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### Sunday mishap leaves truck in Casey's General Store

### Hancock County stabbing victim ends up in FM

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
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Courtesy photo

A Chevrolet pickup driven by Jess Sholl collided with the east wall of the Casey's General Store on Fort Madison's west side early Sunday morning. No injuries were reported as a result of the incident.

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### Authorities searching for Keokuk man

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
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MONTROSE - The Lee County Sheriff's department is asking the public for help locating a Keokuk man.

Authorities were asked to do a welfare check just before noon Monday morning on 39-year-old Dan Oilar of Keokuk, near the Red Wing Access on the Des Moines River southwest of Keokuk.

Sheriff Stacy Weber said deputies were unable to physically locate Oilar, but were able to reach him by phone. After brief conversations with deputies on the phone, Oilar hung up on authorities and appeared to have powered down his phone prompting a search in the area of the Des Moines River.

Keokuk Emergency Volunteer Corp launched a rescue boat at Red Wing about an hour later, but Weber

called off the search due to high water levels and quick moving currents at about 2:40 p.m.

"We don't even really know if he got into the river. Right now it's an attempt to locate and we're just trying to find him to make sure he's OK," Weber said. "So if anyone has any information on his whereabouts, they should give us a call."

Weber said the conditions were dangerous for rescue crews and without knowing for sure if Oilar was actually in the river, he suspended the search.

Anyone with information about Oilar's whereabouts is encouraged to call the sheriff's office at 319-372-1152.

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FORT MADISON - Fort Madison police and first responders were called to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe bridge on Monday night on a report of a stabbing.

Authorities were notified at approximately 10:15 p.m. Monday that a vehicle was coming across the bridge from Hancock County in Illinois carrying a passenger who had allegedly been stabbed above the abdomen. The driver of the private vehicle may have also sustained injuries.

Lee County EMS, Fort Madison Fire & Rescue and police responded to the foot of the bridge where the victim, who's name has not been released, and the driver were taken to Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Fort Madison Police Chief Tim Sittig said local police notified the Hancock County Sheriff's Department and a deputy was sent to take over the investigation.

No information on the incident, the extent of the injuries or the circumstances were available from the Hancock County Sheriff's Department this morning and Sheriff Scott Bentzinger was unavailable for comment.

This news story and follow up stories were read on [pencitycurrent.com](http://pencitycurrent.com) and social media 26,245 times and was engaged with 5,800 times.



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Gannon Huston shows off his decorated 4-wheeler at the start of the Charlie Korschgen 4th of July Kiddies' Parade Saturday.

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# 4th of July on Main Street



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Cub and Boy scouts from the Pack and Troop 7 of Fort Madison tend to the "Old Fort" on Wednesday morning as part of the annual 4th of July Charlie Korschgen Kiddie Parade in downtown Fort Madison. The parade kicked off at 18th Street and Avenue G and proceeded east to 6th Street. At right, Lee County Attorney Ross Braden walks beside daughter Mylin at the start of the parade Saturday.



## FM's Derr taking toys to Burlington retail outlet

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Although her father is no longer alive, Brenda Derr is using her dad's nickname for her as an inspiration in her new business venture.

Derr, the owner of Dollhouse Dreams in Fort Madison, will be opening a new location this fall in a retail outlet in Burlington near Dick's Sporting Goods on Agency Street.

With a focus on educational toys and her Melissa & Doug collections, Derr wants to create an environment where children feel free to experience playtime again. But she's pulling from her past as a child when her father used to call her "Shug"...short for sugar.

"The new place is going to be called "Shug's Tiny Town" in honor of my dad. That's what he used to call me when I was little, 'Shug,'" Derr said.

Her premiere line of Melissa & Doug toys was created by Melissa and Doug Bernstein, a husband and wife duo who started a toy company in 1988 in their base-

ment and Doug's parents' garage and is headquartered in Wilton, Connecticut.

Derr said the company's philosophy is to take childhood back and Derr said the toys can bring back creativity and engagement that may be at risk in an ever-increasing digital world.

"We need to try and get kids away from all that and get them back into imaginative play and creativity. That's something they will take with them later in life," she said.

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Dollhouse Dreams owner Brenda Derr, far left, and staffer Ashley Enger of Fort Madison, talk with customers about the pending fall opening of Brenda's new store, Shug's Tiny Town & Educational Toys, slated for September.

