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Sunday at the Lee County Fair





At far left, Richie Pardall pulls a weighted sleigh through the Lee County Speedway grounds as part of Sunday's Classic Farm and Tractor Pull At left bottom, Jerry Krogmeier of Pen City Cruisers gives a quick buff to the 1966 Mustang at the Fair Car Show on Sunday. At left, Holden Pezley belts out a cowboy song during the fair's Local Talent Show. For more pictures, see page 3.

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GUEST COLUMN

4th of July chicken butcher'n

BY CURT SWARM PCC GUEST COLUMNIST

A vivid memory of my grandmother: we showed up at her house on a Sunday afternoon unannounced. That's

what you

did back

then. You

didn't call

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a circular motion. He would hold the knife up to the light and inspect the blade. He showed me how you could see a dull spot on the edge reflected in the light. When the knife was sharp enough to shave hair from his wrist, dry, he was ready. He carefully made an incision and pulled out the guts. Lo-and-behold, what did he find, but a grapevine assortOne year my mother ordered a hundred fryers and a few hens from Hy-Line Chicks. They arrived at the post office in a cardboard box with holes in the side. The post master, Corny Hugan, handed them through the window like he was the father. How exciting! We started the chicks off in the house, in a room in the basement, under a heat lamp. The

to discover that the baby roosters had grown so fast that the rubber bands were cutting off circulation to their legs. They were letting out these high-pitched yelps. We removed the rubber bands and the chicks settled right down. Another vivid memory.

Ginnie plucks chickens down on the farm Wanting to duplicate this farm

SWARN

long-distance phone call. You just showed up. As we walked in the front door, Grandma ran out the back, grabbed up a hen, wrung it's neck, and proceeded to pluck it.

Grandpa did the gut'n. I watched him sharpen a knife on a whetstone, spitting on it as he sharpened the blade in

ment of eggs being readied for laying! ahead, that One of the eggs, a nice brown one, was would have perfect. He rinsed it off and gave it to Grandma. She put it in an egg carton with other brown eggs. Grandpa had fried eggs every morning for breakfast. Such a vivid memory! Roast chicken followed, with fresh garden tomatoes and sweetcorn. It doesn't get any better'n that.

> Growing up at Maple Hill in Monroe we always had chickens, a pig and a calf, as well as a humongous garden.

straw we laid down for bedding was almost too much for the baby chicks to surmount. To be able to distinguish the roosters from the hens, Mother put a tight, hair-dressing rubber band around the roosters' leg.

We were upstairs watching television one night, a black and white RCA Victor. My mother stood up, turned the television down and shushed us with the wave of her hand. She was listening to something. I couldn't hear a thing. She rushed down into the basement

experience as an adult, I talked Ginnie into letting me buy a dozen hen chicks and a dozen fryers. The fryers are hybrid Cornish cross roosters. Well, they grew so fast that they really got too big. At six weeks, they were so big that they could hardly walk. They just laid in front of the feeder and ate.

Ginnie and I test butchered two to get our procedure down. One weighed fiveand-a-half pounds dressed. We fried it up and it was too tough. It sure made

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Obituaries

DENNIS G. "DENNY" BLINT

Dennis G. "Denny" Blint, 67, of Denmark, passed away on Friday, July 7, 2017 at his home.



He was born on November 2, 1949 in Ft. Madison to Glenn and Dorothy Pickle Blint. On April 29, 1972 he married Joyce Lowenberg in Donnellson. Denny worked at DuPont and retired after 43 years of service. He enjoyed fishing, woodworking, mushrooming, squir-

rel and rabbit hunting. Denny always stayed busy and enjoyed helping people. He loved his family and spending time with them.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Blint of Denmark; a daughter, Abby (Justin) Capps of Donnellson; a son, Jake (Renee) Blint of Denmark;; grandchildren, Taylor, Ethan, Lauren, Kirklynn and Renee's sons; Josie, Jacob and Jordan; six brothers, Richard Blint of Denmark, Gary Blint of West Point, Roger Blint of West Point, Sam Blint of New London, Ike Blint of West Point and Steven Blint of Denmark; four sisters, Judy Chapman of New London, Jennie Morris of Warsaw, Janie Blint of Mt. Pleasant and Janette Wolfe of West Point; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Harvey and Greg Blint.

The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 2 PM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Chad Savage officiating. The family will meet with friends from 12 PM until the time of the service at 2 PM. A private family burial will be in Denmark Cemetery.

A memorial has been established for Denmark Fire and Rescue and online condolences may be left at www. kinglynk.com.

DONNA R. LEMBCKE

Donna R. Lembcke, 74, of West Point, Iowa passed away at 3:07 P.M. Friday July 7, 2017 at her home.



Born January 3, 1943 in Sioux City, Iowa the daughter of E. Ray and Thelma M. Jones Stieneke.

On November 3, 1962 at Saint Michaels Catholic Church in South Sioux

City, Nebraska she married Darrell A. Lembcke. He preceded her in death on September 15, 2008.

Survivors include two daughters: Kimberly (John) Goetz of Keokuk, Iowa and Kathy Brune of Denmark, Iowa. Three grandchildren: Jennifer Goetz, Austin Brune and Allison Brune. Also surviving is her twin sister Darlene Goodwin of DeWitt, Nebraska, one brother Gary (Joni) Stieneke of South Sioux City, Nebraska and sister-in-law Nancy (Tom) Sluga of Cassa Grande, Arizona. Several nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Darrell.

