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## Duck hunters stay after LCCB

*Two sheriff deputies at meeting*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE - The Lee County Conservation Board continues to take a beating at the hands of the area duck hunters.

At Tuesday's meeting of the board, duck hunters were standing room only again and peppered the board and LCCB Director Nathan Unsworth with questions on all aspects of the conservation board activities from the on-going annual or permanent blind issue, to food plots seeding, to uniforms and even dust in the rafters of the Heron Bend Conservation Center.

The board also went into a 20 minute executive session under Chapter 21 section 5.c of the Iowa Code which provides for the closed session to dis-



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Rusty Robbins, of West Point, puts in a formal request to be on the agenda at the LCCB meeting in 30 days to speak to a number of issues including closing of county parks to camping and no fishing designations.

cuss imminent litigation. No action was taken out of the closed session.

During the regular session about 10 hunters signed up to speak and Rusty Robbins of West Point, who's been spearheading a campaign over the past few weeks for more clarity in the proceedings of the board,

asked several questions of the board.

Robbins gave 30-day notice that he wanted on the agenda to discuss reopening the Indian Path park at Skunk River and taking no fishing signs down on certain conservation properties. He also requested a copy of the boards bylaws. Robbins

asked about issues of funding, camps for kids and said the department should dress appropriately and the building needed to be cleaned better.

"The duck hunters are not going to let you shove it to us. If we have to play the game, we're gonna

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## Mexican Fiesta kicks off tonight with street dance

*Queen, Princess crowning to be held Friday after Grand Entrance*

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Beginning Thursday night the area of 34th and O will be ramped up with the tradition that is the Fort Madison Mexican Fiesta.

The event, steeped in the rich history of Latin American and Mexico, brings thousands of people into the area over the weekend for traditional Mexican food and vendors, coupled with the beer garden, a carnival by D&B Shows, and three days of tradition including folk dancing and the crowning of the 2017 Mexican Queen and Princess.

The events start Thursday night at 4:30 with the beer garden and a street dance that kicks off at 8 p.m.

The Grand Entrance starts at 6 p.m. Friday followed by a History of the Mexican Fiesta and then the Queen and Princess Crowning. Then a traditional folk dance will take place until just before 9 p.m. when the street dance kicks off again with music by Los Soni 2. The street dance will run until 1 a.m.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday drink specials and prizes will be awarded to those in attendance. The Saturday Grand Entrance begins at 6 p.m. followed by the wrap up street dance from 8 p.m. to midnight.

### Hounds Preview: Home vs. WBND 7:30 p.m. Friday

## Hounds look to regroup Friday against WBND

*Falcons coming off big win over Fairfield*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - After a 58-14 drubbing last Friday in Oskaloosa, the Fort Madison Bloodhounds football team will be trying to recapture the energy and success of the first two games

of the year.

The 1-2 Falcons from West Burlington-Notre Dame-Danville will be coming into an evergrowing sea of red and black as the 2-1 Hounds wipe off the dust from last week's loss.

The Falcon started the season 0-2 with losses to Mediapolis and West Branch, but put a new veer offense last week and rushed for over 300 yards as a team splitting carries between two juniors Tanner Snodgrass and Darius Whaley and sprinkling in a few carries



SHIFFMAN

by quarterback Drake Day.

Day only threw five times completing three for 66 yards and a TD. Whaley broke off a 60-yard touchdown run in a 34-21 win at home.

Whaley finished with 155 yards on 21 carries. Snodgrass has 133 on 23 carries and a score. Day rushed for 59 yards and a score on 10 carries.

"They changed their offense from

their first two games," said FMHS head coach Tony Shiffman. "They were a spread offense and then came in against Fairfield last week in a split-back veer. So that's a big change for them."

Shiffman said Day doesn't throw a whole lot, but then again he doesn't have to. Day was a member of the West Burlington state track team last year. He said the Falcons pose a speed threat and the Hounds have to be ready for that.

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# Obituaries/Local News

## OBITUARIES

### DORIS JOHNSON

Doris Johnson, 95, of Fort Madison, passed away at 8:30 A.M. Wednesday September 13, 2017 at The Madison.

