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Taking some of the "S" out of L

Workers with Jones Contracting out of West Point work on the southside lane of Avenue L Monday morning. Concrete has already been poured on the north bound lane. The city is taking some of the curve out of the stretch of Old Hwy. 61. Data showed the segment was one of the higher rated accident zones on the stretch of roadway

Neighborhood Watch groups holding forum

Forum set for Sept. 5 to talk about city's crime statistics

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – They've been around for more than five years and they are starting to have an impact on crime in their neighborhoods. Now they want to share their blueprint for success with the rest of Fort Madison.

On Sept. 14, the city's neighborhood watch groups, consisting of 34th Place Neighborhood Watch, Lincoln Neighborhood Watch, and Dry Creek Neighborhood Watch, will hold a community forum in Old Settlers Park. The event is set for 2:30 and will feature a short presentation on the history of the city's current watch groups, a small information session on crime stats in the community, and a question and answer session.

Free hot dogs and water will be provided at the meeting.

Steve Howard of the 34th Place group and Larry Lee Stewart of the Lincoln group made a presentation to the Fort Madison City Council two weeks ago

Do you have time - to help stop crime?

Visit any of these Facebook pages to learn more about what the Neighborhood Watch Program is & how to start your own group or join an existing group!

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about statistics on crime in the areas of the city that are served by neighborhood watch groups.

See **CRIME**, page 8

ISU's Fall Field Day set for Sept. 5

Crawfordsville research farm is the site for this year's tour and meal

CRAWFORDSVILLE – Farmers, farmer advisers, and the general public are invited to attend the fall field day at the Iowa State University Southeast Research and Demonstration Farm near Crawfordsville on September 5.

The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a complimentary meal and registration. The tour starts at 6 p.m. and will feature four topics.

The first is a season review of the farm, provided by Myron Rees and Cody Schneider, farm superintendents.

The next stop will focus on edge-of-field water quality practices and will be presented by Matt Helmers, professor and extension agricultural engineer in the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering at Iowa State, and Elizabeth Juchems, conservation outreach specialist with Iowa Learning Farms.

Ryan Drollette and Charles Brown, ISU Extension and Outreach farm management specialists, will discuss the market facilitation program and provide a crop market outlook for the third tour stop.

The day will conclude with a discussion on current crop conditions, and an outlook on harvest and storage management. This discussion will be led by ISU Extension and Outreach field agronomists Virgil Schmitt, Josh Michel, and Rebecca Vittetoe, and extension ag engineer Kristina Tebockhorst.

Attendees can discuss concerns and ask questions with each of the speakers. Certified Crop Adviser continuing education credits will be available (0.5 S.W.M., and 1.0 C.M.).

This field day is free and open to the public with no pre-registration required. The meal is sponsored by the research farm association; Louisa, Washington, Henry, Jefferson and Des Moines County Farm Bureaus; and Hills Bank and Trust Co.

To reach the farm, follow U.S. Highway 218 one and three quarters miles south of Crawfordsville, then two miles east on county road G-62, then three-quarters of a mile north. Signs will be posted.

For more information, contact Virgil schmitt at 563-263-5701 or vschmitt@iastate.edu.

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

DONETTA J. GAYLORD

Donetta J. Gaylord, 77, of Ft. Madison passed away at 5:40 AM on Monday, August 26, 2019 at The Madison.



GAYLORD

She was born on March 20, 1942 in Farmington, IA to Charles and Katherine Cecil Gaylord. Donetta was a homemaker. She enjoyed doing puzzles, word searches, reading, watching TV and visiting with people.

Survivors include seven grandchildren, Andromeda, Phoenix, Anthony, Crystalle, Charles, Eric and Quentin; one step grandson, Ryan; eight great grandchildren; four brothers, Dean Gaylord, Bill Gaylord, Darrell Gaylord and Dick Gaylord all of Ft. Madison; three sisters, Norma Bohnenkamp of Wever, Barbara Patton of Brunswick, GA and Beverly Wildrick of Jefferson City, Tennessee; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, William Dean Gaylord.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and a Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 31, 2019 from 11 AM until 3 PM at Shopton Park.

Online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

OBITUARIES

D. CHARLENE DENLY

D. Charlene Denly, 83, of Farmington, Iowa, passed away at 8:00 p.m., Sunday, August 25, 2019 at her home.



DENLY

Charlene was born on June 17, 1936, the daughter of Fred and Maxine (Story) Bregenzer in Farmington. On August 10, 1958 she married Robert D. Denly in Farmington.

