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City Band season kicks off Sunday in Central Park

Summer session begins this Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - This Sunday in Central Park at 7:30 pm the Ft. Madison City Band will be starting

their summer concert series with the opening concert sponsored by Lyle and Gwen Brown.

Fort Madison is one of the few communities in Iowa and the Midwest that is fortunate to still have a City Band. Since 1930, the Fort Madison City Band has been bringing enjoyment to young and old alike with their summer band concerts.

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provided benches and listen to the band performing works such as: Home arranged by Michael Brown, Cotton-Eyed Joe arranged by Chris Sharp, Can't Buy Me Love (medley of the Beatles) arranged by Paul Murtha, Nine to Five, Time to Beguine by William Rhoads, Lemon Merengue by Hugh Stuart, and classic marches by John Philip Sousa including King Cotton, The Piccadore March and Call to Victory.

IGHSAU State Tennis Meet

Larson, Shirai take 8th in state doubles

Hounds No. 1 doubles team goes 2-3 at tourney

BY PCC STAFF

WATERLOO - Fort Madison's Katie Larson and Miho Shirai captured 8th place at the Iowa High School Girls state doubles tennis tournament at the Byrnes Park Tennis Center Thursday in Waterloo.

Larson, a senior, and Shirai, a sophomore exchange student from Japan, lost in the 7th-place consolation match to Camanche's Natalie Goble and Marly Bussa 6-3, 6-2.

The FMHS No. 1 doubles duo was bounced to the consolation bracket on Wednesday when they fell to Cedar Rapids Xavier's Nina Marquardt and Emily Jasper 6-3 in the first set and then took the Xavier girls to a 7-5 second set loss. Marquardt and Jasper finished in fourth place at the meet.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Sophomore Miho Shirai returns a serve in action earlier this year with doubles partner, senior Katie Larson, playing up in the game. The duo took 8th place at the IHSGAU State Tennis meet in doubles action Thursday.

"They had a great day yesterday recovering from a first round loss to a couple really tall girls from CR Xavier. We weren't really prepared for the net game these girls brought," head coach Amy Doherty said Thursday afternoon.

The loss sent the Bloodhounds to the consolation bracket where they faced Sioux City Kuemper Catholics' Samantha Schwarte and Elise Janson

at 11:30 Wednesday. Larson and Shirai won that match 2-0 with a 6-3 win in the first set and 7-5 win in the second set to move on in the bracket.

With very little time between the matches, the Hounds took the court at 1 p.m. against Casie Barba and Ashley Thorn, of Spirit Lake/Okoboji and the first set went to 6-5 before Larson and Shirai took the final 12th game

for a 7-5 set win and then captured the next set 6-3 to advance to the consolation semifinals Thursday against Kendel Evans and Josie Condon of Esterville-Lincoln Central.

With a 9:30 match, Larson and Shirai dropped the first set 6-3 and then fell 6-2 to force them into the 7th place bracket against Goble and Bussa.

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Swink wants to build student participation

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Despite the vast numbers of activities, sports, events he will be charged with, building character and integrity in local students is one of Jeremy Swink's top priorities.

Swink will take over as the Fort Madison Community School District's new activities director on July 2nd, replacing Andy Mitchell who's leaving the district after five years in the post to take an assistant principal/athletic director position with the Atlantic, Iowa school district.

Swink comes from three years as a teacher, coach and activities director in the Burlington Notre Dame school system and said he's excited to focus

his efforts on managing the activities, as opposed to the smaller school responsibilities of managing the activities, teaching and coaching all at the same time.

"It's comparable," Swink said of the two schools. "I think the hours will be very similar to what I'm used to at Notre Dame, but at a small school one person does a lot of different things, concession manager, coaching, and managing... those types of events. This will be a different type of busy, but the hours and duties will be the same to what I'm used to now."

The rich traditions of not only the athletic programs but other extracurricular activities is something that he's looking forward to in the transition as well. Notre Dame has rich traditions at their school,



SWINK

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Local News/Area News

Top Hatters go "On Stage" June 8-9 with Keokuk recital

BY AVA PEITZ
PCC HTC Intern

FORT MADISON - Cicely Stevenson, a dancer at Top Hatter Dance Studio in Fort Madison, Iowa, believes that every person, young and old, should attend Top Hatter's recital next weekend.

"I think that it's so important for the community to see recitals and things like this, just because it keeps the arts alive in this area. It's something that's totally being forgotten about, and I think that's so sad."

Stevenson has been competing with the Top Hatter Dance Studio Competition Team for six years, and has been dancing for fourteen years. "I love being able to work with everyone, and I really feel like I've just connected with them since the very beginning. I love seeing all of us grow as dancers."

