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FM Rotary starts \$100K in 100 days campaign

Campaign is part of club's 100th Anniversary in 2020

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Local Rotarians are celebrating their 100th birthday in 2020 and to ramp up the

celebration they're launching a campaign to give a big facelift to Central Park.

The club's annual citywide Picnic in the Park is scheduled for June 23, so club members decided to make the fundraising campaign a \$100,000 in 100 days to celebrate their 100th birthday.

The idea was spawned from a recent inspection of the park's bandstand by city officials.

Public Works Director Larry Driscoll told a Rotary

committee formed to look at the possibility of rehabbing the 10-year old structure, that termites have gotten a good hold on the substructure of the ornate bandstand.

"They probably should have used a "green" wood that was treated to repel the termites, but they went with a different wood and there is a lot of damage in there," he

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Their dog 'nose' what's up at trials

Sixty-three come to FM to test K9's narcotics detection



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

A judge monitors Lee County Deputy Jordan Maag's handling of "Kion" at the former ISP Tuesday morning. "Kion" was giving Maag a passive alert to sensing narcotics in the desk by sitting. Handlers worked their K9 officers through vehicle inspections on Monday and then a three-room test Tuesday looking for marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine, and heroine. Kion found both 'hides' on Tuesday morning in under three minutes.

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FORT MADISON – The John Bennett Center at the old Iowa State Penitentiary converted from outdated prison space to testing grounds on Monday and Tuesday.

Handlers and K9 officers from around the state descended on Fort Madison for two days of training at the former prison site.

The two-day training was part of the United States Police Canine Association's Region 21 annual Detection

Dog Certification Trials.

Melinda Ruopp, a 31-year veteran of the Marshalltown Police Department, was the Region 21 national certifying official and judge. The event was for narcotics dogs only.

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Ruopp was a K9 handler in Marshalltown and, for more than 20 years, worked with two dogs before shifting to training and certifying.

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West Point property tax levy jumps 4%

Budget also includes \$1.7 million lagoon upgrade

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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WEST POINT – The 2019-20 fiscal year budget for West Point may put an additional \$70,000 in city coffers, according to a budget approved Monday night.

The West Point City Council unanimously approved the budget prepared by first-year City Administrator Dennis McGregor and City Clerk Diane Smith. The budget includes a residential property tax levy rate of \$7.31 per \$1,000 of taxable value, creating \$241,311 in revenues from property taxes.

Currently homes in Lee County are assessed property taxes on approximately 55% of their county assessed valuation due to a 2013 state-mandated rollback, plus homestead credits.

The levy for the current fiscal year was set in 2018 at \$7.02 per \$1,000 and generated roughly \$225,000.

Total revenues for the upcoming budget year that runs from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 are projected at \$4.7 million, up from \$3,036,547 last year. The jump in revenues will be debt service bonds to help pay for lagoon improvements for the city's waste water treatment.

The cost of the lagoon is also included in the budget expenditures at \$1.73 million, which pushes total expenditures for the year to \$4.63 million, or a \$1.81 million increase due to the lagoon.

The current levy structure doesn't include any debt

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From the Front/State News

Reynolds opens path for felon voting rights

DES MOINES – Today at her weekly press conference, Gov. Kim Reynolds announced a new application for felons to have their voting rights restored. The governor also reiterated her support for a constitutional amendment to permanently restore the voting rights of felons who have completed their sentence.

The new application can be viewed online here. Iowans looking to restore their voting rights can go to governor.iowa.gov/

[services/voting-rights-restoration.](#)

“Iowans believe in second chances and we should help those individuals who want to re-enter society by restoring their voting rights, offering in-demand training, or encouraging additional education,” said Gov. Reynolds. “But we also must remember the victims and their families. Their voices continue to be heard as we balance felon rights with forgiveness and another

chance at life.”

The new application unveiled today is simplified and easier to understand. It requests only the information necessary to appropriately consider whether an Iowan is eligible to have their voting rights restored. It removes the requirement to submit a criminal background check and the related \$15 fee. And it no longer requires the collection of redundant financial documentation that can instead

be verified online.

Additionally, the governor announced a goal to grant or deny applications within one month from receipt. The Iowa Department of Corrections and local Community Based Corrections districts will also be distributing the new application to Iowans as they discharge from prison, parole, or probation. These new measures will remove unnecessary burdens for Iowans looking for a second chance.

