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## ISP tours could bring thousands

*Facebook shows more than 1,000 "going"*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - What started as a way to give area residents a look inside a shuttered old prison, has become an event that is drawing regional attention and has planners overwhelmed with inquiries.

On Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Iowa State Penitentiary officials and volunteers will give people 30 to 35 minute tours of the oldest maximum security prison west of the Mississippi, but according to local economic officials, the event may be bigger than anyone expected and now prison staff is estimating thousands of people

may descend on Fort Madison to take advantage of the tours.

ISP officials are requesting all attendees bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the local food pantry. Food pantry officials will also be on hand for cash donations.

"Organizers of the ISP tour event are excited to bring this event to this community," said ISP spokeswoman Rebecca Bowker. "Please be aware long wait times are to be expected and people are encouraged to car pool to account for limited parking."

Local media was used to invite people out to the prison, but people from all over the Midwest have heard about the tours over social media and have turned an eye to Fort Madison.

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The Iowa State Penitentiary will be hosting tours of the old prison in Fort Madison from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday. A non-perishable food item is requested for entry.

## Schiller's impact growing in Nepal

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
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DONNELLSON - He stops just short of calling it a pilgrimage, but he's quickly realizing that's the course it's taking.

A former science teacher at Central Lee, Ernie Schiller, who's reach as an educator spans most of southeast Iowa, is just four weeks away from taking his third educational trek to Nepal in a volunteer capacity. He's also helping set up a foundation to help offset the cost of educating and raising children in the mountainous region off the northeast shoulder of India.

Schiller leaves on May 29 with about half an 18-person contingency including 11 from Lee County, but also people will be joining from the Des Moines area, and other countries around the world. His quest this year is to raise \$25,000 to



Courtesy photo

Nepalese students receiving gifts that Schiller brought to them at their school....supplies, notebooks, etc. on his last trip into the region last fall. Schiller said it costs \$250 to put each child in school for one year.

take to villages where he stays to help pay the \$250 yearly cost of sending one child to school and to provide funds for disaster relief from the last major earthquake to hit the area in April 2015.

But Schiller said he never had thought of the trips as pilgrimages or

missions.

"I spoke at our church on Sunday," Schiller said. "My minister in Donnellson and I had this dialogue and he says, 'Ok, this ministry you're on...' and I've never ever thought of it that way. I

thought WHOA I never thought about it like a pilgrimage, ministry and mission. and he says back to me, 'Well Ernie, that's exactly what you are doing.'

"But then I started thinking people on a mis-

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## Quilt guild is FMAAA May featured showing

**BY BRIAN RIGGS**  
Fort Madison Area Artists Association

FORT MADISON - "Variegated Threads" seamlessly integrates over 50 works of fiber art from Ti-State Modern Quilt Guild. A reception for the talented group occurs May 13th from 2-4pm.

The techniques utilized in the quilted pieces vary from piecework, to applique and fabric manipulation. The quilt styles range from traditional to modern and include some art quilts.

The reception kicks off the Main Street Quilt Walk, which occurs May 13th-21st in downtown Ave G businesses. All this action right across from Faeth's Main Street BBQ on that day as well! Just down the block The Artisans Next Door offers a stamp carving and block printing workshop. Then from 4:30-6:30pm "Colorful Souls: Stained Glass Care" at Dawgs & Divas. Make it Ft. Madison in May!

The Tri-State Modern Quilt Guild has been in existence for 25 years with 25 members living in Kahoka, Warsaw, Hamilton, Montrose, Ft. Madison, Keokuk, and Salem. They meet once a month in Keokuk at the public library at 6:30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

The guild is affiliated with the national group, the Modern Quilt Guild, and actively works on variety of projects for charities. They run a Biennial Quilt show and have had 3 exhibitions this year. Types of patterns on display include the following: Disappearing 9 Patch,

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Sports

# FMHS boys, girls place at conference meet

PCC STAFF

**MOUNT PLEASANT** - The Fort Madison Bloodhound boys and girls track teams competed in the Southeast Conference track meet Thursday night at the MapleLeaf complex in Mount Pleasant and both came away with fourth-place finishes.

Taking first-place finishes for the Hounds were Sierra Howardson in the 3000-meter run 10:51.28 and the girls 4x800-meter relay team of Kamryn Bailey, Claire Mendez, Sierra Howardson and Brett Schneider with a mark of 10:08.24. The Lady Hounds also got a first-place finish from the distance medley team of Bailey, Maddy McVey, Howardson and Brett Schneider at 4:28.27.