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# Shug's Tiny Town to focus on educational toys, activities

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"This is gonna be fun, it really is. I'd like to be up there all the time."

Ashley Enger will be Derr's manager at the new facility.

"She's got some really good ideas on different things for the kids to do. We'll probably start a craft night up there like we've done here and a toy tester program. We might have a dress up party for the girls because there will be a boutique... or a fire drill with the firehouse."

She said she's been thinking about opening another location for years.

The sales rep with the Melissa & Doug line had been encouraging Derr to take the next step and open a new location.

"I knew it was going to happen I just didn't know when. And, of course, then the storm came and we dealt with that, but that spot in Burlington has been calling my name for years," she said.

The storm was an early 2017 spring thunderstorm with heavy winds that damaged the roof of the current building at 824 Avenue G. Derr had to renovate and repair a major portion of the building, while working out of a location next door. The current location also houses Megan's Old Fashioned Ice Cream Parlor where patrons can experience a mid-1900s lunch counter and ice cream parlor.

Derr said after taking a vacation in January she went up to Burlington to meet with the owners of the retail center and worked out a lease and got the ball rolling.

She wants the new location to be very interactive and educational. In addition to the Melissa & Doug line, she's hoping to bring some other lines in as well.

"It's going to be all educational toys. Since we're a premiere partner with Melissa & Doug, we'll continue to carry that line, and we'll bring in other lines, but I'm just not sure what those will be yet," Derr said.

The 4,300 square foot retail space will also include a "Pay and Play" area for the kids that will consist of a fictional streetscape with structural homes and buildings that the kids interact with. Some of the buildings planned include a firehouse, a diner, and a beauty par-

open in September or October. Derr said she's planning a grand opening in October to help kick off the holiday season with a huge Melissa & Doug sale. She is planning on having the store open seven days a week through the holiday season, but the hours are still to be determined.

She said she's had success selling toys in a world dominated by digital gadgets.

"If you take the phone away, they'll have to play with this toy and they'll be creative and they'll play," she said. "We kind of have to help them as parents and

encourage them, but kids know what to do, they just have to be presented with it."

Dollhouse Dreams will be holding a Toy Tinkering Experience next Saturday at the Fort Madison location where kids can come into the store and "tinker" around with toys in the shop. There will also be a 20% discount on all Melissa & Doug toys for one week starting on Tuesday.

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# FMCH joins Great River Health Systems

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison Community Hospital is now a part of the Great River Health System.

According to a joint release issued today from the communications departments of both health care providers, FMCH and Great River Medical Center are now partners as part of Great River Health System.

"This is a partnership and an affiliation agreement that puts us under the umbrella of Great River Health System," said Angie Budnik, the FMCH's Community Relations Director.

Great River Health Systems Director of Marketing and Communications, Melissa Jones, said both sides are calling the agreement a partnership.

"It's appropriate to call Fort Madison a division of Great River Health Systems, but we're calling it partnership," Jones said. "They will maintain their identity, their own board of directors, and their own administrative teams. We're excited about it. It's the right thing to do for a strong southeast Iowa."

According to the release, the agreement becomes effective August 1. An announcement was made in December that FMCH and Great River Health Systems were conducting diligence in exploring the possibility of some type of affiliation, and both health care systems began a

review of operating and governing documents to determine the viability of any affiliation. The release said both healthcare organizations, as part of Great River Health System, will maintain their identities including names, boards of directors, and administrative teams.

"The agreement represents a collaborative understanding of the industry, our patients, and our communities. Partnership will create promise that the very best coordinated and comprehensive health care can be found right here in southeast Iowa. It's a new day; we simply can't let history stand in the way of our future and doing what's best for our patients," said Jeremy Alexander, CEO at Fort Madison Community Hospital, in the release.

"Having a shared vision will help us provide higher quality health care. This partnership will create a stronger, local health system solely dedicated to serving the southeast Iowa region," said Matt Wenzel, CEO at Great River Health System.

Ann Menke, Chairman of FMCH Board of Directors said FMCH now all eyes are on the future.

"Our legal identity remains intact, and basically what happened is we operate on the same level as Great River Medical Center under that Great River Health System umbrella. Legally, this is an acquisition, but will continue to operate as FMCH under our own leadership and administration. The idea here is to now look at develop-

ing some synergies and exploring those options," Menke said.

"All with an eye to what's best for health care in southeast Iowa, and what's sustainable for the health care in southeast Iowa."