Donna was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point. The Altar and Rosary Society of the church and the West Point American Legion Auxiliary. She helped coordinate the West

Point Blood Drives. She was employed at O'Malley-Ryan-Spexarth Insurance Agency and the Fort Madison Community Hospital. Donna was an avid Nebraska Corn Husker and Cincinnati Reds Fan. She especially enjoyed her grandchildren.

Friends may call after noon on Monday at the Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point with the family receiving friends from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. There will be a Parish Rosary recited at 3:00 P.M. and a Christian Wake Service at 7:00 P.M. at the funeral home.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 A.M. Tuesday July 11, 2017 at St Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point with The Very Reverend Father Marty Goetz as Celebrant and Fr. Dennis Hoffman as Con-Celebrant.

Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in West Point. Following the burial, a luncheon will be held at the West Point American Legion.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St Mary's Church, West Point Fire and Rescue or the Holy Trinity Elementary School Building Project.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

The Schmitz Funeral home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements.

DEVOTA "DODIE" A. BURGESS

DeVota "Dodie" A. Burgess, 87 years, formerly of Fort Madison, Iowa, passed away Saturday, July 8, 2017

BURGESS

at Highland Ridge Care Center in Williamsburg, Iowa.

Dodie was born August 30, 1929 to Melvin and Clara Burch in Herring, South Dakota. She was united in marriage to John L. Burgess on December 3, 1949 in Bloomfield, Iowa. She was a very loving wife and mother, and devoted her whole life to her family.

Survivors include three daughters, Brenda Carlson of Burlington, Jane (Scott) Hettinger of Chelsea, Iowa, and Lisa (Craig) Ireland of Iowa City, Iowa; step son, Ronald (Susie) Burgess of Tehachapi, California; grandchildren, DeDe (Lance) DaVolt, Minde (Terry Grant)

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More from the Fair

At top, Randall Courtney gets airborn with his front tires as he tugs the weight east across the Speedway front stretch Sunday afternoon. At left, Bethany Shane sings "Story Teller" that she composed as part of her turn at the Talent Show competition. Below, Skylar Hartman pulls in front of the crowd Sunday night.

Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC





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Great River Regional Waste Authority reminds you to use the 3 R's!



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- Buy durable goods & products in bulk
- Avoid over-packaged & disposable goods
- Use cloth napkins/towels instead of paper napkins/towels
- Make 2-sided copies whenever possible
- •Maintain central files for multiple individuals

•Use electronic mail/communications or a central bulletin board

REUSE

* Reuse products for the same purpose or for a different purpose

It makes economic & environmental sense to reuse products. Sometimes it takes a creative mind to do so.

- Sell or Donate old clothes, appliances, toys & furniture
- Use resealable containers rather than plastic wrap
- Reuse grocery bags or bring your own cloth bags to the store

Recycle

* Recycle/convert common waste into reusable material

Recycling is a series of steps that takes a used material and processes, re-manufactures and sells it as a new product. Begin recycling at home and work.

- Recycle all acceptable products at our recycling bins, stations & trailers
 - (see www.grrwa.com for a complete list of locations)
- Check for curbside recycling acceptable items & schedules on your local city websites
- Purchase and use recycled materials for the home & office
- Implement a composting process for your lawn & garden

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Bostock, Carrie (Jeff) Krieger, Harvey and Hannah Ireland, Libby (Matt) Adams, Elliott (Korina Garcia) Maury; step-grandsons, Bryce and Tristan Hettinger; great-grandchildren, Kendalyn (Clyde), Julian (Careena), Tavian, Bethany (Zach), Kaetlyn (Chris), Gaven, Analyssa, Kyaira, Jaydren, Olivia and Dylan; step great-grandchildren, Mallory and Kylie; great great grandchildren, Titan, Chaos, Kenya, Kaydince, Khaila, BryAnne and Johnathan; and step great great grandchild, Brooklinn.

Dodie is preceded in death by her husband, John Burgess who passed away July 11, 2014, parents, brother, Donald Burch, and great granddaughter, Brianne.

Funeral Services will be 1:00 pm Tuesday July 11, 2017 at Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison, Iowa with visitation 1 hour prior to services. Pastor Dean Graber will officiate. Burial follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family to be forwarded to a charity of their choice. Online condolences to the Burgess family may be made at Barr Memorial Chapel website, <u>www.barrmemorialchapel.</u> <u>com</u>.

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good chicken salad, though.

On the 4th of July (Ginnie's day off), we butchered the rest, leaving them whole and freezing them in two-gallon bags. They should make good roasters, we're hoping. Live and learn. I'm not sure there's going



to be another year of baby chicks. It's an awful lot of work, and the super market is so close.

The hens are enjoying the freedom of the chicken house sans the bully roosters. They're brown hens and we should be enjoying farm fresh brown eggs in the near future. (I know, I know, eggs are only 38 cents a dozen at the supermarket.) I don't think I could butcher a hen, they're way too cute. I had Ginnie feed them some bread crumbs. She held a chunk of bread in her hand and they snatched it right out of her fingers. Yep, way too cute.

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