Schneider gave the girls squad another first-place finish in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:25.60.

For the boys squad Elijah Barnes took first place in the shot put with a heave of 46 feet, 4

inches. Caleb Gehle gave the team two more firsts in the 101 wheelchair and 201 wheelchair events with times of 31.42 and 1:06.76, respectively.

Both teams will return to Mt. Pleasant on May 11 for the state qualifying meet starting at 4 p.m.

Complete Results

**Girls 800-sprint medley**

FM (JV) - Brittney Sanford, Daylyn Wondra, Paige Munson and Alaina Gilpen 2:16.78 (3rd)  
FM - Ellie Baxter, Anna Kester, Brynn Schroeder and Maddy McVey - 2:12.21 (5th)

**Boys 800-sprint medley**

FM - Joseph Hummel, Kyle Young, Zander Schweiss and Matthew Meierotto, 1:51.90 (4th)

**Girls 3000-meter run**

FM (JV) - Claire Hellman - 13:48.65 (1st)  
FM - Sierra Howardson 10:51.28 (1st), Cayleigh Smith-12:32.63 (4th)

**Boys 3200-meter run**

FM - Matt Hellige-10:42.47 (3rd), Aaron Steffensmeier 10:44.65 (4th)

**Girls 4x800 meter relay**

FM - Kamryn Bailey, Claire Mendez, Sierra Howardson and Brett Schneider 10:08.24 (1st)

**Boys 4x800-meter relay**

FM - Jared Kester, Joseph Grabowski, Dayne Cordray and Matt Hellige - 9:46.84 (3rd)

**Girls 4x100-meter shuttle-hurdle relay**

FM - Elizabeth Miller, Brittney Harris, Paige Munson and Lexi Miller - 1:24.38 (5th)

**Girls 100-meter dash**

FM (JV) - Daylyn Wondra - 16.16 (4th), Camila Almedia - 18.97 (6th)  
FM - Ellie Baxter - 14.85 (8th), Brittney Sanford 15.69 (10th)

**Boys 100-meter dash**

FM (JV) - Kyle Young - 13.62 (4th)  
FM - Alex Gully 11.88 (3rd), Joseph Hummel - 13.05 (9th)

**Boys 101-meter dash wheelchair**

FM - Caleb Gehle 31.42 (1st)

**Girls Distance Medley**

FM - Bailey, McVey, Howardson and Schneider 4:28.27 (1st)

**Boys Distance Medley**

FM - Gully, Schweiss, Quentin Schneider and Steffensmeier - DQ

**Girls 400-meter dash**

FM (JV) - Lexi Miller 1:11.61 (1st), Nadine Schaefer 1:15.14 (3rd)  
FM - Alaina Gilpin 1:09.93 (7th), Bella Baier (1:11.04)

**Boys 400-meter dash**

FM (JV) - Kyle Young 1:05.07 (3rd)  
FM - Quentin Schneider 56:95 (4th)

**Girls 4x200 meter relay**

FM - Bailey, Schroeder, Mendez and McVey - 2:00.85 (5th)

**Boys 4x200-meter relay**

FM - Logan Rashd, Schweiss, Grabowski and Kester - DQ

**Girls 100-meter hurdles**

FM - Harris 17.91 (9th), Miller 19.70 (10th)

**Boys 110-meter hurdles**

FM - Hummel 20.98 (6th)

**Girls 800-meter run**

FM - Schneider - 2:25.60 (1st)

**Boys 800-meter run**

FM - Steffensmeier 2:12.34 (3rd)

**Girls 200-meter dash**

FM (JV) - Brittney Sanford - 31.84 (3rd), Nadine Schaefer - 33.59 (6th)

FM - Baier 30.90 (9th), Kester 30.91 (10th)

**Boys 200-meter dash**

FM (JV) - Young 29.77 (5th)  
FM - Gully -24.25 (4th), Rashid 26.78 (9th)

**Boys 201-meter dash wheelchair**

FM - Gehle 1:06.76 (1st)

**Girls 400-meter hurdles**

FM - Schneider - 1:07.79 (2nd), Elizabeth Miller - 1:18.96 (7th)

**Boys 400-meter hurdles**

FM - Schneider - 1:03.46 (4th), Meierotto - 1:10.01 (8th)

**Girls 1500-meter run**

FM (JV) Cayleigh Smith - 5:46.96 (2nd), Claire Hellman 6:25.26 (3rd)  
FM - Howardson 5:07.97 (3rd), Mendez - 5:38.73 (6th)