Menke said not only will FMCH have access to resources through GRHS and GRMC, but they will have access to Fort Madison's resources as well.

"To coin a phrase, FMCH is on a roll right now," she said. "We have great leadership, wonderful new doctors coming in to enhance the wonderful staff we already have in place, and great administration. I really do see this as a true partnership. There are opportunities out there we haven't even discovered yet. I'm really excited and looking forward to having the best of both worlds for all of us."

Budnik said the current IT conversion to Meditech will remain underway as the hospital's \$2 million consolidation of software for patient medical records and increased services via the hospital's website is rolled out. She said the affiliation creates more opportunities for collaboration and to look to the future at what makes health care stronger in southeast Iowa.

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## A little summer science

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Emma Berry, 12, left, and Sydney Fraise, 11, center work with Richardson Elementary teacher Kryss Plate Wednesday morning at the Elliott Test Kitchen in Fort Madison. The class was working on building and then programming Lego Robots for about three hours and were treated to lunch for their efforts by guest chef Madeline Goble. (See Page 3.)

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# FM man arrested on Missouri rape, sodomy charges

BY PCC STAFF

HAMILTON - A 33-year-old Fort Madison man has been arrested in Hamilton for multiple sex-related crimes.



TUCKER

According to a release from Hamilton Police Chief Nick Jamerson, Adam C. Tucker, of Fort Madison was arrested on several warrants out of Clark County, Missouri, including first-degree rape and first-degree sodomy.

Jamerson said Hamilton police received information that Tucker may be in the area and with the assistance of the Hancock County Sheriff's office, located and arrested Tucker without incident during a traffic stop at 10 p.m.

Tucker was then booked into the Hancock County Jail.

Also, assisting the police department was the Clark County Sheriff's office, the Nauvoo Police Department and the Hancock County State's Attorney's office.

Officials aren't releasing any details of the alleged incidents, but the investigation is on-going.

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"Max" (Zephan Abel), tries to convince Ms. Koberkeaneski (Xander Abel) a religious interruption should allow him extra time on his science project in "Homework Eats Dog". The production goes live Thursday-Sunday at the Old Fort Players in Fort Madison.



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC



## Flocking to the market

The Fort Madison Main Street's Farmers' Market was hopping as soon as it opened Monday at 4 p.m. Cars filled the North Lee County Historical Society Parking lot and then spilled onto side streets with more than 100 customers buying up wares on a muggy Monday evening.

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# Dead body found in rural Lee County

*DCI agent doesn't believe body is that of Brooklyn's Mollie Tibbetts*

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - The body of a woman in her 20s was discovered in Lee County Sunday morning southwest of West Point.

The Lee County Sheriff's department was notified just before noon that a body had been discovered just off 235th Avenue about five miles southwest of West Point. The Iowa Department of Criminal Investigations is investigating the death and special agent in charge Rick Rahn, said they do not believe the girl is Mollie Tibbetts. The Tibbett disappearance has been part of national news for close to a month.

"Investigators are keenly aware of the Mollie Tibbetts investigation and have no reason to believe that the decedent is that of Mollie Tibbetts," a DCI release said Sunday.

When asked what information was used in making the determination, Rahn said investigators believe they have identified the girl, but would provide no addition-



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

A Lee County Sheriff's deputy and an Iowa State Trooper block traffic on 235th Avenue where a woman's body was found Sunday morning. Authorities say a woman in her early to mid-twenties was discovered in the ditch and an autopsy is pending.

al information as to the cause of death or condition of the body. He said an autopsy on the body is pending.

"We believe we've identified her, but we won't be releasing that information pending family notification," Rahn said.

He said the body has been transported to the state medical examiner's office.

The Lee County Sheriff's Department, Iowa State Patrol, West Point Fire & Rescue, staff from the Lee

County Attorney's office, and Iowa DCI investigators were all on the scene until about 3 p.m.

The DCI release also stated there would be no additional comments or statements made at this time in reference to the Lee County death investigation or the Mollie Tibbetts investigation.

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## Knee deep in corn

It was that time again on Wednesday as residents crowded in around tons of sweet corn as part of the annual Sweet Corn Festival Shuck-Fest on Merschman Seeds property in West Point. The Sweet Corn Festival kicked off Thursday on the square in West Point. At left, Brynn Denning and Brooklyn Scheetz jump in on the fun.