Campaign to help fund other rehab efforts

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said.

When the committee started looking at the cost to drill out the timbers and reinforce them with metal, a repair that Driscoll said would be cheaper than replacing the whole substructure, they started looking at other repairs needed.

Additional funding needs for the park include \$6,000 to \$8,000 for repainting the structure, \$30,000 for new lights in the park, and at least \$12,000 to refurbish the Statue of Liberty, as well as other upkeep, the committee decided to look at the all the repairs together.

The committee is still looking at how the fundraising will take place, but options could include submitting a check or donating through an online donation site. However, the group is working to make the deductions tax deductible.

Rotary President-elect Heather Huebner said details supporting the event will be available soon.

The Picnic in the Park will be the final day of the 100-day campaign, which will kick off today and run through June 23.

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Obituaries/Lottery Numbers

OBITUARIES

EILEEN ROSE CLEMONS

Eileen Rose Clemons, 97, of Donnellson, Iowa, passed away at 2:15 a.m. Monday, March 11, 2019, at The Kensington in Fort Madison, Iowa.

Born September 3, 1921, in Fort Madison, Iowa, the daughter of William Lewis and Julia Georgiana (Conlee) Kudebeh. On February 23, 1947, she married Jack Raymond Clemons at the Union Presbyterian Church in Fort Madison, Iowa. He preceded her in death on January 15, 2013.

Survivors include his two daughters: Laurie (Dennis) Dilley of Waukee, Iowa and Julie (Timothy) Rider of Lomax, Illinois; two sons: John (Kim) Clemons of Springville, Utah and Matthew Clemons of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and one brother-in-law: William Phillips.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: Jack; one great granddaughter; one brother and two sisters-in-law.

Eileen was a 1938 graduate of Fort Madison High School. She worked for Sheaffer Pen Company in Fort Madison, Iowa, Midwest Radio Television out in Omaha, Nebraska, United Airlines in Reno, Nevada during World War II, the Lee County Engineers Office and the late K.S. Kaboli, MD office. She was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, in Donnellson, the Donnellson American Legion Auxiliary #474. She was a past member of Chapter CK - TTT, past board member and her love of reading lead her to many years of volunteering and serving on the board of the Donnellson Public Library. Eileen also volunteered for the American Red Cross Bloodmobile, Meals on Wheels and Apple Daze. She enjoyed golfing at Green Acres and most of all enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Eileen was devoted to the community of Donnellson.

A Graveside Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 13, 2019, at the Evangelical Cemetery in Donnellson, Iowa, with Reverend Bob Molsberry officiating. There will be a gathering for family and friends following the service at St. Paul's United Church of Christ. In lieu of flowers memorials have been established in her memory for the Donnellson Public Library or St. Paul United Church of Christ.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences to the family may be made at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.



CLEMONS

OBITUARIES

DENNIS PAUL FEIKERT

Dennis Paul Feikert, 66 of Montrose, IA died Friday, March 8, 2019 at the Great River Medical Center in West Burlington, IA.

He was born February 7, 1953 in Carthage, IL the son of Dale and Lucy Ridge Feikert.



FEIKERT

Dennis graduated from Hamilton High School with the Class of 1972. He later attended college for two years in Clinton, IA.

Dennis had been employed at the Iowa State Penitentiary in Ft. Madison, IA for twenty-five years.

He enjoyed tinkering with all kinds of electronics, computers, drones and VCRs. He liked going to casinos and trying his luck. Dennis loved spending time drinking coffee and visiting with friends at Gardners in Montrose. He loved his pet birds and cats that he had through the years.

Dennis is survived by two sisters, Marie Crabtree (Jim) of Keokuk and Cathy Searsen of Keokuk and one brother, Leo Feikert (Peggy) of Blandinsville, IL, one sister-in-law, Karen Feikert of Hamilton, IL and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Gary Feikert and John Feikert and one brother-in-law, Bill Searsen.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Reverend Robert Tillman officiating. Burial will be at a later date in the Oakwood Cemetery in Hamilton, IL.

There will be no visitation.