Stevenson is a member of Top Hatter Dance Studio's Senior Competition Team, which also includes Kay Quittem, Emma Torgler, Gage Hind, Kirklynn Nafziger, Makena Martin, Kendra Fuget, and Breanna Richers. Top Hatter Dance Studio also is home to Junior and Petite competition teams. Soloists from Top Hatter Dance Studio also compete, and have won many awards this year, as well as previous years. Kay Quittem, Peyton Huling, and Cicely Stevenson have all qualified for a national competition.

Stevenson plans on attending college, and hopes to carry lessons learned from Top Hatter Dance Studio with her.

"Just recently, I've learned that everything goes back to the ballet barre. In fact, that is what I've decided to call my memoir," she joked.

After competing for six years, Stevenson has collected many memories from working with her teammates. "On our very first day of being a team, everyone was so nervous. There was just this energy, this quiet energy, in the room, and I was just so focused on wanting everyone to like me. After we were introducing ourselves, I went through the line and gave everyone a high-five. From that moment on, the tension went away and everyone collaborated."

Shari Bartlett and Martha Butler are dance instructors at Top Hatter Dance Studio who choreograph for the Top Hatter Competition Teams. Bartlett comment-

ed that the Senior Competition Team has collaborated well this year.

"The way they have pulled together as a team, not just dancing individually, that they're all one as a team, shows progression."

Butler mentioned how you can see the progression the Senior Team has made since it first formed.

"From the very first year they were a team, there's been a huge improvement. This is because of course, their style has become very much more mature and professional."

Bartlett and Butler both commented on what their favorite part of being a dance instructor is. Bartlett quoted, "For me, it's hoping that they gain confidence and they reach and make goals and take them out into life. Their future can progress from there. I hope they never give up those goals, and that's what they're learning through these years."

Butler took a different route, and stated that she hopes that the dancers see their hard work pay off at the recital. "Starting at the first class of each year and then fast-forwarding to the recital, and knowing that your hardwork has paid off, and they are showing what you have invested your time in, as well as their time. So we are just as interested in them improving and becoming good dancers. It's not just for them, it's for us to feel like we've accomplished something, too."

The title of Top Hatter Dance Studio's Recital 2018 is "On Stage," which features many dancers with unique and professional routines. The recital is held at the Grand Theatre in Keokuk on Friday, June 8, and Saturday, June 9. Both nights begin at 7PM, with the doors opening at 6PM.

Tickets are available at the door for \$9.00.

Gov. Reynolds signs tax reform bill into law

(DES MOINES) - Gov. Kim Reynolds signed the tax reform bill, Senate File 2417, into law Wednesday at tablet manufacturer MobileDemand in Hiawatha. Senate File 2417 represents historic tax reform for Iowa families, farmers and small business owners.

"141 days ago, I promised Iowans in my Condition of the State address to find a way to pass tax reform this session so people could keep more of their hard-earned dollars," Gov. Reynolds said. "Today - thanks to strong leadership and unified teamwork - that promise became a reality."

The governor went on to say the new tax plan will unleash opportunity across the state and help families struggling to make ends meet.

"I signed this bill for every Iowan who works hard to earn a paycheck and deserves to keep more of it," she said "It's one of the reasons why I feel so strongly that government must never forget that it's the people's money they're spending."

For decades, Iowans suffered under a complex tax code that placed unfair burdens on middle-class families. Senate File 2417 brings immediate and significant relief and is simple, transparent and fair for Main Street Iowa. Most importantly, the new tax plan is fiscally responsible and sustainable for the state's budget, ensuring Iowa can still fund key priorities like education, healthcare and public safety.

Next year, virtually every Iowan will see their taxes go down. Before Wednesday's bill signing, Iowa's tax code was inhibiting innovation and costing families too much. If lawmakers didn't act during the 2018 legislative session, Iowans would have seen their taxes go up because of federal tax reform.

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Local News/For the Record

Area Mormons plan city cleanup

Submitted article

FORT MADISON - In a show of community support, local members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have planned a "Mormon Helping Hands" service day for Saturday, June 2nd. Inviting fellow Mormons from surrounding areas to join them, local organizers expect 200+ members to assist the city and local agencies in 15+ different service projects around the Fort Madison community.

Projects include painting the shelter in Shopton Park, painting the pavilion in River-view Park, sprucing up

the Old Fort in River-view Park, repairing and painting benches in Central Park, cleaning up trash at various city parks, painting city fire hydrants and assisting at the PAWS animal shelter, just to name a few. In addition, an indoor sewing project will be conducted at the LDS church building located at 2193 Old Denmark Road in Fort Madison.

"We are looking forward to this opportunity to thank the city of Fort Madison for its support over the years and we are very grateful to city officials and nonprofit partners for helping us put together this morning of service," explained

Wes Mogenhan, local leader of the LDS branch (congregation) in Fort Madison.