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# Morning Sun man surrenders to authorities

*Charged in connection with body discovered Sunday in rural Lee County*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - A Morning Sun man has been arrested after turning himself in to the Lee County Sheriff's office on Sunday night, in connection with a body found in a ditch in rural Lee County.

On Sunday at approximately 10:42 a.m., the Lee County Sheriff's Office was contacted in reference to a deceased female found on a gravel road located on 235th Avenue, south of West Point, Iowa, in Lee County.



HAMANN

Later in the evening,

the Lee County Attorney's office was briefed on the facts and circumstances of the investigation and filed charges on Damian Hamann, 28, of Morning Sun, Iowa. Hamann has been charged with Leaving the Scene of an Accident Resulting in a Death, a Class D Felony. Hamann turned himself into the Lee County Sheriff's Office on August 5, 2018.

DCI Special Agent Rick Rahn said this morning that investigators will not be releasing additional information on the type of accident or the actual cause of death pending the outcome of an autopsy scheduled for Tuesday at the University of Iowa's Decedent Care Unit.

The case is still under investigation.

This is a joint investigation by the Iowa Department of Public Safety's Division of Criminal Investigation, Lee County Sheriff's Office, Lee County Attorney's Office, and the Lee County Medical Examiner's Office.

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# Authorities looking for man in abduction attempt

*Man allegedly approached 11-year-old at beach restroom*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT - The Lee County Sheriff's department is asking for help in locating a person of interest in an attempted abduction on Wednesday at Pollmiller Park.

At about 6:02 p.m., Wednesday, the Lee County Sheriff's Office and the West Point Police Department responded to a report of an incident at the Park.

Upon investigation, it was reported that an 11-year-old girl had been approached by a white male subject, 6 feet tall, approximately 180 pounds with a bald head. The man was "drunk" according to the victim and tried to prevent the victim from going into a public restroom at the beach area in the park. According to the victim, he reportedly asked her to come with him. The man persisted briefly and then walked away after the victim refused to allow him to touch her. The man left the area before the victim could point him out to her family members who were with her at the



WEBER

Pollmiller Beach.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber said he was at Pollmiller at the time and was at the scene in a matter of seconds after the call came. "We scoured that park and we couldn't find the person in question."

Additional information is being sought by Law Enforcement to identify and interview the suspect in this case.

"We are asking that if anyone witnessed this incident yesterday or have seen the man in question, to please contact the Lee County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division immediately."

The Sheriff is also looking for anyone shooting pictures or videos of the described area yesterday during that time frame. (Especially if there were photographs taken at the beach in Pollmiller park yesterday at or around 6 PM. We would like to review them.)

The Sheriff's Office is again requesting the public to be mindful of their surroundings and report anything suspicious in nature.

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# Mexican Fiesta is back in village for 2018

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - After recent publicity that the Mexican Fiesta was officially being canceled for 2018, a group of people in and around the village have put things back together and the festival will go on.

According to the Mexican Fiesta board secretary Mag-

gie Guzman, the historical event will take place again in the Mexican Village on Avenue Q on Sept. 14 and 15th.

"As a board we've reached out through our partners in the Mexican community and the community as a whole, and we've come together to make sure this thing happens for 2018. People have really stepped up to take the reigns and make sure this tradition continues in our neighborhood," she said Thursday evening from the village

shelterhouse.

Guzman said food vendors will once again be part of the tradition as well as a band. Food will start being served at 4 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m. on Saturday. The band will play from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The traditional crowning of the princess, ages 5-13, and the queen, ages 14-18, will also be taking place on Friday. Candidates can reach out to the board by emailing [fortmadisonfiesta@gmail.com](mailto:fortmadisonfiesta@gmail.com). The princess and queen contest has its own Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/921689104636967/about/>. There is also a Mexican Fiesta Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Fort-Madison-Mexican-Fiesta-258997857452131/>.

Christina St. Clair is in charge of the traditional dancing and the crowning and said she hopes to have enough candidates this year to do Mexican and American winners. She said the contest is a dollar per vote and canisters will be put out at locations in town and the candidates with the most funds raised wins the crown. The Festival Queen gets the funds as a scholarship.

She said the grand entry dances are open to any child that wants to learn the traditions.

"It's open to any child that wants to learn the dances. We try to keep the girls in the traditional dresses. We do have a few here, but parents usually just buy a dress. Boys are also welcome to participate," she said. "I'm thrilled this is happening. The kids will be so happy."

