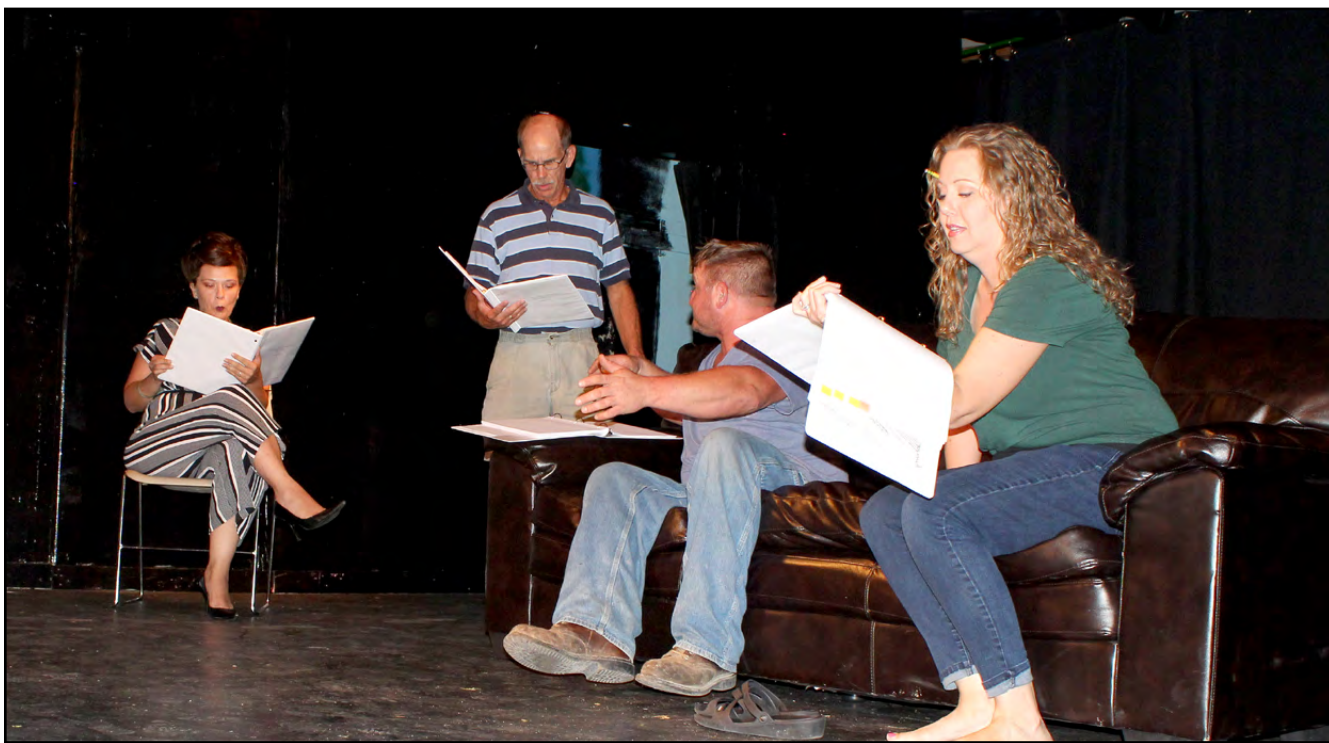




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Courtesy photo

The cast for "What to Expect When You're Expecting In-Laws" rehearsed last week at the Old Fort Players Theater in anticipation of the October fall production.

Four turn in papers for mayor's chair

Helmick, Eaves, Mohrfeld, and Hoskins get on ballot

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – According to Fort Madison City Clerk Melinda Blind, four people will run for the mayor's seat for Fort Madison in the November 5 election.

Current City Councilman Matt Mohrfeld announced his candidacy last month, but since then Rodney Hoskins, Jason Eaves and Joseph Helmick all turned in papers before Thursday's filing deadline. Current Mayor Brad Randolph said he was not going to see re-election last month.

At-large councilman Kevin Rink turned in papers to retain his council seat and will be challenged by Jerry Hamelton.

In the first ward, Rebecca Bowker and former mayor-al candidate Chris Sorrentino will battle it out.

For the 3rd ward seat only Tyler Miller turned in papers, and Chad Cangas will run unopposed to hold onto his 5th Ward seat. Mohrfeld currently holds the 3rd Ward seat.

Pen City Current will run features outlining each contested election in the weeks prior to the election.

