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ISP: Saturday melee involved 50 offenders

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FORT MADISON - A Saturday melee that resulted in a lockdown at ISP is coming under fire from a union head who says it points to a larger problem of understaffing. However Iowa Department of Corrections officials said the incident was handled professionally and efficiently by staff on hand at the time.

Lettie Prell, Iowa Department of Corrections spokeswoman said approximately 50 offenders were involved in the altercation on Saturday.

"The department continues to investigate the sit-

uation," Prell said today. "In the meantime, the department confirms approximately fifty offenders were involved in the altercation. The correctional officers showed exceptional professionalism, skill, and care for the offenders' safety, and they responded and gained control of the incident immediately. They did a great job."

However Danny Homan, president of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, said information he received from a correctional officer told a different story.

"The Iowa Department of Corrections did a shameful job of reporting the true scope of the riot resulting in

a lockdown at the Iowa State Penitentiary on Saturday," Homan said in a statement released today. "The so-called "multiple offenders" was actually at least 72 inmates, and the reported lack of weapons failed to mention the tennis rackets that were used as weapons in the racially-motivated fight. The only detail they did get right was the swift de-escalation of the riot by the responding Correctional Officers."

"According to a Correctional Officer from ISP, this was the scariest situation that he and many of his colleagues had ever encountered on the job," Homan said

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Lee County Fair Royalty



Above left, Eryn Anderson waves to the crowd after being named the 2017 Lee County Fair Queen. Above, Olivia Hoening gets a trophy for Miss Congeniality and 1st runner up for the queen title.

Bottom left, 2017 Jr. Lee County Fair Queen, Olivia Tenant, is crowned by Summer Smith the 2016 Jr. Queen.

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Sheriff's K9 shows up at Supervisors' meeting

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MONTROSE - Last fall Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber made a campaign promise to bring a K9 unit onto the sheriff's staff.

That promise named "Alex" made a panting entrance at the Lee County Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday with Deputy Uriah Wheatley at the leash.

The full bred German Shepherd will work solely with Wheatley as his handler and was picked up this week by Weber and Wheatley and will head back to Fort Dodge for an additional four weeks of training starting next week.

Weber said Alex had to showcase his training as a test prior to leaving the training center in Fort Dodge.

"He had to walk among about 10 cars and pick out the one that had the contraband in it," Weber said "He recognized the right vehicle and when they opened the doors you could see it was in there."

The Shepherd is mostly black in color with smatterings of brown and white on his legs and underside and was born in Poland.

Wheatley said the relationship is still being built and everything is new to Alex and the department.

"We're making quick progress. We've only had him for about 36 hours and we're already seeing improvements.

Alex will live and work with the handler to create the critical bond that will result in the best performance of the team.

The two will spend most of their time with each other. Wheatley said he will be building a privacy fence at his home for the animal to have a bit more

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Local News/For the Record



Justin Schleidt escorts his daughter, Lila, through the 4th of July Kiddie Parade. See page 8 for more photos and results.

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For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

07/03/17 - 12:19 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 1400 block of Avenue F.
 07/03/17 - 10:05 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 4800 block of Avenue O.
 07/04/17 - 9:31 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1000 block of Avenue F.
 07/04/17 - 1:56 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested James David Cote, 37 of Fort Madison in domestic abuse assault, in the 3900

block of Avenue L on a charge of domestic abuse assault. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 07/04/17 - 2:06 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Britani Sara Ann Cote, 29, of Montrose in the 3900 block of Avenue L on a charge of probation violation. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 07/04/17 - 6:45 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Joshua Adam Bowman, 37, of Wever, at the intersection of 7th Street and Avenue G on a charge of probation violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 07/04/17 - 10:41 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 400 block of 33rd Street.

were issued at the scene.
 07/03/17 - 1:27 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Roger Lee Strunk, 41 of West Point, no location given, on a charge of simple assault. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on a personal recognizance.
 07/03/17 - 9:24 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Crystal Lynn Marshall, 28, of Keokuk in the 2700 block of 240th Street on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court and a charge of domestic assault causing bodily injury. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond.
 07/03/17 - 4:01 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Melissa Janette McDermott, 32 of Keokuk, at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a warrant for theft in the fifth degree. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear.
 07/03/17 - 4:57 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested John Patrick Auwaerter, 34, of Burlington, at the Lee County Jail on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court.

