point to be out in front of the people- knocking on doors and listening to what their concerns are. He is doing the same thing now- knocking on doors throughout District 83 to get a better understanding as to what Lee County needs him to take to the State to work on for them. He is a dedicated man when it comes to making sure things are done right- which is what is best for Iowans. Bob has worked hard during his career as an electrician, has worked hard for his family and civic group, and I feel he will put that same energy into representing Lee County and District 83 in Des Moines.

I encourage people to get out and vote for the primary election on June 5th.

Tim Gobble
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HTC boys rally for win over Lone Tree

Jason Thurman goes 4-5 and gets the win in relief

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LONE TREE - Back to back singles by Collin Thornton and Vasin Thurman with two outs in the top of the eighth inning set the stage for Zander Schwiess' two-run single to give Holy Trinity a win over Lone Tree on the road Thursday night.

With the teams tied at seven going into the extra eighth inning, Garrett Hannum led off with a walk on four straight balls and reached second on an error. Quentin Schneider then struck out and Jason Thurman walked to put runners at first and second.

Sophomore Reed Fehseke then reached on a fielder's choice to short, and Thurman was thrown out at second leaving Fehseke at first and Hannum at third.

Thornton then laced a single to left to score Hannum and move Fehseke to second. Vasin Thurman then followed with a bloop into right field that plated Fehseke to give HTC a 9-7 advantage. Thornton moved to second on the play.

Kadin Medland then drew a 5-pitch walk to load the bases and Zander Schwiess singled to deep left scoring Thornton and Thurman. Medland was thrown out at the plate trying to make it all the way around from first,

leaving the Crusaders up 11 to 7.

Lone Tree was able to get one of the runs back in the bottom of the eighth. Avery Knock led off with a double and advanced to third on an errant throw in from the outfield. He scored on a ground out to short and then Jason Thurman got a strike out and a ground out to third to button up the game.

The Crusaders have only scored two runs in the first four innings all season, scoring most of their runs in the last two or three innings. They put up all 11 runs after the fourth inning Tuesday night.

Hannum started his first game as a varsity player and went 2 2/3 innings giving up four runs all earned on two hits and struck out four.

Reed Fehseke came in in relief in the third and struck out four in two innings of work giving up one run. Fehseke has 17 strikeouts in just over eight innings of work, averaging more than two per inning for the Crusaders. For the season he's carrying a 0.81 ERA mostly in relief duty.

Kyle Bredemeyer relieved Fehseke in the fifth and gave up two runs, both earned in one inning. Thurman came in the 6th and pitched the last three innings for the win.

"Garrett Hannum did an excellent job in his first varsity start on the mound," Head Coach Albert Schin-stock said. "Reed, Kyle and Jason all did a great job coming in in relief and mixing up their pitches, keeping the batters off-balance. It's great to see so many of these

kids stepping up and making big plays."

Thurman also led the Crusaders at the plate going 4-for-5 with a double and an RBI. Vason Thurman had four RBIs. Schwiess and Thornton both had two hits in the win.

The Crusaders are 2-3 on the season and play host to New London on Thursday night with a 7 p.m. start time.

HTC advances in girls soccer regional

BY PCC STAFF

WEST POINT - The Holy Trinity Catholic girls soccer team needed three goals in the second period to get past Columbus Junction in the first round of Region 8 district soccer Tuesday night at South Park.

The Wildcats only got two shots on the night, but freshman Aaliyah Santos made one count against the Crusaders' netkeeper Sam Pothitakis in the first

half to take a 1-0 lead going into the break.

The Crusaders kept the ball on their half of the pitch for most of the game, but had trouble combining for offensive production in the first half. However, Taylor Boeding and Claire Pothitakis got things going for HTC in the second when Pothitakis fired a shot at the back side of the goal that was deflected out by Columbus' Liana Sweezer, and Boeding cleaned it up with a tap in from the other side to tie the game at one.

Senior Maya Rashid put a shot into the top of the net after some combination work with Kayleigh Biegler through the Wildcat defense to put the Crusaders up 2-1. The Crusaders got their final goal from Elyse Pothitakis after receiving a pass from Nicole Pothitakis and placed the ball just outside the reach of Sweezer for the 3-1 lead and final score.

Head Coach Michael Sheerin pointed to Emily Box's defense, short passing and "thunderous" long throw-ins. Box was named player of the game by the Crusaders. HTC had two shots, but nine shots on goal on the night, two each by Boeding and Maya Rashid.

"Despite the heat the girls really had the lions share of possession and shots on goal. Sam Pothitakis was rarely tested making two stops as field player and only once into her hands," Sheerin said.

The girls play Mediapolis on Friday beginning a 6 p.m. at South Park. Mediapolis downed West Liberty 2-1 in West Liberty Tuesday night. The winner will face the winner of the Davenport Assumption/Marquette Catholic contest in Davenport on Monday at 6 p.m. The Crusaders have one six of their last seven and have not faced Mediapolis this year.

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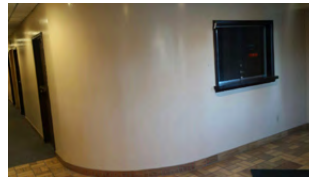
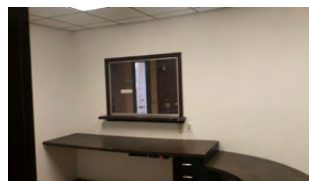
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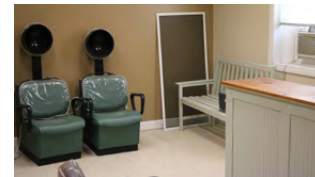
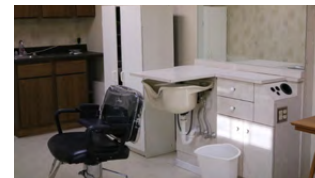


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Other attorneys included Amy K. Bea-

vers with Des Moines County Attorney's office and Heidi D. Van Winkle, a criminal defense attorney in Burlington.

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No injuries reported in shooting

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that some shell casings were located in an alley in the 1700 block of Ave. D. Officers located and recovered seven spent large caliber shells in the alley behind a residence in the 1700 block of Ave. D. Further investigation revealed that the residence had been struck multiple times.

There were no injuries at the residence but there was damage to the back of the house where the bullets struck the house.

The investigation is continuing in this case anyone with information regarding this case should contact the Fort Madison Police Department at 319-372-2525.

Sittig said there appears to be no threat to the public at this time and said he didn't believe it was a random crime.

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