Big things expected from OFP's next production

BY DOROTHY SCHULTE
Old Fort Players

FORT MADISON – Expect some good entertainment the next time you head down to Old Fort Players Community Theater.

Their fall production, "What to Expect When You're Expecting Your In-Laws," is written by Brian Mitchell. The writer has been in close contact with the director and cast – checking up to make sure they are having fun!

What can you expect as far as plot twists? Here goes: Sam and Gwen are expecting their first child and after moving into their new apartment, Gwen's divorced parents arrive separately, unexpectedly and bitterly.

As an unforeseen winter blizzard roars outside, Sam suddenly realizes they will all be stuck together for some time. Not to be outdone by a cataclysmic weather event, father-in-law, Jack brings his mistress along. Then just when you thought things couldn't get more chaotic, Gwen goes into labor.

Now, some people would be shocked by such events,

but for Sam it's just what to expect when you're expecting your in-laws.

A newcomer to OFP, but not to entertainment, is local musician Amanda Greenhelge. She has been cast as Gwen, the daughter who is, you guessed it, 'expecting.' In one scene, the character breaks into song.

OFP Volunteer, Dorothy Schulte recounted what she saw at rehearsal one night.

"Now most actors will just sort of warble out something resembling a tune and hope no one notices. But not Greenhelge, she just cut loose with perfect pitch and blew the roof off. I turned to (Director) Angela and said, 'Can we get her into a musical?' I was bowled over."

Jadi Lynn Zioui is another new face at OFP. As Tatyana, Jack's mistress, Jadi is calling on her colorful background as the world's last hippie. You may know her as the writer, director, and lead in 2018's Fort Mad Dead Zone and her byline at the Daily Democrat.

Sherry Stice is Amanda, the mom. "Sherry is a favor-

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Burlington gets \$135K for runway project

WASHINGTON. – Congressman Dave Loebsack announced today that the Southeast Iowa Regional Airport will receive an \$135,267 grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant program.

The funding will be used for design review and construction inspection of the runway reconstruction project.

"The Southeast Iowa Regional Airport plays a critical role in fueling economic development in the area, allowing the community to continue to grow," said Loebsack.

"I am pleased the Southeast Iowa Regional Airport is receiving the final portion of their grant to finish the runway reconstruction. I look forward to seeing the finished project!"



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Obituaries/Iowa Lottery

OBITUARIES

MICHAEL EDWARD TAYLOR

Michael Edward Taylor, 56, of Argyle, Iowa passed away Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 2:46 p.m. at his home.

He was born January 31, 1963 to Donald and Lila (Foster) Taylor.

Michael was preceded in death by his grandparents; parents; a sister, Mary Childers; and a brother-in-law, Jim Childers.

Survivors include his daughter: Tanya Martin of Woodstock, Illinois; his grandson: Michael Regan Jr. of Woodstock, Illinois; two sisters: Evelyn Taylor Minor of Rockaway Beach, Missouri and Joanne (Mike) Townsley of Muscatine, Iowa; two nieces: Tammy Taylor and Michelle (Dustin) Keiser; four nephews: Timothy Childers, Mike Townsley, Mark Taylor and Marvin Taylor. He is also survived by several great nieces and nephews.

Michael enjoyed being on his CB; his handle was the Bettendorf Bandit. Most of all, he loved his family.

His body has been entrusted to Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson, Iowa for cremation. There are no services planned.

On-line condolences to the family may be left at www.schmitzfuneralhomes@windstream.com.



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Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Above, drum majors from Mt. Vernon High School give salute after they were announced the top marching band in Class 3A at the Fort Madison Marching Band Classic Saturday.

At left, Fort Madison band members stand at attention after they performed an exhibition at the end of the contest.



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Current-Lee/State News

CURRENT-LEE

The following is a list of current events and happenings in Fort Madison and north Lee County as submitted to the Pen City Current.

Bloodhound Booster Events

The Fort Madison Bloodhound Booster Club is hosting a BINGO night on Sept. 21, at the LULAC in Fort Madison. Also the Booster Club is having organizations in the area sponsor the Bark and Bite at home football games this year. Wilson BBQ is sponsoring this Friday with pulled pork sandwiches and baked beans.

Art in Central Park

The annual Fort Madison Area Arts Association's Art-in-Central-Park is Sunday, Sept. 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Central Park in Fort Madison. The day will be filled with art, music and fun and games for adults and children alike. The park is located at 9th Street and Avenue E.

Free Showing of Classic Movie Sabrina

Sabrina, starring Audrey Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart will be showing Monday, Sept. 23 at 1pm at the Fox Theatre, compliments of The Kensington.