Practice will be held Sunday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the village.

Guzman said there will not be a carnival this year, but organizers are bringing in some more traditional games for the kids as part of a two-hour Kids' Day afternoon on Saturday.

She said many people in the Mexican Village found out that Fiesta wasn't taking place and energy built from there.

"We started meeting about three weeks ago and raised some funds. We still need more to make it happen, but we have a lot of people in the community that want to see it go on. We all started pulling together and worked hard and diligently to make sure this goes on," Guzman said.

Scott Huffman, Jr., the president of the board, said he was happy that things could get back together. He said it was very close to not happening in 2018.

"It wasn't going to until they put it out in the paper," Huffman said Thursday. "Everyone got together and here you go. It's gonna happen."

Guzman said anyone who is interested in donating to help keep the Fiesta up and running and help offset some of the costs this year may contact the board via the email listing above.

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## Area man dies in Saturday crash

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - A man has died as a result of a two-vehicle accident just north of Fort Madison Saturday night.

Emergency crews responded to the scene at around 8:30 p.m. Saturday night on old Hwy. 61 north of Fort Madison about quarter mile before the on ramp to the bypass where a Chevrolet pickup had collided with a motorcycle close the intersection of 201st Street.

Emergency crews from Wever Fire and Rescue, Lee County EMS, Lee County Sheriff's Department, and the Fort Madison Police Department, in addition to witnesses at the scene, administered CPR to the victim. A rescue helicopter out of Great River Medical Center landed on the



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Lee County Sheriff's deputy Jordan Maag gathers information from a motorcycle that was involved in a fatal crash Saturday night.

southbound lane but left without the victim a short time later. Law enforcement at the scene confirmed the victim had died before they could get him loaded.

A witness headed in the northbound lane on

the highway at the time of the accident said she saw headlights heading southbound come across the median where a motorist asked the witness to call 911.

The identity of the victim and additional

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# Frantz hauls in 137 yards as Hounds roll

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON - For the second year in a row, the Fort Madison Bloodhound football team is starting 1-0. And for the second year in a row, the Hounds opened with a shutout win.

Fort Madison dropped cross-county rival Central Lee 21-0 in a game that in all reality could have been double that had the Hounds had a little better timing in the air.

Senior quarterback Lennon Barker, who threw for 281 yards, 18-31 passing on the night, had a handful of overthrows on the night, several of which were to open receivers in the endzone.

"We need to definitely work on our timing. I had a lot of overthrows," Barker said. "We've got some things to work on, but we have things we need to work on every week."

Barker started the game with a bang on a 71-yard completion to Dominic Frantz on the Hounds' first possession. Frantz, who finished with a very quiet 132 yards on five catches, was caught from behind by the Hawks' TJ Stutes at the 3-yard line. The Hounds then fell as far back as the 43-yard line after a bad snap on 2nd and goal and then a double penalty on 3rd and goal from the 13. Barker and Frantz hooked up again for 21 yards but the drive fell short on 4th and goal when Barker hit Shaymouhr Redd-Donald for a 16-yard pass play to the 6.

The Hounds forced a 4 and out at the 49 yard line and the Hounds mixed up the offense with runs by Kali Maestro and Barker dealing on the run. Junior Mike Mosena caught two passes in the series, the second for 15 yards, to get the Hounds to the 7 and Barker would bull in from the right side for the first points of the game to give the Hounds a 7-0 advantage.

Fort Madison caught Central Lee in another four down set forcing a punt that left the Hounds in good field position at the Hawks' 41. Maestro carried again three times for 24 yards in the series and Barker found three different receivers in the set before taking it off tackle again from two yards out to give the Hounds 14-0 with the AJ Nolting extra point.

Central Lee got their legs under them and took the next series 13 plays starting at their own 22 yard line and put senior tailback Tyler Hopp to work. Hopp carried the ball six times for 20 yards while junior signal-caller Evan Pohren completed three passes in the series including a 27-yard strike to Stutes that took the Hawks to the Bloodhound 4. Pohren then looked for Dalton Westercamp on a corner route that



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Hounds' junior Jayden Fedler puts the squeeze on Central Lee's quarterback Evan Pohren just after Pohren got a pass off in the second quarter.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Dominic Frantz escapes down the sidelines in the early going as the Hounds rolled over Central Lee 21-0 Friday in Donnellson. Frantz led all receivers with 137 yards on five catches in the win.

bounced off Redd-Donald's hands and then off Nicky Carter's hands before landing in Westercamp's arms only to fall to the ground incomplete. Redd-Donald would break up the next pass, as well, turning the ball back over to the Hounds on downs.