"We want to show our appreciation for those who do so much to make Fort Madison such a great place to live," he added.

Volunteers are selecting their projects by registering on a new website called www.JustServe.org before they meet early on Saturday morning to receive final instructions. JustServe.org is a free volunteer website available to nonprofits and volunteers to post or find local service opportunities. Organizers encourage local agencies to visit the site to learn more.

Chuck Wagon Round-Up this Saturday

Come by the 1st Annual Chuck Wagon Round-Up on June 2nd! Area food trucks will be competing to be the 1st Chuck Wagon Round-Up Champion! Enjoy great food, music, and crafting vendors from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. We currently have 4 food trucks attending: Jalapeno Express, Twisted River 61 Carry Out & Cookery, Boss Food Truck, Rodney's Jamaican Jerk

Each food truck will have food available for purchase throughout the event. There is an entry fee of \$5 per person for the event. This event is sponsored by Atlas Steak & Smokehouse and Soroptimist International of Fort Madison.

Soroptimist International is a global volunteer organization working to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. Our chapter is comprised of local women who are dedicated to helping and empowering women in Lee County and farther. All of the funds raised during this event goes toward programming to benefit women and children.

Keokuk man faces felony meth charge

BY PCC STAFF

KEOKUK - The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of a Keokuk, Iowa man on a felony drug charge.

Jesse James Mazzoccoli, 44, of Keokuk, Iowa was arrested on May 24th, 2018 on a felony drug charge. Mazzoccoli is charged with Delivery of Less Than Five Grams of Methamphetamine, a class C felony. If convicted, Mazzoccoli faces up to 10 years in a state correctional facility.



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The arrest of Mazzoccoli stems from an investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force into allegations that he was involved in the distribution of illegal drugs in the Lee County area.

The Lee County Attorney's Office, Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, Fort Madison Police Department, Keokuk Police Department, and the Lee County Sheriff's Office, 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.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

05/30/18 - 1:21 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism on Lanewood Drive.

05/30/18 - 3 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Stephen Samuel Bellamy, 20, of Fort Madison, at the police department on a warrant for 2nd-degree theft. He was taken to the

Lee County Jail and held.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

05/30/18 - 3:50 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Robert Leroy Johnson, Jr., 53, of Keokuk at the sheriff's office, on a charge of sex abuse against victims will. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

05/30/18 - 6:59 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Rod Wayne Knustrom, 55, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office on a judgement entry. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. *Those listed above are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*



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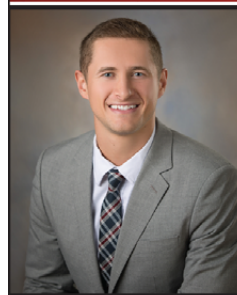
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5. Each application will be evaluated based on its condition and how it improves the area for pedestrian traffic. Extra consideration will be given for connection to an existing sidewalk.

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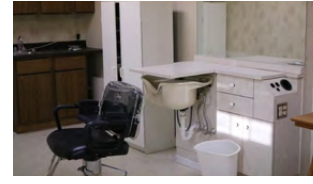
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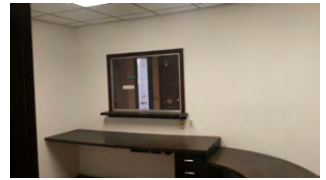
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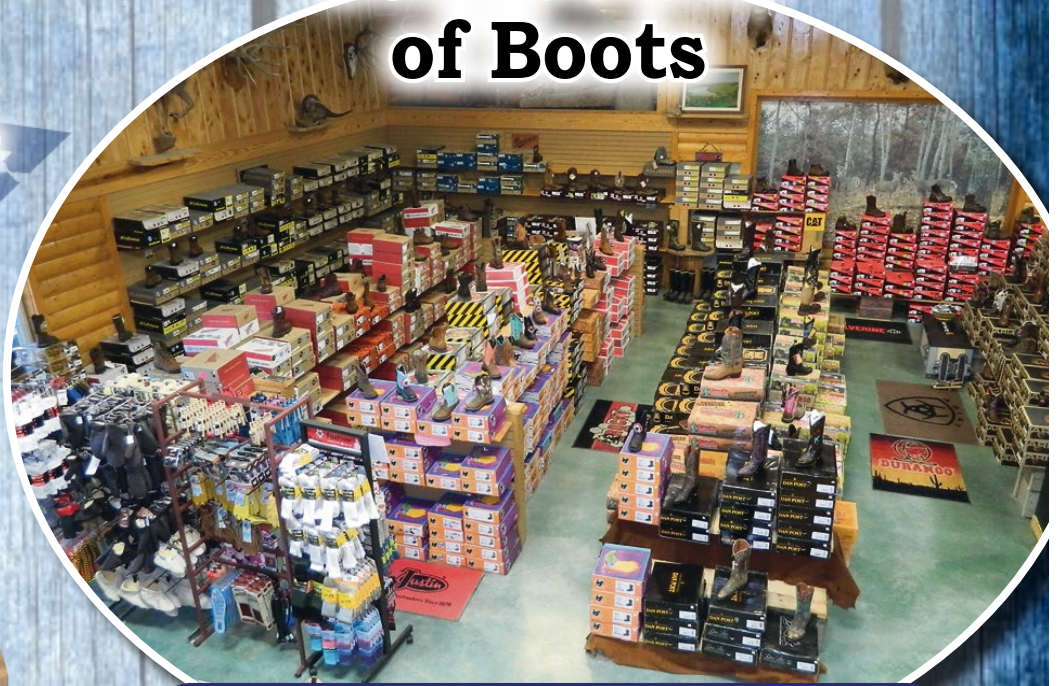
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Swink says both Notre Dame, FM program rich in history