North Lee County Relay for Life

The annual Relay for Life takes place this year on September 27th from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. and will feature Maddie Poppe in Concert. This year's theme is "idols of strength."

Weekly Book Sale

Friends of the Fort Madison Public Library is holding a weekly book sale from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursdays at the Public Library.

Volunteer Fair

The United Way and Fort Madison Public Library will be holding a volunteer fair Thursday, Sept. 26, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Fort Madison Public Library's Sheaffer Memorial Meeting Room Refreshments will be provided and attendees will have a chance to explore volunteer opportunities in the area.

Small Grand Things Grand Opening

The new venue south of West Point is having a Grand Opening on Sept. 28 from 6 p.m. to midnight with food, music, and fun featuring Wilson Bros. BBQ, Caleb Booten performing from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Will Stuekerjuergen DJing until midnight. For more information visit the website at smallgrandthings.com.

Diaper Drive

Griffin Muffler & Brake Center of Fort Madison is spearheading the annual diaper drive during the month of September for families of Lee County in need. Diapers can be dropped at the center of Connection Bank.

Special Olympics Fundraiser

The Fort Madison Eagles Club will be hosting a fundraiser for area Special Olympics kids. The event will feature a Diving for Dollars from Bobby Reid and Bob Chesnut. Reid will skydive onto a field, and the number he lands on will win \$500 if present and \$250 if not present. An \$8 meal will be served after the drop at the Eagles with half the proceeds going to area Special Olympics athletes.

Fort Madison Farmer's Market

The farmer's market continues through Sept. 30 on Mondays on the east side of Central Park in Fort Madison from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Every second Monday is Kid's Day at the market.

Kensington events

The Kensington is offering Senior's Only Community Bingo on the second Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. The event is free for seniors and cash prizes are awarded. Caregivers Connection is held the 4th Tuesday of every month at noon. Call 319-372-4233 to reserve your seat.

Broadband grant program open for applications

DES MOINES – Friday, the Offices of Governor Kim Reynolds and the Chief Information Officer announced that the application window for the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Program has officially opened, making \$5 million dollars in grant funds available for communication service providers who expand high-speed Internet service into unserved areas in Iowa. The application window will be open from Sept. 20, 2019 through Oct. 18, 2019. The grants are part of legislation that was passed earlier this year as a part of the Governor's Empower Rural Iowa Initiative.

"You can't succeed in the Information Economy if you're not connected to the Information Superhighway," said Gov. Reynolds. "Broadband connectivity is a central component to our Empower Rural Iowa Initiative because connecting our rural communities is fundamental to all aspects of growth and prosperity. High-speed broadband will not

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Sports

Bloodhounds' offense opens up in 26-7 win

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison High School's defense wanted the shutout.

But Friday's 28-6 win over Burlington at Richmond Stadium was more than good enough.

"We were so close (to the shutout), but we just couldn't get it," said junior Will Larson, whose big night on both sides of the ball helped the Bloodhounds (3-1) get the victory.

"It feels good. We knew we could do this. We have a defense where everybody does their job."

"It would have been nice to have a zero up there," Fort Madison coach Derek Doherty said. "It didn't happen. But we still played hard.

"This was a great win for us."

Burlington (1-3) didn't score until the fourth quarter, when D.J. Pugh scored on a 3-yard run on fourth down.

Until then, the Bloodhound defense was in command, with three interceptions and a fumble recovery to stop the Grayhounds.

"It was just a roller-coaster game," Doherty said. "We did a great job of fighting through some adversi-



ty."

The margin of victory could have been larger — the Bloodhounds had two touchdowns called back because of penalties.

"We have to sharpen this penalty stuff up, no matter how we feel about it — good call, bad call," Doherty said. "We can't be in those situations, and that's on me. We have to fix that. If we do that, I think we're a good football team."

Larson threw for all four of Fort Madison's touchdowns — two each to Quentin Schneider and Parker Denning.

Larson threw a 14-yard pass to Schneider for the first score on Fort Madison's opening possession after an interception. He added a second-quarter 2-yard

TD pass to Denning, then threw a 9-yarder to him in the third. A 63-yard TD pass to Schneider later in the third quarter closed Fort Madison's scoring.

Larson threw for 243 yards and added 79 rushing yards on just five carries.

"He's starting to develop into an RPO quarterback," Doherty said. "He's starting to see things, he's understanding the offense better and better every week. He's a film-study guy. We're really happy with the progress he's making."