He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear.
 07/04/17 - 6:54 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Joshua Adam Bowen, 37 of Fort Madison, in the 600 block of 7th Street on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 07/05/17 - 12:01 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jessica Lee Gerdes, 37 of West Point, in the 200 block of Franklin Green Street in West Point, on a charge of OWI. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Fort Madison Fire and Rescue

07/02/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls and one false alarm.
 07/03/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to five medical calls and one burn complaint.
 07/04/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one overheated electrical pump and five medical calls.
All persons in these listings are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

06/30/17 - 10:51 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in Hwy 61 southbound near 270th Street, where a vehicle driven by Matthew Nicholas Greer, 34 of Keokuk, swerved to avoid a deer on his motorcycle and laid the vehicle down suffering minor bumps and abrasions. No citations

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OBITUARIES

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Jean A. Schneider, 86, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 3:25 a.m. on Tuesday, July 4, 2017 at The Madison.



SCHNEIDER

She was born on April 27, 1931 in Lewis County, MO to Hugh & Naomi Cain LaVelle. She married Robert C. Schneider on October 18, 1952 in Fort Madison, IA. He preceded her in death on June 1, 1992. She was a former member of the Fort Madison Eagle's Club and enjoyed watching the Tri-State Rodeo Parade from the porch of her home and spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Jean is survived by: 1-daughter: Kathy (Alan) Bohnenkamp of Fort Madison, IA; 3-sons: Bill (Margaret) Schneider of Nauvoo, IL, John (Theresa) Schneider of Denmark, IA & David (Jonna) Schneider of Fort Madison, IA; 9-grandchildren: Carol (Troy) Ross of West Point, IA, Kim (Shaun) Shacklett of Fort Madison, IA, Michael (Melissa) Schneider of Fort Madison, IA, Marcus (Katie) Schneider of North Liberty, IA, Kelly Schneider of Hills, IA, Lucas (Becky) Bohnenkamp of Marion, IA, Abby (Dan) Henderson

of Mt. Pleasant, IA, Sara (David) Helenthal, of Keokuk, IA & Daniel (Bridget) Schneider of Johnston, IA; 13-great grandchildren: Nathaniel Harter, Emily Ross, Megan & Ryan Shacklett, Elgin & Joey Bohnenkamp, Brantley & Caiden Henderson, Landon, Lauren & Preston Schneider, David, Mandy, Kylie & Zoey Helenthal; 3-sisters: Stella (Jack) Smith of St. Peters, MO, Dorothy Menge of Jacksonville, IL & Alice (Everett) Gabel of Donnellson, IA and several nieces & nephews. She was preceded in death by: her parents, husband, 2-brothers: Tommy & Jerry LaVelle.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 6, 2017 with the family to receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evening at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 7, 2017 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. John Simpson officiating. Burial will be held in Oakland Cemetery. A memorial has been established for the Dementia Unit at The Madison. Online condolences to Jean's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

Union leader questions ISP staffing

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in a statement released today. "Some of his longer serving counterparts recalled that the only incident to even come close to the magnitude of this violent outbreak was the ISP riot in 1981. This may very well have been the single largest prison fight in our state's history. The fact that no staff were injured and the involved inmates only sustained minor injuries is a miracle."

But Prell pointed to the quick resolution as an indicator of the preparedness of the facility to handle the fight. She also said Homan's choice of words is a deliberate attempt to invoke a strong reaction.

"Using terms like "riot" and "violent uprising" to describe the altercation that occurred on Saturday, July 1 indicates either a lack of understanding of these terms, or a deliberate attempt to invoke a strong, emotional reaction. While there was a large fight between offenders, there were no assaults on staff, no hostages, and no damage to property," she said.

"All of the information in the department's press release was accurate and timely. There was an incident involving multiple offenders on the yard. Staff responded swiftly and gained immediate control of the situation. While responding to the incident there were no noted injuries to staff. Only minor injuries to offenders were reported, and no weapons were known to be involved."



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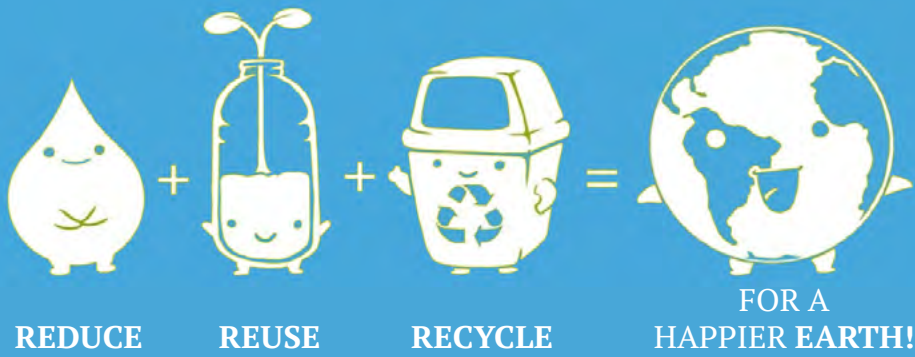
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Lady Hounds end regular season with home losses

PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Bloodhounds softball team dropped both games of a double header on Monday against Keokuk.