Both teams would exchange 4 and outs before Harley Pennamon picked off a Pohren pass at the 26 to end the half.

Fort Madison came out and scored quickly in the third when Diego Lozano spun and stiff-armed his way through the right side of the Hawk defense keeping his feet and stumbling into the endzone from about 10 yards out to set the final score.

It looked like the Hounds had scored after the Hawks were unable to get a first down on the next series and punted the ball to Brock Califf, who bobbled the punt and then picked it up and raced to the right, caught a couple blocks and scampered down to the sideline for a touch-down, but an illegal block on the play nullified the run. Fort Madison would run seven plays in the next series highlighted by a 30-yard pass play from Barker to Redd-Donald, but two incompletions and a holding penalty snuffed the drive forcing a punt.

After Central Lee worked a first down at 4th and 2, junior end Quentin Schneider picked off a Pohren pass on 1st and 10 and raced it back 22 yards to the Fort Madison 25. Penalties and a couple incompletions forced a 4-10 from the 15. Shiffman sent in Nolting, who made his only field goal attempt last year, but Nolting's shot went wide right and the Hawks took over at the 20.

Both teams had a four and out before Fort Madison reeled off an 11-play drive to start the 4th quarter. Barker went 4-6 on the drive for 41 yards, but a sack at 3rd and 8 pushed Fort Madison back to the 33 and forced a punt. Central Lee went to the air with Pohren throwing eight times in the next series for 39 yards, but the last three fell to the ground. Neither

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# Hounds D holds Hopp, Hawks scoreless

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team would get into scoring position the rest of the final period.

Shiffman said offensively the Hounds missed on some opportunities but for the first game of the season, they did what they needed to do.

“We were executing up front and doing what we needed to do but we have to get better at it and get sharper,” he said “I think we improved as a team from the Mediapolis scrimmage but we still have a long way to go. We got work to do and we know it, but we’ll get it accomplished.”

Eight different ball carriers were used on the night by the Hounds led by Lozano who finished with 61 yards on just seven carries. Maestro had 22 yards on nine carries. Barker hit five different receivers on the night led by Frantz’s 132 yards. Mosena had 56 yards on 5 catches and Redd-Donald had 70 yards on six grabs on the night.

The defensive effort was a bend-don’t-break performance and holding Hopp to just 85 yards on 23 carries was no small feat, according to Shiffman.

“That Hopp kid’s a ton. He got the ball a lot and he runs hard. We told our defense he would run hard and play hard and they did that for sure,” Shiffman said. “Our defense stepped up and made plays when they needed to. They bent a little at times, but when we needed them to make a play, we either forced a turnover or a punt.”

Defensive coordinator Luke Rickelman said the defensive line controlled the game after giving up



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Senior quarterback Lennon Barker carries off tackle for a 2-yard touchdown run in the first quarter of Friday’s 21-0 win over the Hawks in Donnellson. Barker threw for 281 yards and rushed for two scores to lead the Hounds..

some yards early.

“Overall, I’m extremely happy with the entire defense and the way we played, Rickelman said. “We didn’t do anything fancy, we played our base defense with a solid front and solid coverage. We didn’t have to bring a ton of blitzes or overscheme. We knew what they wanted to do and they wanted to get the ball to Hopp, so we focused on the basics.”

Rickelman said Schneider, who had five solo tackles, three assists, a sack, and an interception, had

a standout night and said the entire defensive line came together after Hopp gained some big runs early.

The Hounds open the home schedule Friday with West Burlington coming to town. The Falcons fell at home 44-0 to Mediapolis Friday and will come into the contest 0-1.

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# K9 fundraiser underway this week

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison businessman Eric Freitag will be donating 100% of the proceeds from the Turbo Wash Dog Wash on the west side of Fort Madison to the Lee County K9 Association for this entire week. From today through Sunday, Freitag will give all the money raised at the Dog Wash at 37th Street and Avenue L, to the group that provides funding for the Lee County K9 program. The dog wash is located on the west end of the Turbo Wash bays and is open 24/7. Rick and Janice Eckle's food trailer “Taste of the Country” will also be on hand.