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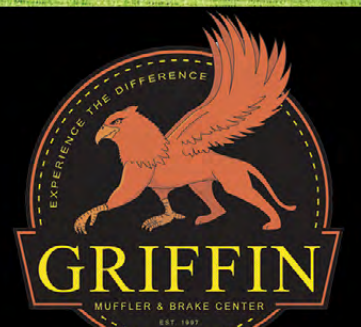
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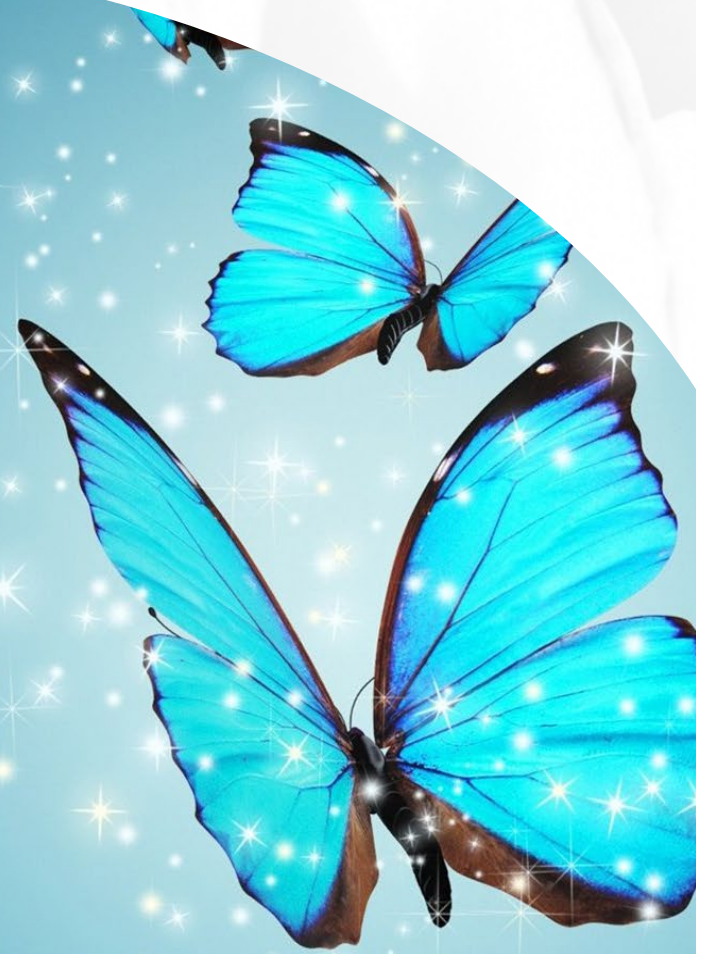
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Sports/Weather

Numbers up for FMHS young boys track squad

Freshman, newcomers will add to seasoned core of runners

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The Bloodhound boys track squad has some of the best numbers they’ve seen in quite a few years and co-head coaches Mike Schneider and Chad Hannum think the Hounds will be able to score more points throughout the season.

The two are splitting coaching duties this year, with both being career firefighters on the Fort Madison Fire Department working on different shifts. Both coaches also have sons competing this year.

“We’ve thought about doing this for some time,” Schneider said. “We just looked this year and said it might be the right time to do it. We’re excited for the opportunity and we’re hoping to be able to score some points this year.”

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One of the biggest holes to fill will be that of Elijah Barnes, who finished fourth at state last year in the shotput. Barnes regularly set per-

sonal bests throughout the indoor and outdoor seasons last year and just recently qualified as a National Junior College All-American for Indian Hills Community College with a 6th place finish at nationals last week. Barnes finished 9th at state in the discus in 2018. The top 8 medal.

Junior Jayden Fedler and senior Alec Craft will be a big part of filling that gap. Todd McGhghy has signed on to be the throwing coach this year. Last year Andrew Troxel was the throwing coach and helped Barnes and Lady Hounds’ Leigh Johnson both to medals at the state meet. Troxel left FMHS for his alma mater in Wisconsin where he’s now the head coach. Sophomore Ethan Deacon will also throw this year.

Junior Matt Hellige, who runs with the Hounds in a shared program with Holy Trinity Catholic, has been handling the long-distance events for Fort Madison for the past few years. Hellige ran at state in the 3200-meter run finishing 22nd overall.

“Matt’s just a very dedicated runner and we hope to get him back

to state this year again.” Schneider said. “He’s been working with Jairo Scruggs, who helps him with cross-country, too, so we’re looking for good things in the distance events this year.”

Hellige finished 58th out of 140 runners at the Class 1A cross country meet this past fall.