Survivors include her husband: Robert; five children: Pat Stecker of Farmington, Iowa, Janice (Gary) Hackett of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Robert E. Denly of Farmington, Iowa, Cindy (Mike) Benedict of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa and Fred (Deb) Denly of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; fourteen grandchildren: Cory Koerselman, Katie Furnal, Cassie Novinger, Kylee Stecker, Amanda Ross, Brandi Simmons, Kenneth Denly, Cody Denly, David Denly, Chad Denly, Samantha Freeman, Alexandra Benedict, Maxwell Denly and Ashton Denly; and seventeen great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother: Michael Goosey; and her grandson: Brandon Ross.

Charlene was a devoted mother and homemaker. She loved spending time with her family and treating them to her homemade german chocolate cake.

Friends may call after 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at the Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington, Iowa. The family will meet with friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. that evening.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, August 29 2019 at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington with Pastor Nancy St. Clair officiating.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be made at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

CHARLOTTE DYAN ANDERSON



ANDERSON

Charlotte Dyan Anderson passed away peacefully on May 7, 2019. She was born January 16, 1949 in Fort Madison, IA to Dale and Lois Anderson.

Charlotte was a longtime resident to McDonald, TN and worked as a residential appraiser. She was a loving mother and caring friend who blessed many lives with her charity and mission work. She is survived by her children: Elizabeth, Erica, Eloise, Emily, Chad, Beverly; her grandchildren: Connor, Charlotte, Kyrra, and Lindsay; her sister, Vicky, and brother, Roger. A memorial service and burial will be held at 10:00 am Friday, August 30, 2019 at the Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison. Online condolences to the Anderson Family may be made at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

The Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes.

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For the Record/Lottery Numbers

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

08/22/19 – 2:11 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1600 block of Avenue H. 08/22/19 – 1:10 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 900 block of 15th Street. 08/22/19 – 6:22 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1300 block of 23rd Street. 08/22/19 – 7:19 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1300 block of 23rd Street. 08/23/19 – 10:25 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Markie Lynn Pflug, 30, of Keokuk, at the police department for fraudulent practices in the 5th degree. 08/23/19 – 2:54 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1400 block of Avenue H. 08/23/19 – 4:57 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1100 block of Avenue E. 08/23/19 – 8:49 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1800 block of 39th Street. 08/24/19 – 4:16 a.m. – Fort Madison Police

responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3100 block of Avenue O. 08/24/19 – 9:55 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 37th Street and Avenue O. 08/24/19 – 10:13 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 700 block of Avenue G. 08/24/19 – 1:03 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of gas drive off in the 5000 block of Avenue O. 08/24/19 – 11:59 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of 37th Street. 08/25/19 – 8:30 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Christopher Mikcel Flores, 38, of Fort Madison in the 1200 block of Avenue H, on two counts of disorderly conduct. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 08/25/19 – 9:29 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 500 block of Avenue E. 08/25/19 – 11:33 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident on Richards Drive. 08/25/19 – 3:47 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the

4600 block of Avenue J. 08/25/19 – 7:13 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 400 block of 23rd Street. 08/25/19 – 8:08 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 400 block of 34th Street. 08/25/19 – 8:14 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Adam Ray Sutton, 41, of Fort Madison in the 1500 block of Avenue D, on a warrant for parole violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

08/23/19 – 10:31 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Mathew Rohan Boon, 33, of Fort Madison in the 700 block of Avenue F, on a warrant for contempt of court. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and he released on bond. 08/23/19 – 1:56 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Cody Dale Kussman, 31, of Burlington, in Burlington, on a temporary hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 08/23/19 – 3:25 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jason Adam Crawford, 41, of Solon, in Iowa city on a temporary hold. He was taken into custody and transport-

ed to another county 08/23/19 – 4:21 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Bradnon Paul Harold Whippie, 30, of Keokuk on Richards Drive in Keokuk on warrant for violation of parole. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 08/23/19 – 6:06 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jacob Anthony Haage, 26, of Montrose at the sheriff's office on a charge of contempt of court. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond. 08/24/19 – 3:21 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies Nicolai Alexander Alvarez, 31, of Texas, no location given, on a charge of OWI. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond. 08/24/19 – 4:01 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Codey Lane Page, 42, of Montrose, in the 3200 block of 220th Avenue on a charge of making a false 911 call. He was taken to the Lee

County Jail and released after paying a fine. 08/25/19 – midnight – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tyler Alan McLaughlin, 34, of Warsaw in the 3600 block of Main Street in Keokuk, on a warrant for contempt of court. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 08/25/19 – 1:53 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Payton Michael Lee Baldwin, 23, of Keokuk, in the 500 block of High Street in Keokuk, on a charge of serious assault. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond. 08/25/19 – 5:52 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested John Thomas Vance, 67, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for judgment hold. He was taken to the Lee County jail and held. 08/25/19 – 6:25 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Joshua Adam Burson, 24 of Texas, in the 100 block of Main Street in Montrose on charges of

providing false identification to a police officer, public intoxication and assault with injury to police officer. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 08/26/19 – 6:52 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Lisa Marie Watkins, 52, of Hamilton at the sheriff's office on warrants for throwing litter on the highway and disorderly conduct. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. *Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

08/23/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to five medical calls, one false alarm, and one assist. 08/24/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one medical call. 08/25/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one medical call and one smoke detector check.