Fort Madison had 395 yards of offense. Schneider had 129 receiving yards. Calem MacLearn had 60 rushing yards.

Burlington had 261 yards of offense. Trey King rushed for 101 yards.

"We came out, we had the energy, effort and attitude," Larson said. "That's what they preach to us. And we knew we could get the win."

Fort Madison opens Class 3A District 6 play at Solon next Friday.

"It will be the same kind of week for us," Larson said. "Just keep playing the way we've been playing."

Romeo Maestro led the Hounds on defense again with nine tackles, five solo. Larson and Tate Johnson both had interceptions for Fort Madison.

Central Lee falls to 0-4 with Homecoming loss

BY PCC STAFF

DONNELSON – West Burlington-Notre Dame spoiled Central Lee's Homecoming Friday night with a 27-6 win in non-district Class 2A football action.

West Burlington scored a touchdown in each quarter, three on runs and then on a 45-yard pass play from Anthony Hoffman to Kendall Baker.

Central Lee scored in the third period down 14-0 when David Vance picked up a fumble and raced 23 yards to the endzone to close the gap to one score.

But the Falcon's would score again just three minutes later on the pass to Baker and then added an insurance score in the 4th on another one-yard plunge to put the game away with just under seven minutes left.

The Hawks were led on the ground by Dalton Westercamp who had 55 yards on 10 carries. Adam Boeck, who started at quarterback for the game had 22 yards on nine carries and went 5 of 16 for 33 yards in the air.

Mason Schau, Dylan Stuecker and TJ Stutes all had 11 yards through

the air.

Evan Pohren and Connor Moore each had six tackles to lead Central Lee's defensive efforts.

The Falcons scored on a one-yard run with 1:42 left in the 1st quarter to take the early lead. Then at the 11:18 mark scored from 3 yards out, again on the ground and added the extra point to make it 14-0

Central Lee falls to 0-4 on the year and plays at Mid-Prairie on Friday. West Burlington (1-3) secured it's first win of the year and hosts Louisa-Muscatine on Friday at Bill Nelson Field.

HTC falls to Class 2A No. 4 Van Buren

BY PCC STAFF

VAN BUREN – Van Buren, ranked No. 4 in the state in Class 2A knocked off Holy Trinity Catholic Thursday night in three games.

Sophomore Kassi Randolph led the 9th-rated Class 1A Crusaders 6-4 (2-2) in the 23-25, 22-25, 10-25 loss.

Randolph was 21-22 hitting with five kills and 13 assists. She also was 9-11 from the service line with an ace, 12 digs, and two blocks.

Claire Pothitakis had 10 kills on the night and was 32 of 34 attacking. Maria Rauenbuehler was 12 of 12 serving and had 28 digs from the libero spot.

Bailey Hellweg led the Crusaders with 14 assists on the night.

Van Buren (12-2) was paced by senior Salena Sayre who had 20 kills on 43 attacks. She also had 18 digs and was 13 of 15 serving with three aces.

Holy Trinity traveled to Keokuk on Saturday for an invitational tourney, before hosting the HTC Classic starting at 4 p.m. Monday night at Shottenkirk Gymnasium.

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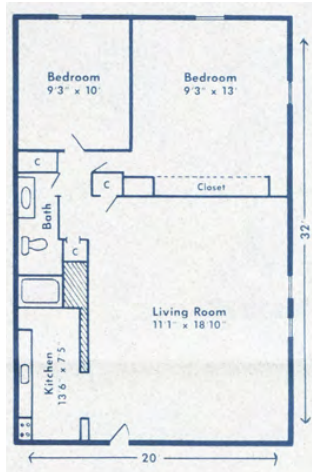
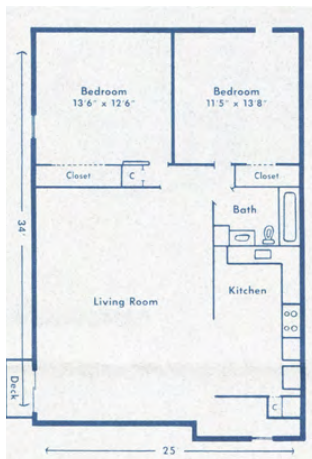


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Fall OFP production set for last two weekends in October

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ite of our directors and came highly recommended for the part, though it is my first time working with her," Director Sanford said. "She's a solid actress and a real pro at rehearsals. Which is a good balance when all your guys are cut-ups."