The Hounds won’t have a lot of leadership, but could make up for it with some quick underclassmen. Three freshman sprinters have caught the coaches’ attention including Gavin Wiseman, Jake McGowan, and Tate Johnson in sprints and Hayden Wolfe could help get points in the distance events. Freshman Garrett Hannum will provide some depth in sprints

and middle events.

“If that freshman class sticks together we could see some great things out of them as they learn to run varsity track,” Hannum said.

Seniors Trey Kuntz and Dom Frantz will be bringing some new leadership to the squad in sprinting. Junior Quinton Ross, Brock Califf, and Gage Fullenkamp will also anchor some sprint events.

Justin Cain, another Fort Madison firefighter, has also joined the coaching squad to help with jumping.

Cain said McGowan and possibly Mikey Di-Prima could try to steal some points in the long jump, triple jump, and possibly a high jumper

for the first time in a while for Fort Madison. Cain was a pole vaulter for his high school in the Quad Cities.

The Hounds got their first taste of competitive running this past Saturday at the A.D. Dickinson Relays at UNI in Cedar Falls. With the Hounds having just two weeks of practice following basketball and wrestling season, Hannum said the event went well.

“I was happy with the way they ran at the UNI meet considering who they were running up against. Those are big schools and athletes can specialize there so those kids run track all year.”

Schneider said he thinks the Hounds will be competitive in the

sprints and dashes, but he said they’re a little light in the 800 runs and relays. He said Wolfe could step into that role as the year goes on.

The boys travel to Central College for the Pekin Indoor Invitational on Thursday before heading to Monmouth College on Saturday for another indoor meet before starting the outdoor season on March 21 at Washington’s Case field.

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CURRENT-LEE

FORT MADISON – The following is a list of events and happenings going on in Fort Madison as submitted to the Pen City Current.

Community Blood Drives

Lincoln Elementary will be the site of a blood drive on Thursday, March 21, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Call the blood center at 800-747-5401 ext. 1281 to donate.

YMCA Little Tykes Spring Soccer

Registration is currently underway for the 2019 season, which runs March 26 – May 2. Registration deadline is March 10 for regular fees of \$20 for members, \$40 for non-members. From March 11-17th participants can register but fees are \$10 higher. Volunteer coaches are needed. Call the YMCA at 319-372-2403 for more information.

St. Patrick's Day celebration

The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce will be holding a St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 16 including a parade, games, music and fun. Parade entry forms are available by contact the Chamber at 319-372-5471.

Fort Madison YMCA's Shamrocked 2019

The 2nd annual Shamrocked will be held on March 16 starting at 8 a.m. with a free-will donation pancake breakfast, followed by a Bike & Brew after the St. Patrick's Holiday Parade. For more information, contact the YMCA at 372-2403.

ISU Extension Estate Planning

Iowa State University Outreach and Extension will hold an estate planning session on March 19th at 6 p.m. at the extension office in Donnellson. The session is \$20 per person and registration can be done by contact Whitney Weisinger at 319-835-5116. Deadline is March 15..

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

The Fort Madison High School Music Department will be presenting it's annual Dinner Theater on March 22-23. Doors open at 6 p.m with the show beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets available at Dana Bushong's at 805 Avenue G.

Heifers, Hogs & Hens set for April 13

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service or emergency tax levies because the city isn't currently carrying any bonds to pay off, nor is it at the state maximum \$8.10 levy.

In an unrelated issue, the council approved a proposal from Dena Merschbrock for the annual Heifers, Hogs & Hens cookout in the city park

for April 13, 2019. Merschbrock said the event has typically been held in the fall, but last year cold temperatures hurt attendance.

"It was just above freezing last year, and we've held it in the past and most BBQ people are getting burned out at that point, so we decided to

schedule it for the spring this year and see what happens," Merschbrock said.