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Pick 4 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
Pick 4 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm



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Sports/Weather

Lady Hound spikers looking for leadership

BY ETHAN LILLARD
Pen City Current Sports

FORT MADISON- It will forever be a constant in high school sports for teams to lose key players to graduation. How those teams respond to those losses is ultimately the deciding factor in the team's success moving forward.

While all teams deal with the graduation factor, not all get hit as hard as the Bloodhounds coming into 2019. Gone from last season's Fort Madison squad are four now college players in Josie Pumphrey, Kaeli Hutson, Jassmine Bass and Braxtyn McGhghy, along with Olivia Williams who is now playing college softball.

Josie Pumphrey was a big piece of the puzzle for the 20-12 2018 Bloodhounds, putting out max effort game in and game out to account for over 30 percent of the teams overall digs on the season in 2018. Also, between Hutson, Bass, Williams and McGhghy, Fort Madison is losing over 62 percent of its kills from last year.



WISEMAN

"We lost some good talent so we've got some work to do to figure out who's going to replace those players," Fort Madison Head Coach Kent Bailey said. "We've got a lot of talent here, they just need to pull together as a group."

A lot of that talent comes in the form of now senior hitter Jillian Wiseman (273 in 2018) and assists leader Lauren Bailey (710 in 2018).

"Jillian Wiseman is returning, she is a middle hitter who led us in kills last year as a junior," Bailey said. "We have Lauren Bailey who led the conference in assists, she'll be a junior this fall. We've got Gracie Pumphrey who was a back-row defensive specialist last year, along with Jenna Jones and Nadia Boeding. We've got five that have got some playing time last



Photo by Ethan Lillard/PCC

The 2019 Fort Madison Bloodhound volleyball squad will be looking for more leadership this year with five seniors graduating from the Lady Hounds' 2018 squad.

year and we've got others that are chomping at the bit ready to go."

The list goes on of the girls on the team that are either competing for a spot, or looking to play themselves into playing time.

"We've got Kailyn Guzman at middle hitter, Reyna Lampe as an outside hitter, along with Kylee Cashman as an outside hitter. All three of them are juniors.

"We've got Anna Link and Logan Johnson who are hitters who are both sophomores, along with Genevieve Ruble and Maddie Pirri is looking at some back time as a defensive specialist, she's also a sophomore. Then Kendall Beebe, she's a junior setter, along with Jada Sheppard whose the backup senior setter."

Fort Madison may not have a storied history of winning in every sport, but volleyball has been somewhat of a constant for the Hounds, having won back-to-back conference titles. Although the loss of so many pieces will be a lot for Fort Madison to overcome, the standard is still set the same coming into 2019 look-

ing for a threeppeat.

"That's the goal for our kids and they know that," Bailey said about his team winning the conference. "They know the work it takes to get there. The nice thing is we had kids that proceeded them that worked hard to get to this point, now we want to keep that ball rolling."

While Bailey continues to set the bar high for his team, he admits this season's non-conference schedule will be a meat grinder and will test his girls' true grit.

"Conference wise we feel pretty good about where we're at," Bailey said. "We're going to have a tough non-conference schedule. We go to play up at Bondurant-Farrar, in their tournament, Lynn-Mar in their tournament, Iowa City Liberty. We're going to play some big teams and we're also going to play some good teams that come back with good records from the previous year.

"Record wise might not always show as much, but we're also doing that to raise our game so when we get to post-conference, we know what bigger schools look like and we're prepared for them."

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Lee County News/Classifieds

West Point library to host Iowa foods author Sept. 5

Maulsby brings stories to life in a free program, book signing starting at 2 p.m.

Submitted article

WEST POINT - What comes to mind when you think of Iowa food? Everyone has an Iowa food story, and Lake City, Iowa, author Darcy Dougherty Maulsby will bring these stories to life on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2019, at the West Point Public Library for a free Adventures in Iowa's Culinary History program and book signing starting at 2:00 p.m.

"From Iowa originals like Maid-Rites to ko-laches to homemade cinnamon rolls—served with chili, of course—there are many remarkable stories behind Iowa's tastiest traditions," said Maulsby, Iowa's Storyteller, who has been featured in the Iowa History Journal, Our Iowa magazine, Iowa Public Radio and more. "Pull up a chair, and relish what you missed in history class."