The Hounds opened district play Thursday against Keokuk on the road.

The Hounds fell 9-1 in the first game and 15-5 in a second game that saw a rare start for junior Teryn Parsons.

Parsons went the distance giving up all 15 runs, 14 earned, while allowing 12 hits, and walking four. Senior Chayse Lowney led FM at the plate going 3-of-4 with a double, a run scored, and an RBI.

Sadie Smithburg, Kamryn Bailey, Olivia Williams, and Jada Lamm all had singles for the Hounds in the second game. Lexi Schmidt and Bailey each had RBIs for the Hounds.

Keokuk sophomore catcher Jalynn Wood went 4-of-5 in the game with two doubles, a home run, and four RBIs to lead the Chiefs. MacKenzie Pezley also had four RBIs for Keokuk.

In the first game, Lowney had a single and scored the lone run for the Hounds. Bailey had a triple, and Williams had a single for the only hits for FMHS. Lowney went all seven innings giving up nine runs, all earned, on 12 hits. Abby Arrowood went 3-of-4 with two RBIs for Keokuk.

The Hounds are 10-26 and have dropped all four games against Keokuk so far this year.



FMHS senior Emily Mitchell stretches for a throw at first to get a Keokuk runner in game one of the doubleheader Monday night.

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From the Front/Weather

K9 program totally funded with community support

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room, but right now a 10' x 10' kennel is on the property.

Weber said Alex will also serve a public relations role with the department. He will be able to be taken to events, through schools, and will be part of the Lee County D.A.R.E. program. Wheatley will be the deputy assigned to the D.A.R.E. program with Alex.

Right now the dog has a minor ear infection in his right ear. Weber said he was in the Donnellson 4th of July parade Tuesday, but kept him on the flatbed trailer because of the ear infection.

"We had him in the parade yesterday but we didn't let him down because of that. Everyone would have wanted to pet his head and that probably wasn't a good idea," Weber said.

The funding for Alex so far has come from private donations to the Lee County K9 Association. The group is a board of volunteers charged with promoting K9 awareness and funding throughout Lee County. Weber said the group specifically kept the name Lee County so it could be of assistance to Fort Madison and Keokuk police departments should they want to consider adding a K9 unit.

"One of the good things is that through the generosity of the Lee County communities, this hasn't cost the taxpayers anything," he said.

A second dog is in the works and should be in the area in November or December. Weber said the second dog will be a tracking animal.

"The dog will be called to a lot of things and we don't want to burn out Deputy Wheatley on overtime," Weber said. "When we get two dogs we will be able to use one from the day shift, which will be Deputy Wheatley, and one at night with Deputy Fuller," Weber said. "Alex is more of a friendly dog and the other one we're told is not so much, so Alex will be on the day shift and the other dog will be on nights."

In other action at the brief supervisors meeting, the board:

- approved 5-0 to amend the Medical Examiner's agreement with Des Moines and Henry counties and Great River Health Systems to include a 120-day notice to terminate the agreement.
- canvassed and approved the Fort Madison School Bond election results.
- approved a new hire for the sheriff's office and a new hire for the RUSS (Regional Utility Service System)
- heard from Supervisor Don Hunold that the liaison with the Dakota Pipeline is recommending further seeding be temporarily halted until the fall due to the hot, dry soil conditions.
- approved a second reading of a countywide public nuisance tax sale ordinance, that would allow abatements for cities that are looking to purchase and raze nuisance properties.

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-Stacy Weber
Lee County Sheriff



Lee County Deputy Uriah Wheatley pets Alex after he responded to a command Wednesday morning. Lee County Supervisors Gary Folluo, left, and Matt Pflug watch from their table at the meeting.