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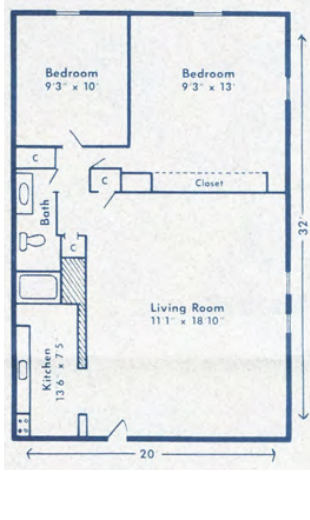
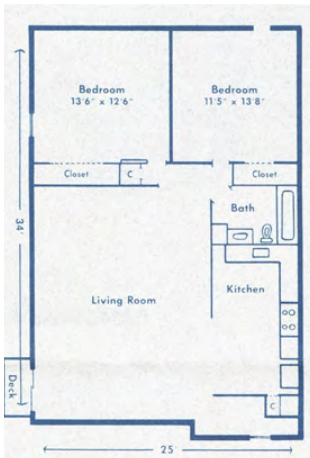


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Certification trials establish standards for dogs, handlers

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There were 63 dogs and handlers at the competition and all 63 went through the same search scenarios. The judging is done by certified law enforcement handlers.

"This is cops judging cops," Ruopp said. "You have five people that take a look at your dog so it's nice to be able to say, 'Hey, I had five certified handlers

that judged my dog and all five said my dog could do the work.'"

She said the dogs are being tested on three factors: recognizing narcotics, responding to the odor, and the handler interpreting what the dog is telling them and locating the narcotics.

The odors being detected were marijuana, cocaine,

heroin, and methamphetamine.

On the first day the handlers and canines searched five cars in an old ISP garage with methamphetamine and cocaine hidden inside the framework of the vehicle. On the second day, the teams worked three different former correctional officer rooms on the third floor of the



John Bennett wing looking for hidden marijuana and heroine.

The dogs typically have

two alerts, a passive alert where the animal will sit or stare in a stopped motion, or "Freeze". The other dogs take an aggressive approach and will scratch at the site and/or bark to alert the handler.

Ruopp said K9 utilization grew rapidly after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the U.S.

"After 9/11 we saw a big uptick in the use of the canine's and that wasn't just for use in detecting explosives, but for detecting in general," she said. "Dogs have such instinctive abilities. You can't take a machine and get the same results. They try, and keep trying, to get machines to detect like a dog, but ultimately you cannot replace a dog's nose for scent. The detection ability of a well-trained dog is off the charts."

She said the events were more trials than competitions, where the purpose wasn't to bring home a trophy, but to show a minimum standard of operation between the search, the dog, and the handler.

"This is not meant to be challenging. It's not meant to be the toughest thing you will ever do with your dog. It's meant to show that the dog knows the standard and the handler knows what the dog knows. Then you do training to improve the skill level from there," Ruopp said.

All the trials had 10 minute time parameters to find two 'hides', but when the handlers were confident the animals had detected everything in the cars or rooms, they stopped the search. The handlers then had to show the judges where the hides were located on both days.

The judges, who have years of experience, would talk with some of the handlers after the trials and give them advice to help with leash leads and lengths, and on several occasions told the handlers to trust their animals.

German Shepherds

Lee County deputy Uriah Wheatley works with "Gunner" in a narcotics search room trial Tuesday morning at the former ISP John Bennett Center.

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

were the most common at the event and are still the most common in the United States, but Ruopp said Belgian Malinois will probably take over the Shepherds in terms of numbers.

"Belgian Malinois are spectacular dogs. They have overall skill, they're smart, agile, and they're very well-rounded for everything you ask them to do," Ruopp said. "But pretty much any dog that has the drive to hunt for something can be taught to search for narcotics or any other skill you want to teach them."

There were also Labradors, Golden Retrievers, and Dutch Shepherds on site ranging from 8 months to 12 years old.

Ruopp said the toughest thing about the trials is how the handlers work with their animals.

"The hardest thing about this is handling the dog. You can take a really good dog and put him with a bad handler and really screw that dog up. But you can also take a minimally skilled dog and put him with a good handler and have a fantastic team," she said.

"By the nature of the beast, that dog is going to take you to the very heart of danger if it's a tracking or patrol dog. Detection work is complicated and you have to consider a lot of things when you're working a dog. The dog can do it, but he needs your help. It's a teamwork thing."

There are 26 regions of the USPCA in the country and Iowa is 21. Mike Barnes, a handler with Iowa State Penitentiary and an advisor to the Lee County K9 Association, helped set up the trial scenarios. He also worked his dog during the trials.

Ruopp said the USPCA appreciated the efforts of Barnes to help set up the event and thanks ISP Warden Patti Wachtendorf, for allowing the trials to take place in Fort Madison.



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