Born October 8, 1921 at Revere, Missouri the daughter of Harry Mac and Sylvia June Sample Gutting. On September 1, 1946 at Fort Madison, Iowa she married Ira Johnson, Jr. He preceded her in death on October 3, 2012.



JOHNSON

Survivors include her daughter Nancy Kuhljuergen of Fort Madison, two grandchildren: Kaitlin and Evan Kuhljuergen. One sister-in-law Rachel Gutting of Mesa, Arizona and Kahoka, Missouri. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Ira, and several brothers.

Doris was a member of the Fort Madison United Methodist Church.

Her body has been entrusted to the Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

A Graveside Memorial Service will be held at 1:30 P.M. Friday September 15, 2017 in Soldiers Circle, Oakland Cemetery in Fort Madison with Pastor Lanette Van officiating.

The Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.schmitzfuneral-homes.com](http://www.schmitzfuneral-homes.com)

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### Bashful Rocky

PAW Patrol's Rocky gets bashful after posing for a picture with GRR-WA director Wade Hamm during Wednesday's pREserve Lee County event at the landfill.

### For the Record

#### Fort Madison Police report

09/11/17 - 8:56 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 900 block of 2nd Street.

09/12/17 - 5:55 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 500 block of 8th Street.

09/12/17 - 10:52 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

09/12/17 - 4:22 p.m. - Fort

Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1800 block of Avenue L.  
09/13/17 - 4:49 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1100 block of 14th Street.

#### Lee County Sheriff's report

09/12/17 - 3:59 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Micah Kristian Smith, 41, of Donnellson at the Lee County Sheriff's office on charges of 1st-degree burglary and 3rd-degree criminal

mischief. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. *Those listed above are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.*

#### Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

09/10/17 - Fort Madison firefighter responded to 2 medicals.  
09/11/17 - Fort Madison firefighter responded to fire medical calls, 1 alarm malfunction  
09/12/17 - Fort Madison firefighter responded to three medical calls, one oil spill and two false alarms.

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## Sports

# No. 2-rated HTC sails to win over Cardinal

*Hoenic goes 32 of 32 at service line with eight aces in win*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR



RASHID



BOX

FORT MADISON - The 2nd-ranked Holy Trinity Catholic volleyball team strolled to a 25-7, 25-4, 25-11 win over Cardinal of Eldon in Tuesday night volleyball action.

The Crusaders held their No. 2 spot in Class A behind Janesville who's 9-1 and lost on Sept. 2 to Class 5A No. 3 ranked Cedar Rapids Jefferson

Emily Box led the Crusaders on offense with 25 of 27 attacking and 21 kills. Maya Rashid settled into her regular role as set up girl with 30 assists on the night including a

dozen in the final game. Madison Mohrfeld was 8 of 8 attacking with seven kills.

Sam Hoenic basically camped at the service line all night going 32 of 32 with eight aces to lead HTC in that category.

Hoenic is a perfect 79 of 79 service on the year with 11 aces over for games. Eryn Anderson was 15 of 15 serving with four aces. Box was 10 of 10 with an ace and Elyse Pothitakis was 7 of 7 serving with an ace and seven digs on the night.

Rashid was 5 of 6 serving with four digs and two blocks for Holy Trinity. She is leading Class 1A with 11.83 assists per set, ahead of Sadie Bobst of Tripoli at 10.63. On the year, Box has 133 attacks on 12 errors and 90 kills to lead HTC.

The Crusaders take their 4-0 record on the road to Central Lee on Thursday night beginning at 5:30 p.m. with freshmen, then junior varsity followed by the varsity match.



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# FMHS spikers stay perfect in conference

*Leigh Johnson records 31 assists in sweep of Chiefs*

BY PCC STAFF

KEOKUK - The Fort Madison Bloodhounds finished off Keokuk in three games to highlight Southeast Conference volleyball action Tuesday night.

The Hounds dropped the chiefs 25-17, 25-11, 25-14. behind 31 assists from Leigh Johnson. She also served 6 of 7 and had a block.

Head Coach Kent Bailey said the girls weren't firing on cylinders but they're far enough along in the season to overcome a few off nights.

"We weren't as crisp tonight in all aspects of our game," Bailey said. "Give Keokuk credit they made some plays and had some momentum a couple times

during the match."