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

THU 06 Jul



Clear Skies

Low – 80.5° F | High – 88.1° F

FRI 07 Jul



Clear Skies

Low – 69.1° F | High – 83.9° F

SAT 08 Jul



Clear Skies

Low – 70.5° F | High – 82.8° F

SUN 09 Jul



Light Rain

Low – 72.1° F | High – 90.4° F

MON 10 Jul



Light Rain

Low – 75.9° F | High – 91.8° F

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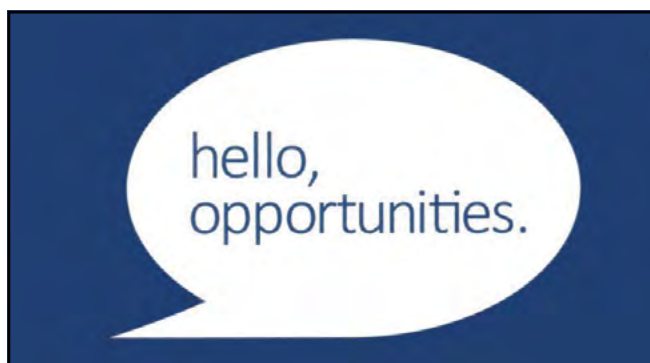
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Charlie Korschgen 4th of July Kiddie Parade

2017 Kiddie Parade winners announced

Results 105th annual Charlie Korschgen 4th of July Kiddie Parade

Decorated Tricycle/Stroller:

- 1st Place – Cyrus J. Garza, 6 mos., Des Moines, IA
- 2nd Place – Danielle R. Campbell, 2, Ft. Madison
- 3rd Place – Abigail V. McClure, 1, S. Mills, NC
- Honorable Mention: Cescily A. Lampe, 5, Ft. Madison

Decorated Wagon/Float

- 1st Place – Zachary O. Lair, 5, Ft. Madison
- 2nd Place – Reece J. Holtkamp, 11 mos, Ft. Madison
- 3rd Place – Norah R. Lumsden, 2, Ft. Madison
- Honorable Mention: Leah Rooney, 6, & Echo N. Bergthold, 4, Ft. Madison
- Honorable Mention: Hunter J. Billings, West Point, IA

Walking/Marching Unit

- 1st place – Combined Student Marching Band
- Junior Decorated Bike/Scooter
- 1st Place – Kendric G. Bruhl, 3, Ft. Madison
- 2nd Place – Lila K. Schleidt, 5, Ft. Madison
- 3rd Place – Cody Thompson, 7, Ft. Madison
- Honorable Mention – Amelia J. Bruhl, 5, Ft. Madison
- Honorable Mention – Claire A. Marmion, 7, Wever, IA

Pet Entry

- 1st Place – Tanner M. Hellige, 4, Ft. Madison
- Humorous
- 1st place – Nellie Ann Vradenburg, 9, Ft. Madison
- 2nd Place – David Paul Vradenburg, 7, Ft. Madison
- 3rd Place – Sunshine Zioui, 6, Ft. Madison
- Honorable Mention – Mia Rose Vradenburg, 14, Ft. Madison
- Honorable Mention – Xander I. Wellman, 12, Ft. Madison
- Honorable Mention – Juniper Strickland, 11, Ft. Madison

Family

- 1st Place – Blind Family, Ft. Madison & Des Moines, IA
- 2nd Place – Lee County Fair Queen Candidate, Donnellson
- 3rd Place – Wellman Family, Ft. Madison
- Honorable Mention – Ellison & Abel Family, Ft. Madison
- Honorable Mention – Rempe Family, Ft. Madison

Patriotic

- 1st Place – Kaiden B. Harworth, 3, Ft. Madison
- 2nd Place – Madison, 7 & Mason Pohlpete, 5, Ft. Madison
- 3rd Place – Connor E. Hellige, 5, Ft. Madison
- Honorable Mention – I Wyatt O. Workman, 5, Donnellson

Senior Decorated Bike/Scooter

- 1st Place – Maleena Lauree Bentley, 9, Ft. Madison
- 2nd Place – Ava Jo Taylor, 10, Ft. Madison
- 3rd Place – Macey S. McLees, 10, Ft. Madison
- Motorized
- 1st Place – Johnson Family, West Point
- 2nd Place – Creative Edge Daycare, Ft. Madison
- 3rd Place – Troop 7 BSA, Ft. Madison



At top, Grand Marshal Doris Stigall waves to the crowd at the front of the parade. Above, a parade entrant carries her puppy in the Pet Entry. The two photos at left above, show walkers in the decorated tricycle division and a waving Ronald McDonald on horseback.

It's time for a drink for the girl in the decorated wagon division above, and at right, more decorated bikes and walking parents highlight the parade route.