During her fun, interactive program, Maulsby serves up fascinating tidbits and cooking tips related to more than 150 years of Iowa cuisine and ethnic food traditions, from all corners of the state, with stories that include Iowa's classic breaded pork tenderloins, church dinners, the historic Younkers Tea Room, Laura Ingalls Wilder and more. Discover how Iowa's delectable cuisine is quintessentially Midwestern, grounded in its rich farming heritage and spiced with diverse ethnic influences.

Want to know where in Iowa you can dine at a James Beard award-winning steakhouse? Any idea where to find Iowa's own distinctive style of potato chips, which might be the world's best chips? What if you want to step back in time and enjoy a slice of homemade pie at an Iowa icon that first opened in 1852? You'll pass the test with flying colors—and impress your friends—when you delve into Iowa's culinary history.

"Even those who are well acquainted with Iowa food lore are sure to find something new and interesting," said Julie Goodrich, who wrote a review of "A Culinary History of Iowa" in the Iowa History Journal. "Go on

an adventure with this fun, fascinating and tasty tale of culinary traditions that weave through Iowa's past and present."

"I'm passionate about helping people make the farm-to-fork connection and reconnecting with Iowa history," Maulsby said. "If you have an appetite for adventure, you can't do better than Iowa when it comes to history, culture, and one-of-kind culinary experiences. 'A Culinary History of Iowa' offers a fun way to explore the world without leaving Iowa."

Signed copies of "A Culinary History of Iowa" will be available during the event, along with Maulsby's other non-fiction, illustrated Iowa history books ("Calhoun County" and "Dallas County") and her postcard collections featuring rural Iowa images and postcards featuring favorite vintage photos from the Culinary History of Iowa book.

For more details, contact Dara Sanders at the West Point Public Library, 317 5th St., West Point, (319-837-6315, dsanders@westpoint.lib.ia.us), or Maulsby (yettergirl@yahoo.com). You can also visit Maulsby online at www.darcymaulsby.com.

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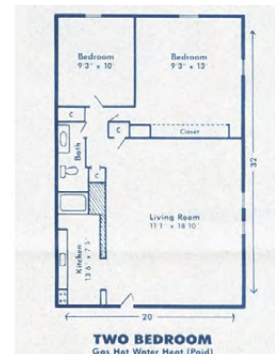
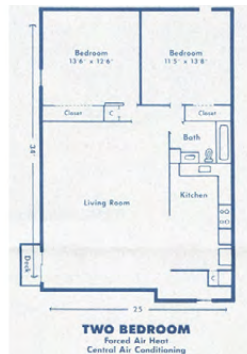


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Watch groups to hold forum to help other neighborhoods

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Stewart said it's apparent the watch groups are seeing results in helping keep crime down in the watch neighborhoods.

Lorie Seager, another founding member of the 34th Place watch, said efforts are not only deterring crime, but helping move those that are engaged in criminal activity out of the area.

"When you're seen in your neighborhoods and put flyers up on doors and stuff, people look at them and, if they are up to no good, they don't want to stay in that neighborhood very long," Seager said.

Stewart said the forum will last close to an hour.

"We're gonna spend about 15 minutes to talk about the history of the watch groups," Stewart said.

"And then I'm going to show a map of the city and show all the crime... everything. I'm going to show you, if my stats still hold true - and I believe I was right and accurate, it should look like blue beacons around the groups and red everywhere else."

Everyone in the city is welcomed to attend the forum.

Stewart said there would 20 minutes to update the community on the statistics of crime and then a wrap up of how other people can start up a neighborhood watch.

"There's one key message here which is it's not as hard as you think," Stewart said. "Setting up a group is not hard. We know this, you just have to keep it relevant."

Seager said one of the more difficult parts of the neighborhood watch groups is keeping patrols active.

"We're all guilty of finding excuses, but we know it's an important part of doing it. But we've also found that we take different paths to work or walk in the neighborhood and people see you," she said.

"What people don't understand about the neighborhood watch is that I lived in that house for 11 years and I didn't know anybody, didn't care to know anybody. Now I know 10 blocks of neighbors - know everyone one of their names from phone trees and now I care about them."

Howard said despite the patrols and observation, when something happens in the neighborhood, someone in the watch is listening and acting.

"If something goes down, there's 11 radios in our area and I guarantee somebody's going to answer their radio," Howard said.

Stewart, said the Lincoln group has 10 radios and said people quickly react to issues including helping look for a lost child.

Stewart said he's told police officers that the neighborhood watch groups are advocates and can be supplemental to local policing efforts.

"We are trying new things. We're not just going out as individual groups and saying 'we're going to do it this way'. We're working together collaboratively to get things done."

Howard said the 34th Place group has all the details worked out to start the group and others wanting to start groups in their neighborhoods will have that blueprint ready for them.

The 34th Place group was the first group to get started of the current active groups. The Dry Creek group and the Lincoln group were started afterward, with the guidance of the the 34th Place Watch.

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