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and Swink said he knows of similar traditions and successes at Fort Madison.

“Notre Dame has a handful of athletic programs that have rich programs,” he said. “Fort Madison has the same thing with some pretty rich and great tradition - similarities that will be real easy to adapt to. One big difference would be that we have about 14 activities that Notre Dame shares with West Burlington back and forth. I don’t think there’s as much sharing going on down there. But I’ll also be managing and leading a few more sports teams there than I do here so I’m looking forward to that.”

Swink said he is aware of the shared programs with Holy Trinity and Central Lee, but isn’t fully up to speed on the all the sharing at FMCS.

“That’s something I don’t know a whole lot about. My philosophy on shared programs there is that Fort Madison is a decent-sized 3A school and if we share with another school it’s not going to hurt us,” he said. “If anything it helps us and our programs. There are many positives in sharing. At Notre Dame, if we didn’t share, we wouldn’t have success in some activities and in some cases we may not even have had a team.”

He said sharing can

also help with numbers and that’s important with a lot of rural areas having trouble getting students to participate.

“I think a lot of sport teams throughout Iowa are struggling with participation numbers. Some are good, and some we definitely could get some more numbers out there. One of my main objectives and my philosophy as part of the program at the school is doing some recruiting with the students. Once we build that, They’re a lot more likely to get involved in the programs,” he said.

With conversations wrapping up with Burlington possibly joining the conference in 2020 and Ottumwa thinking of joining the conference, Swink said that would also be advantageous to district students. He said he hasn’t been party to any of those conversations so his opinion is that of an outsider.

“What I’ve been told is that Burlington is for sure coming in 2020. Ottumwa is on the fence, but I haven’t been part of those conversations,”

he said. “But having those teams come on will be excellent. Having the low numbers in the conference makes it tough to schedule, but being able to bring on a Burlington and Ottumwa would help getting more conference games and help join those communities together. Sure it will help gate and concessions with Burlington being just 20 miles away vs an Iowa City or Cedar Rapids, but it will result in good competition for the district.”

Swink has been in southeast Iowa his entire life, graduating from Burlington High School where played in five sports including golf, wrestling, tennis, baseball and basketball. After graduation he attended Ellsworth Community College and William Penn where he played on both schools’ golf teams. He majored in physical education, coaching and health and will graduate this summer with a master’s degree in education administration from Viterbo University which will give him a PreK-12 principal licensure.

In college he also got into officiating wrestling and basketball at all levels, but has some brief coaching stints in basketball, baseball, wrestling and golf. He’s also taught in the junior high and high school.

With some gaps in the Fort Madison coaching circles, Swink said no matter who coaches the teams, he wants to focus on participation and recruiting, to not only help the kids in sports, but also in life.

“We want those kids to be in sports and learn, have fun and win some games. But we also want to focus on quality character in our kids. I’m a fan of teaching them more than just basketball...or baseball where can we make them successful in sports - but also in life.”

Rough start hurts bracket play on Thursday

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Evans and Condon ended in 6th place in the tournament.

“We recouped in our second match against Kuemper Catholic despite struggles with the heat. Then we played Spirit Lake/Okoboji. They went into this game with a lot of confidence. They identified the weaker player and targeted her. That in combination with Katie’s good serves and Miho’s good volleys made for a really good match,” Doherty said.

“This morning, the wheels fell off the bus. Mentally they were lost about half way through the first set against Estherville and they just could never recover from that. They were not beat by the other team, they were beat by themselves. After a break before the last match, their attitudes improved and they just had more fun in the last match against Camanche. It didn’t turn out how they wanted for their last match together, but coming home with a medal is more than any of us would have expected at the beginning of the season.”



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