**Boys 1600-meter run**

FM -Hellige - 5:03.06 (3rd), Steffensmeier - 5:05.40 (4th)

**Girls 4x100-meter relay**

FM (JV) - Almedia, Munson, Scheafer and Elizabeth Fincher - 1:58.80 (4th)  
FM - Schroeder, Kester, Baier and Elizabeth Miller - 58.81 (5th)

**Boys 4x100-meter relay**

FM - Gully, Rashid, Schweiss and Meierotto - 49.54 (5th)

**Girls 4x400-meter relay**

FM (JV) - Kester, Gilpen, Wondra and Lexi Miller - 4:53.99 (3rd)  
FM - Bailey, Schroeder, Baier and McVey - 4:46.36 (5th)

**Boys 4x400-meter relay**

FM - Kester, Schneider, Grabowski and Cordray 4:01.43 (4th)

**Girls Long Jump**

FM - Baxter - 12'7.75" (8th), Munson - 11'7.50" (9th)

**Boys Long Jump**

FM - Rashid - 16'0.50" (8th)

**Girls Discus Throw**

FM - Wondra 68'9" (9th), Wright 68'2" (10th)

**Boys Discus Throw**

FM - Barnes 116'07" (6th), Hoenig - 103'00" (7th)

**Girls Shot Put**

FM (JV) - Wright - 22'02" (6th)  
FM - Harris - 33'10" (3rd), Fincher - 24'8.50" (8th)



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Brett Schneider takes over the last leg of a relay with a handoff from Sierra Howardson Thursday afternoon. The FMHS girls finished in fourth place but brought home five first-place finishes.

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| <p><b>Boys Shot Put</b><br/>FM - Barnes 46' 04" (1st), Dylan Eid - 33' 08" (8th), Caleb Gehle (chair) 17' .05" (11th)</p> <p><b>Team rankings</b><br/><b>Girls (JV)</b><br/>Fairfield 100, MP 77, FM 46, Keokuk 38, Washington 33</p> <p><b>Girls Varsity</b></p> | <p>Mount Pleasant 134, Fairfield 85, Washington 80, Fort Madison 48 and Keokuk 45</p> <p><b>Boys (JV)</b><br/>MP 132, Washington 71, Keokuk 25, Fairfield 16, FM 7</p> <p><b>Boys Varsity</b><br/>MP 183, Washington 70, Fairfield 56, FM 44, Keokuk 28</p> |
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## For the Record

### Fort Madison Police Department Report

05/04/17 - 4:47 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1400 block of Avenue G  
 05/04/17 - 10:00 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 700 block of Avenue G.  
 05/04/17 - 10:40 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Skyler Dwayen Stark, 29, of Montrose in the 800 block of Avenue G on a warrant for three counts of probation violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 05/04/17 - 12:34 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1900 block of Avenue L  
 05/04/17 - 3:23 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Shawndra Jo Anne Spoores, 27, of Fort Madison in the 2500 block of 255th Street on a charge of 5th degree theft. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.  
 05/04/17 - 3:07 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2400 block of Avenue L.  
 05/04/17 - 5:41 p.m. Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2200 block of Avenue H.  
 05/05/17 - 6:17 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 800 block of Avenue H.  
 05/05/17 - 7:07 a.m. Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident at the intersection of 12th Street and Avenue E.

### Lee County Sheriff's Department Report

05/04/17 - 2:32 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Robert Gene Kay, Jr.,

of Keokuk in the 2800 block of Main Street in Keokuk on a warrant for failure to appear on a citation. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.  
 05/04/17 - 2:16 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on Belfast Road. A vehicle driven by Thomas Andrew Spears, 21, of Douds, Iowa was traveling northbound on Belfast when he lost control coming out of a curve and entered the west ditch where it rolled and came to rest on it's wheels. Two other occupants, Bryan Lawrence Dye, 20 of Bonaparte and Derek Ryan Davidson, 26 of Bonaparte were all transported to Henry County Medical Center for treatment. No citations were issued at the scene.  
 05/04/17 - 8:40 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 3300 block of 175th Street. A vehicle driven by Scott Kendall Coursey, 31 of Fort Madison was traveling westbound and crossed the roadway into the east bound shoulder and overcorrected causing a slide into the north ditch where the vehicle rolled twice before coming to rest on it's wheels. Coursey was transported to the FMCH for minor injuries and was cited for failure to maintain control and failure to produce insurance. The accident remains under investigation.