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From left to right, Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber, Turbo Car and Dog Wash owner, Eric Freitag, Lee County K9 Association President Bob Conlee, Lee County Deputy Uriah Wheatley, and Gunner, help kick off the Turbo Dog Wash fundraiser that runs through Sunday this week. All proceeds from the dog wash go to the K9 Association.

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| <i>Cambre House</i>                                    | <i>DuPont Employees Credit Union</i>                | <i>Green Oak Development</i>                   | <i>Kristy Reid</i>                            | <i>RiverFest Fort Madison</i>                        | <i>Todd Schneider</i>                               |
| <i>Carl Saunders</i>                                   | <i>Edward Jones</i>                                 | <i>Greg Smith</i>                              | <i>Lanette Van</i>                            | <i>RSVP of Lee County</i>                            | <i>Tri-State Rodeo</i>                              |
| <i>Carol Harter</i>                                    | <i>Elect Ross Braden</i>                            | <i>Gregory Design &amp; Manufacturing</i>      | <i>Larry J. LaCroix</i>                       | <i>Runge's Mow It or Move It</i>                     | <i>Trish Eaves-Fedler</i>                           |
| <i>Casebine Community Credit Union</i>                 | <i>Fareway Food Stores</i>                          | <i>Griffin Muffler &amp; Brake Center</i>      | <i>Lee County Auditor</i>                     | <i>Russell "Skip" Young</i>                          | <i>U.S. EPA</i>                                     |
| <i>CBIZ Center for Business</i>                        | <i>Farm Bureau Financial Services</i>               | <i>Harvestville Farm</i>                       | <i>Lee County Bank</i>                        | <i>Sara Denning</i>                                  | <i>Under the Sun / The Avenue</i>                   |
| <i>Celene M. Coppage</i>                               | <i>Farmers Savings Bank</i>                         | <i>Hill Side Inn</i>                           | <i>Lee County Crime Stoppers</i>              | <i>Sarah Harworth</i>                                | <i>United Way of the Great River Region</i>         |
| <i>Central Lee Dance Team</i>                          | <i>Fedler Specialties and Screenprinting</i>        | <i>Hillcrest Hostas &amp; More</i>             | <i>Lee County Fair Board</i>                  | <i>Schmitz Funeral Home</i>                          | <i>Vigen Memorial Home</i>                          |
| <i>Century 21 Property Professionals</i>               | <i>Floyd's EZ Way</i>                               | <i>Hoerner YMCA</i>                            | <i>Lee County Health Department</i>           | <i>Scotts MiracleGro Company</i>                     | <i>W-M Johnson Truck Line</i>                       |
| <i>Chad Ward</i>                                       | <i>Fort Madison Area Arts Association</i>           | <i>Holtkamp's Floors Decor &amp; Furniture</i> | <i>Linda Reding</i>                           | <i>ServiceMaster</i>                                 | <i>Welch's Insurance</i>                            |
| <i>Charles Scoville</i>                                | <i>Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce</i>             | <i>Holy Trinity Catholic Foundation Board</i>  | <i>Lisa Lihs</i>                              | <i>Shawna Ross</i>                                   | <i>Wendy Bailey</i>                                 |
| <i>Charlie Knipe</i>                                   | <i>Fort Madison Christian Church</i>                | <i>Holy Trinity Catholic Schools</i>           | <i>Lisa Nafziger</i>                          | <i>Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course</i>                 | <i>West Liberty Foods</i>                           |
| <i>Charlie Korschgen Kiddie Parade</i>                 | <i>Fort Madison Community Hospital Fort Madison</i> | <i>Hope Associates Real Estate</i>             | <i>Lowell Junkins</i>                         | <i>Shug's Tiny Town</i>                              | <i>West Point Care Center</i>                       |
| <i>Cheryl Untz</i>                                     | <i>Fort Madison Community School District</i>       |  | <i>Mardie Smith</i>                           | <i>Sidelines Sports Bar &amp; Grill</i>              | <i>Your Heat &amp; Air Guy</i>                      |
| <i>Cindy Roberts</i>                                   |   |  | <i>Marisol Linnenbrink</i>                    | <i>Siemens Gamesa</i>                                |   |
| <i>Cindy Steflik</i>                                   |   |  | <i>Mark Smidt</i>                             |  |   |
|  |   |  | <i>Matt Morris</i>                            |  |   |
|  |   |  | <i>Megan Kruse</i>                            |  |   |