Amber Dilsaver and Kaeli Hutson led the Hounds at the net with Dilsaver recording 12 kills and two blocks, but also went 13 of 14 at the service line with five aces. Huston had 11 kills and six digs, serving 7 of 7 with a couple aces.

Josie Pumphrey had 13 digs to lead the Hounds on defense and served a perfect 15 of 15 with five aces. Kamryn Bailey went 12 of 14 serving with 2 aces and Olivia Williams was 14 of 16 serving with four aces.

The Hounds move to 9-4 overall and 4-0 in the conference and play at the Holy Trinity tournament on Monday.

In the junior varsity match the Hounds lost the first match 21-25 but

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*We weren't as crisp tonight in all aspects of our game. Give Keokuk credit, they made some plays and some momentum going a couple times during the match.”*

-Kent Bailey  
FMHS Head Coach

rebounded to take the 2nd 25-15 and won the tiebreaker 15-5.

The freshman squad downed Keokuk 25-17, 25-1.

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# FMMS eighth graders move to 2-0 on gridiron

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison 8th grade football team shut out Central Lee on Monday night at home 46-0.

Gavin Wiseman went 6 for 6 passing for 68 yards, a touchdown and a couple 2-point conversions to go along with 11 yards on the ground. He also recovered

a fumble on defense.

Tate Johnson led the Hounds on the ground with 32 yards on just four carries including a touchdown and a 2-point conversion run.

Jacob McGowan also scored on the ground for FMMS. Landes Williams had three receptions for 50 yards and a touchdown. Williams also

completed one pass for 30 yards and had 17 yards on the ground. Austin Ensminger had two catches for 16 yards and a 2-point conversion.

Defensively, Johnson, Matt Hopper and Abram Lorence all had interceptions. Cuyrin Ross recovered a fumble for FMMS.

"Our line made up of Hunter Edgar, Abram

Lorence, Cassanova Maestro, Cuyrin Ross, Kaydence Wilson, and Tight End, Austin Ensminger, did a great job of giving our quarterback time to throw the ball and making nice holes for our backs to run through," said head coach Ryan Smith.

The 7th grade team also won their game 26-20.

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**Sports**

# Run-heavy Falcons come to Fort Madison Friday

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“We’re going to have to contain them and not let them break a big one,” Shiffman said.

The Falcons leading rusher senior Brian Brem didn’t have a carry last week, but has 140 yards on 41 carries through the first two games. It’s not known if he will be in the lineup this week.

The Hounds will again look to a balanced offense mixing up throwing and running downs.

Last week, Quarterback Lennon Barker through 31 times completed 16 for 237 yards and one touchdown to Shance Redd-Donald. Barker also through his first two picks of the year.

Senior Alex Gully had his roughest outing of the year against the physical Indians, but still plowed for 91 yards on 17 carries including a 43-yard run in the fourth quarter where he was caught at the one-yard line.

“He got beat up a lot,” Shiffman said. “It was tough game for him. I think there was one stretch where he had nine carries for like a yard.”

Redd-Donald is obviously attracting a lot of attention from opposing

## Who to watch

**FORT MADISON (2-1)**  
Senior RB #1 Alex Gully 60-431 8TD, Senior OL/DL #58 Elijah Barnes 13 tackles, Senior OL/DL #55 Dalton Mabeus 12 tackles, Senior WR #2 Shance Redd-Donald 17 rec. 316 6TD, Junior LB #53 Sam Hayes 18.5 tackles Senior WR #4 Logan Allen 4 rec. 102, Junior QB #12 Lennon Barker. 30-57, 513 7TD 2INT.

**WEST BURLINGTON (1-2)**  
Junior QB #3 Drake Day 21-39, 2TD, Junior RB #5 Darius Whaley 21-155, 1 TD Senior RB #26 Tanner Snodgrass 23-133 1TD, Senior FB #44 Brian Brem 41-140 2TD, Junior #32 Austin Mixer 19.5 tackles,

defenses and quietly caught seven passes for 71 yards and a touchdown last week. He also had a 35-yard interception, his second of the year tying him with Tyler O’Tool for the team lead.

This week, Shiffman said the Hounds will have to continue to fly to the ball with the Falcon’s speed.

“They’re gonna try to run the ball... run the ball... run the ball,” he said.