### Fort Madison Fire Department report

05/04/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical calls and one traffic accident.  
 05/05/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to four medical calls.

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## OBITUARIES

### BETTY LOU BOEDING

Betty Lou Boeding, 89 years, of West Point, Iowa died at 11:59 pm Thursday, May 4, 2017 at the West Point Care Center, West Point. She was born September 19, 1927 at Carthage, Illinois, a daughter of James S. and Laura C. (Schmidt) Willard. On January 17, 1948, she married Arthur G. "Archie" Boeding at Fort Madison, Iowa.



BOEDING

Betty was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, West Point. She was an avid reader. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was devoted to her faith and family.

She is survived by two sons: Mark (wife Bev) Boeding, of Wellington, Colorado; Marvin (wife Mary) Boeding, of Fairfield, Iowa; three daughters: Nancy (husband Tony) Panther, of West Point, Iowa; Monica (husband Bill) Schulte, of Fort Madison, Iowa; Mary Lou Menke (Shawn Carlile), of Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri, nine grandchildren: Doug Panther, Nicole Panther, Paul Schulte, Michael Schulte, Christopher Schulte, Clint Boeding, Kim Boeding, Danielle Scott, and Adam Menke; 16 great grandchildren, two nieces and a nephew. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sisters, Edith McClintock and Hazel Harrell, one son-in-law Edwin Menke, and a niece.

A Rosary will be recited at 3:00 pm Sunday, May 7, 2017 at the Barr-Holtkamp Funeral Home, West Point. Visitation will be held from 3:30 - 5:00 pm Sunday, May 7, 2017 at the funeral home, where a Christian Wake Service will begin at 5:00 pm with Reverend Mark Spring officiating. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 am Monday, May 8, 2017 the St. Mary's of Assumption Catholic Church, West Point, with Reverend Joseph Phung, as celebrant. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery, West Point, Iowa. A memorial has been established for the Calvary Cemetery and St. Jude's Children's Hospital, contributions may be made at the church or the Barr- Holtkamp Funeral Home, 412 Ave C, P.O. Box 247, West Point, Iowa 52656. On line condolences to the Boeding family can be made at the Barr-Holtkamp Funeral Home Website, [www.barrholtkampfuneralhome.com](http://www.barrholtkampfuneralhome.com).

### LAURENCE "LARRY" WADE CANTWELL

Laurence "Larry" Wade Cantwell, 90 years, of West Burlington, Iowa and formerly of Wever, Iowa died at 3:10 pm Thursday, May 4, 2017 at the Great River Hos-



CANTWELL

pice House, West Burlington. Larry was born December 5, 1926 in Bucklin, Missouri, a son of James "Wade" and



Beryl Dean (Kathan) Cantwell. On July 3, 1950, he married Josephine "Jo" Tyler at Rolla, Missouri. She preceded him in death.

Larry was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving during World War II. In 1950, he received his Bachelors Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri, Rolla. He worked as a Division Engineer for the Santa Fe Railroad from 1950 to 1982. He was a member of the Danville United Methodist Church, and was active with the bible study group at Rosebush Gardens. He enjoyed bird watching, golf, traveling, dancing, and Big Band music. He loved his family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his daughter, Kris (Tom) Tibbets, of New London, Iowa; two grandchildren, Brett Tibbets and Kelsey (Michael) Healy; and a niece and nephew. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, son James, and brother Rodney.

Per his wishes, his body has been cremated. His family will greet friends from 1:00 - 2:00 pm Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at the Barr Memorial Chapel. A Memorial Service will follow and be held at 2:00 pm Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison, with Pastor Kendall Adams officiating. Full military rites will be conducted by the Fort Madison Veterans Honor Guard at the funeral home following the services. Burial will be at a later date at Bucklin, Missouri. A memorial has been established for Great River Hospice, contributions may be made at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Online condolences to the Cantwell Family may be made from the Barr Memorial Chapel, [www.barrmemorialchapel.com](http://www.barrmemorialchapel.com).