The cut-ups in this instance? Let's top the list with Jim Cole as Frank, the neighbor. You've heard of Jim Cole of course. If you've ever seen an OFP production, Jim was likely in it. "That's not fair. I didn't get a part with the Kids' summer theater," Cole says. Not likely, Jim, the cut off age is 14!

Then there's Ty Clute, now known as the "New Jim Cole." He somehow wrangles at least a bit part in almost everything.

"Not so fast! I wasn't in Steel Magnolias," Clute was quick to remind us. It isn't likely he could have worked with the all-female cast without anyone noticing.

And rounding out the list of talented actors with behavioral issues is Robbie Phillips. Most recently as the wise-cracking Wilson in "Harvey," Phillips has hung on to the wise-cracking for this show, too - in and out of character.

Fortunately for the director, Robbie's wife, Lea, is the AD. She manages to help Sanford get some actual work

done during the three nights a week the group rehearses.

Angela Sanford returns as Director of this production after cutting her teeth on "Making God Laugh" last Christmas. Sanford has previously held the position of Secretary and is now Treasurer on the Board of Directors.

Clay Steele is on board for Lights and Sound and Amy Perez will be in charge of makeup and hair.

"What to Expect When You're Expecting Your in-Laws," co-sponsored by Philp Insurance Agency, Inc. will be presented by special arrangement with the author. Performances run October 18-20 & 25-27.

Evening shows begin at 7:30 p.m. and the curtain rises on Sundays at 2:00 pm. Tickets for Adults are \$15; Seniors, Active Military & Vets are \$12; Students aged 5-17 are \$10. Tickets are available on the theater website as well as at the door.

Old Fort Players has been entertaining the community since 1981 and is located in downtown Fort Madison at 725 Avenue G. Call 319-372-9559 for more information. Like them on Facebook or visit www.oldfortplayers.com to keep up with everything that's going on at the theater.

Iowa CIO also releases new service map

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only make Iowa a hub for innovation, but is vital for keeping our young people here and attracting others to Iowa."

"The broadband grant program will empower rural Iowans with better connectivity," said Lt. Gov. Gregg. "Connectivity opens doors for entrepreneurs, students and farmers, and brings us one step closer to ensuring opportunity and prosperity in every corner of our state."

"Universal access to broadband is critical to the future of all Iowans," said Chief Information Officer Annette Dunn. "I strongly encourage all communication service providers seeking to expand broadband access in Iowa to apply for this funding opportunity. Together, we can help increase the availability of high-speed Internet access in the State of Iowa."

Up to 15 percent of total project costs are available to be funded through the grant program for communication service providers that facilitate broadband service in Targeted Service Areas of Iowa. Both private sector telecommunication providers and public sector entities that wish to expand broadband access in underserved areas of the state may apply for funding.

The Office of the Chief Information Officer also released a new broadband map of Iowa today that incorporates the latest broadband availability data published by the Federal Communications Commission.

Information about the grant application process can be found at: <https://ocio.iowa.gov/notice-funding-availability-002>.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

SUN 22 Sep

Heavy Rain
High - 69.6° F | Low - 56.4° F

MON 23 Sep

Clear Skies
High - 72.1° F | Low - 60.9° F

TUE 24 Sep

Partly Cloudy
High - 75.7° F | Low - 66.8° F

WED 25 Sep

Light Rain
High - 71.9° F | Low - 54.6° F

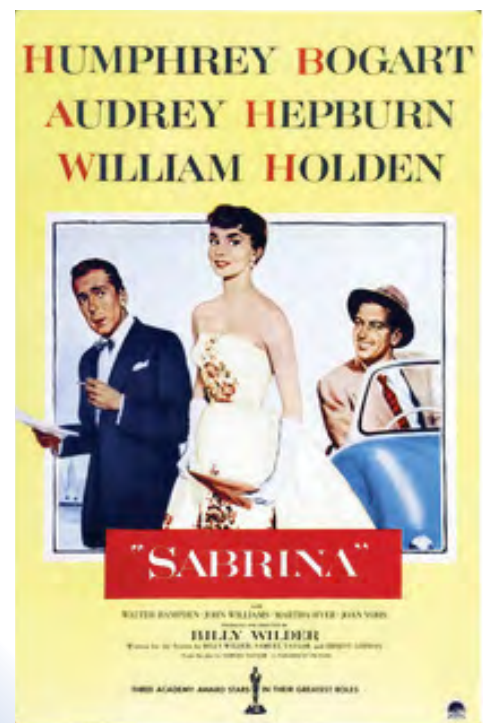
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