The Hounds have seven players with more than 10 tackles in the three games and two more just over nine total tackles. Shiffman said it’s a mentality that’s engrained in practice.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FMHS senior Shance Redd-Donald (2) moves into the secondary and for a good gain off a screen play Friday against Oskaloosa. The Hounds take on 1-2 WB/ND-Danville on Friday at Richmond Stadium.

“*We’re gonna have to contain them and not let them break a big one.*”

-Tony Shiffman  
FMHS Head Coach

“We preach that every day, we’ll blow a whistle to end a play and there’s three seconds that everyone has to get to the ball,” he said. “We’ve got a lot of bodies on defense that can play and with our numbers and having to go both ways we have to be able to give a break

and it’s good we’ve got people that can get to the ball.

He said last week’s loss was tough to take, but he

said it helped the Hounds realize that they aren’t the team they were last year, but they still have to learn to deal with adversity.

“If you look at the film we get the ball on our first drive and on first down we miss a play that could have been for a touchdown, and then we go and snap the ball over our heads and things got a little chippy from there,”

Shiffman said. “We’re just not used to being able to play in those types of big games. That was a good football team but I don’t think the score tells a true picture of who we are. I do think it wakes them a bit shows them that we need to perform if we want to have success.”

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## From the Front/Weather

# Hunters say they will be at each monthly meeting

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play the game. So get ready," Robbin said.

Fred Hoenig, a certified public accountant in Fort Madison, asked when applications for the conservation board are due and when they come up for a renewal. He also asked where fees for camps go.

Unsworth said applications can be turned in any time of year to the Lee County Auditor's office and those are given to the County Board of Supervisors to review prior to appointments. Appointments happen at the beginning of the year as each board member serves a staggered five year term with one board member rotating off each year.

He also said the money from fees goes to the conservation foundation fund. Hoenig asked why the taxpay-

ers foot the bill for the staff at the conservation events and the revenues go to the foundation and not back to the taxpayers.

LCCB Board Chair Harry Sylvester said the funds go into the foundation and then are spent by the foundation on conservation efforts which come back to the public.

"It's a full circle," Sylvester said.

Pat Armstrong said the new rules for boat blinds will cause accidents and death.

"I dare one of you to go out on that river in a boat blind. You get an east wind and the water can be as flat as concrete, but it turns from the west and you've got 3 or 4 foot chops, with a boat filled with frozen decoys and people...you're only going to have so much boat showing out of the water and then you're gonna take on waves and water. This just doesn't make sense,"

Armstrong said more people die hunting from hypothermia and drownings than guns and going to boat blinds is only going to increase those odds.

"Right there are the facts. You guys are gonna get someone killed out there on this river and when it happens I hope you all freakin' think about it," he said.

Ed Kirchner told the board said he spoke with the head of the Fish and Wildlife department at the Iowa Department of Natural Resources who said they had no authority over Pool 19 because it's all private property.

"The information you're using to make your decisions is wrong," Kirchner said. "You were lied to by the insurance company with regard to permanent blinds and your information on Pool 19 is wrong."

But Clint Oldfield, the Lee County Park Ranger, said

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*You guys are gonna get someone killed out there on this river and when it happens I hope you all freakin' think about it!"*

-Pat Armstrong  
Lee County duck hunter

even though the land is owned privately by the county board, the property is still considered public property by state code and the rules would default back to DNR rules which are in opposition to permanent blinds.

At several moments in the meeting, the hunters and advocates in attendance got in yelling matches with the board wanting to know why they were changing policy on the duck blinds. Two Lee County Sheriff's deputies were in attendance at the meeting as during a recent exchange on the hunting changes board members were hit with wadded up paper and brushed by one hunter on the way out of the building. Several had to be escorted out by Oldfield.

Originally, the board decided to do away with the permanent blinds because hunters were not getting their blinds out of the water in time each year and despite, according to Sylvester, working with hunters for the past five years to try to find rules and policies that benefit all parties, the rules kept being violated and the board made the change.

Although that issue wasn't brought up in response to the repeated questions as to why the policy was changed, several hunters claimed that the board's motivation was to turn all the property it owns along the county into a habitat refuge with no hunting or fishing allowed.

No action was taken as a result of the public hearings.

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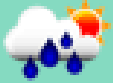
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**SUN 17 Sep**



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