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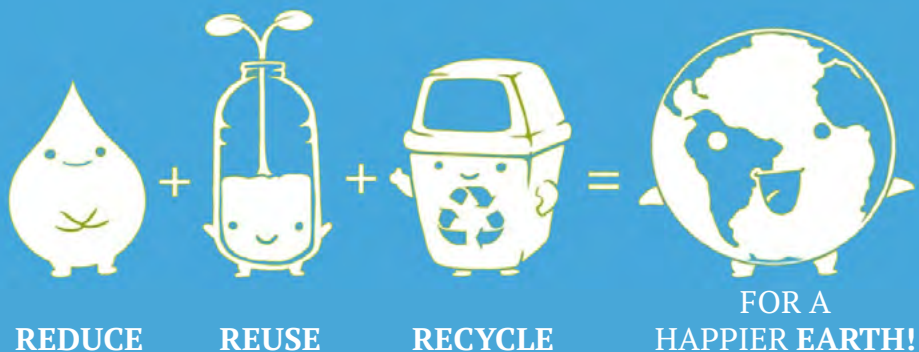
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**\*Reduce the amount of waste produced in society**

*The best way to manage waste is to not produce it. This can be done by shopping carefully and being aware of a few guidelines.*

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

## REUSE

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

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

- Sell or Donate old clothes, appliances, toys & furniture
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- Reuse grocery bags or bring your own cloth bags to the store

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**\* Recycle/convert common waste into reusable material**

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## Hashtags help state track interest in facility

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Maggie Guzman, administrative assistant at Fort Madison Partners, said people have been calling several times a day looking for accommodations and information about the city.

"Fort Madison Partners has been receiving several phone calls a day this week from individuals in the tri-state area who are extremely excited about the opportunity to go into the prison this Sunday," she said.

"We have provided hotel, business, and restaurant information to each of these callers and promoting activities that they can partake in while visiting Fort Madison. This is a great opportunity for our businesses, hotels, and restaurants to welcome visitors from different towns who will be staying the night, or even just a couple of hours."

Jean Peiton, tourism and marketing coordinator for the City of Fort Madison has been monitoring social media sites for interest in the prison tour and wants to "commandeer" the Iowa Economic Development Authority's hashtag #ThisIsIowa.

Peiton says using the social media tags will show the state the high level of

*"The use of social media hash tags is to make sure that those who are engaged with the prison through the non-profit's Facebook page, connect to the IEDA office and show the widespread interest in the prison."*

-Jean Peiton,  
FM Tourism office

regional, and potentially national, interest in preserving the prison.

"The use of the social media hash tags is to make sure that those who are engaged with the prison through the non-profit's Facebook page, connect to the IEDA office and show the widespread interest in the prison.

They have a specific hash tag #ThisIsIowa that they use to track and promote tourism," she said.

"If we in effect 'commandeer' their hash tag and use it, they will see the amount of traffic and interest there is. The original press release that DOC produced has generated over 70,000 engagements. This is what they call 'organic' engagements in the social media world. There was some boosting of posts but the paid ads only resulted in a little over 2,000 click throughs. The event post has had over 1,000 people who have said they are coming and over 3,000 who said that 'maybe' they would come. If all the visitors and even those who can't make it also use the hash tags, it will show the state just how interested the public is."

Peiton said visitors should also tag #HISP, which represents Historic Iowa State Penitentiary and allows local tracking of posts, pictures, numbers, etc to use at future planning sessions for repurposing the facility.

"The sheer number of people that have responded is a little intimidating. But what a good 'problem' to have. Too many people coming to Fort Madison. In all actuality, I think it is a wonderful thing. This is literally the citizenry playing an important part in telling the state to save our prison," Peiton said.

## Make it Fort Madison in May

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Double Wedding Ring, Sidelights, Lonestar, Colorado Log Cabin, French Braid, and Attic Window. Members will present at the Lunch-ala-Art program on May 26th from 12-2pm.

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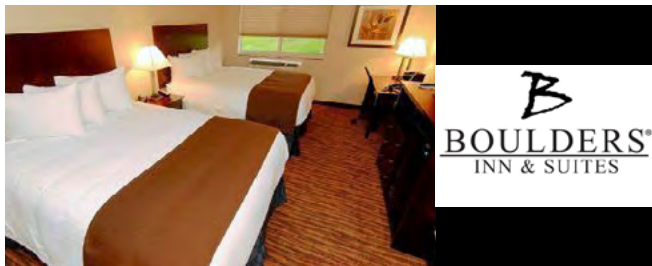


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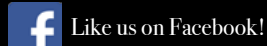
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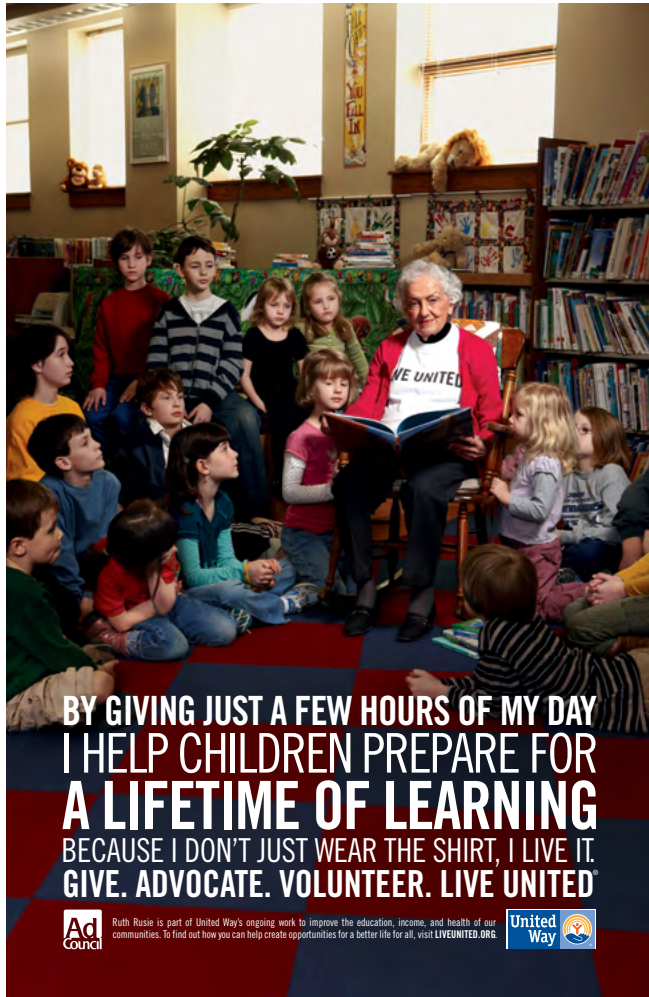
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**4911 Bluff Road**  
Listing #20164861 • \$157,500



**3BR • 1.75BA • 2 car garage**  
**1,772 sq. ft. • 0.57 acres**

Great family home with LOTS OF NEW! New kitchen, bathroom, windows, most flooring, wrap around deck, ceiling fans, light fixtures, furnace and central air! Beautiful neutral decor and window treatments make this a must see! All this and a 2 car heated garage.

**1708 Avenue G**  
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**3BR • 1BA**  
**1,432 sq. ft. • 5,500 sq. ft. lot**

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**3 BR • 2 BA • 2 car garage  
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Quality and beauty! Many updates and upgrades including a new concrete patio/carport with surround sound and mood lighting, new kitchen, bath and lighting throughout. This is an AMAZING house that you MUST see to appreciate!!!

**Listing #20164622 • \$88,000**



**3 BR • 2 BA • 2 car garage  
1,168 sq. ft. • 0.54 acres**

Lovely family home comfortably situated at the end of a cul de sac, where you can enjoy the woods and the privacy! There is an inviting deck off the back of the home overlooking the woods and beautiful vinyl fencing. There are newer mechanicals and a newer roof, 2 fireplaces and lots of storage!! Don't miss out on this beauty.

**Listing #20163951 • \$129,000**



**5BR • 2.50BA • 2 car garage  
2,834 sq. ft.**

**14,868 sq. ft. lot**

Amazing family home on a large corner lot in Farmington, IA. 2 fireplaces, beautiful woodwork, a beautiful open front porch, a large yard and an oversized garage!!

**Listing #20164117 • \$127,500**



**2BR • 1BA • 1 car garage  
1,224 sq. ft.**

**7,250 sq. ft. lot**

A house with character! Wrap-around porch, original hardwood in formal dining room/living room combo, main floor laundry, nice size eat-in kitchen including appliances, dining room has original fireplace, basement and 1 car garage.

**Listing #20162543 • \$53,000**



**5BR • 1.75BA • 1 car garage  
1,904 sq. ft. • 1,903 sq. ft. lot**

Great family home on large corner lot in the middle of Ft. Madison. Large living / dining area with original craftsman woodwork and built-ins, 14 x 22 garage on the alley with 2 additional storage sheds. Nice front porch, rear deck, and a great sunroom on the East.

**Listing #20162346  
\$86,950**



**3BR • 1BA • 1 car garage  
928 sq. ft. • 1,087 sq. ft. lot**

Very nice maintenancefree home by Lincoln School with a 75 X 145 fenced yard, nice patio, fire pit and child's play set! Some very nice built-ins, some original hardwood flooring, full basement including laundry area. Also find extra parking, garage and carport area on the paved alley.

**Listing #20164148 • \$72,500**



**5BR • 3BA  
3,119 sq. ft.**

**14,500 sq. ft. lot**

From the period wrought iron fencing to the amazing stained oak staircase...from the impressive arches to the large wrap porch, this beautiful turn of the century (20th) home offers all the beauty and elegance of that era. This is a beautifully appointed home with all the modern conveniences. There is an extra large lot for your family to enjoy!!

**Listing #20162159 • \$164,000**



**3 BR • 2 BA • 1 car garage  
2,260 sq. ft.  
6,784 sq. ft. lot**

Lots of new! Semi open floor plan, new flooring, great open basement family space, and many updates including heat/air units, kitchen back splash, counters and more! Fenced in back yard with stamped concrete patio and awning. Call today to see this great home in a quiet neighborhood.

**Listing #20164544 • \$139,900**



**3BR • 3BA  
2,754 sq. ft.**

**3,550 sq. ft. lot**

Gorgeous, turn-key home with large patio minimum maintenance. UPDATES GALORE!!! Practically perfect in every way, this 1841 home includes the latest improvements while keeping its Victorian charm.

**Listing #23006122 • \$99,999**



**2BR • 1BA • 2 car garage  
930 sq. ft. • 7,280 sq. ft. lot**

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**2BR • 1BA  
1,144 sq. ft.  
3,625 sq. ft. lot**

Move-in ready with many updates including kitchen WITH appliances, fresh paint, newer electrical (100 AMP breaker), new water lines at street and more! The home is clean as a whistle and ready to move in!

**Listing #20161431 • \$42,500**



**2BR • 1.75BA • 2 car garage  
679 sq. ft. • 6,500 sq. ft. lot**  
Nice, small home. Seller has purchased and remodeled. Excellent condition.  
**Listing #20164161 • \$62,500**



**2 BR • 1 BA • 1 car garage  
528 sq. ft. • 5,600 sq. ft. lot**  
Super deal on this cream puff home, offering 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, new roof, newer windows, siding and REALLY nice garage!  
**Listing #20164597 • \$29,900**



**4 BR • 1.75 BA  
3 car garage • 2,052 sq. ft.  
8,700 sq. ft. lot**  
Beautiful 4 bedroom home with large rooms, recently redecorated and ready to move into. This home features stainless steel appliances, main floor laundry, eat in kitchen and formal dining room, main floor office or bedroom, open staircase, large living room and big bedrooms. Newer roof, siding and gutters on house. 24' X 36' insulated garage and workshop, plus carport. Large wrap porch great location near Old Settlers Park.  
**Listing #20163776 • \$129,500**



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**3 BR • 1 BA • 1 car garage  
1,248 sq. ft. • 0.37 acres**

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**Listing #20164234 • \$119,900**



**2 car garage • 2,527 sq. ft.**  
UNIQUELY beautiful 9.38 river bluff acreage. This home boasts many updates including complete master suite, heat and A/C, Septic system, deck, roof & gutters, flooring, and the list goes on. This private property includes fenced in barn area for animal lovers, mature fruit trees plus trees have been dropped for a beautiful panoramic river view that will last for years! Owner also plans to leave a John Deere mower and new snow blower!!  
**Listing #20162733 • \$269,000**



**3 BR • 2.50 BA  
2 car garage • 1,194 sq. ft.  
10,400 sq. ft. lot**

Great family home is move-in ready. Nice-sized kitchen with all appliances, dining area, and nice living room all on the upper level. Completely re-modeled family room with a wood burning fireplace on lower level. Many updates include newer flooring, roof and HVAC system.

**Listing #20164531 \$114,900**



**Land**

**14.65 acres • 638,514 sq. ft.**  
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**Listing #20162574 • \$249,000**



**3BR • 1.75BA • 1 car garage  
888 sq. ft. • 9,450 sq. ft. lot**  
RARE RANCH with large fenced back yard and attached garage! Updated windows and kitchen, newer HVAC and water heater. Family Room in the basement. Just waiting for your own personal touch!  
**Listing #20163423 • \$74,900**



**Land**

**50.82 acres  
2,213,719 sq. ft.**  
Ideal 50 acre m/l parcel to develop. Close to new 4-8 Middle School and Baxter Rec Plex. TREMENDOUS DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY.  
**Listing #20162779 • \$559,020**



## From the Front/Sports

# Nepal visits helping in America, too

**NEPAL** - Continued from Page 1

sion dedicate their life to it, but I've done that in Lee county. When I spoke at Embury church the same thing came up. I guess the more I think about it it's probably exactly what I'm doing."

The efforts aren't just having an impact on the people in the villages of Nepal, but also a "pay-it-forward" mentality is growing for the effort in America.

"I can tell you this. What I'm doing seems to be affecting people here. I had a guy who said we have touched his life. People who have money, made money and now they are paying it forward. I never thought about what I'm doing as changing lives here in America as well."

He speaks of a gentleman he met from Bhutan who is moving into Nepal to help keep the work going.

"This guy from Bhutan..he's 39 with two kids and no wife. He's going to relocate, he's moving next week, back to Nepal, through our interaction over the Internet and he's going to dedicate his life to these people to rebuild after the earthquake. We're going to spend a month together and try to figure this out and then set up a permanent foundation to join this little thing that Ernie Schiller is trying to set up."

Next Friday Schiller will be speaking to the Holy Trinity elementary students and challenging them to create a small care package to take to another child in Nepal with a handwritten note, a small token or possession that speaks to the local culture, and possibly a small donation.

"I'm going to challenge them to write a handwritten note or computer generated note to a kid in Nepal. Maybe a card or little letter stating who they are, where they're from and their age and put in a few prized possessions and small donation and get it to me by the 25th of May."

Schiller said he will be flying over with the first contingency on the 29th and then on June 12th other contingency will leave with the group flying back on the 27th of June.

"I thought when I went last fall this would be a one-time deal. Not knowing that what I'm doing people are wanting to pay it forward and I'm kind of enamored with that. I wasn't going to go back but with so many people wanting to go..it's a pretty darned good place to visit."

He's quick to say that the Nepalese people live like the westernized world lived 150 years ago, but some of the things they do are beyond the primitive

lifestyle. Schiller said there are no guns allowed in the country and the only place he's ever seen them is at the airport or on the police. And the way they solve arguments is usually some very loud talking.

The concern for the environment and the ecosystem is a culturally high priority. And he had one situation he would never have in Donnellson.

"I was walking to school one day and four or five kids were walking with me. It's a 45-minute walk around curves and up the hills. All of sudden one of the kids got really freaked out and he was one kid that didn't speak a lot of English. He came really close to me and then all came close to me and we continued our walk to school in a big huddle. When I got home I was talking with a translator about it and he said "Oh..yes..what they heard was a Siberian Tiger that had been in the area that was looking for a cat or a goat. But I feel so safe there, I never saw a snake or spider. I did see a mosquito though, you worry more about the bugs and carrying disease."

The topic of conversation on most days... politics. The children and adults alike want to know about American politics.

"The last time I went it was fall and during elec-

tion season and that's all they wanted to talk about," he said. "They are not active in their own politics and they would want to talk about all this politics. That caught me off guard."

The Nepalese live off three crop seasons, rice, potatoes, and corn or barley. Schiller said they eat what they grow and grow what they eat. They don't have grocery stores, but they do have markets, but their diet is comprised solely of what can be raised on the land.

"When they grow crops they have these terraced hills and they don't lose an ounce of top soil. No erosion takes place. You're living like our people did 150 years ago yet you're so ecologically sound that you don't lose an ounce. The earthquakes, which they have about every 75 years, damages the fields but they immediately go to rebuild them."

He said they are starting to use more durable materials with the adobe, including mesh and concrete for foundations on the homes to help structurally.

Donations can be made at <https://www.gofundme.com/2f2mgsek> or Ernest Schiller, Rebuild Nepal Education, 2224 204th Avenue, Donnellson, Iowa 52625.

# Hounds down MP in last dual meet

## Conference meet Monday at Fairfield; Districts May 11

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The FMHS boys tennis team enjoys playing at home...and doubles seems to be their game of choice.

The Bloodhounds downed Mt. Pleasant 5-4 in boys tennis action Friday night in Fort Madison, but trailed 2-4 going into doubles play and needed to win them all to eek out the win.

Dante Seaney and Johnny Hernandez found themselves in a tough battle at No. 1 doubles with Mount Pleasant's Nos. 1 and 2 seeds Ben Zihlman and Ethan Weber. The Fort Madison pair dropped the first set 4-6 but came back to win in the 2nd set 7-6 in a 7-3 set tiebreaker, which forced a first-to-10-by two tiebreaker game and the Hounds came out on top 10-7.

At No. 2 doubles the Hounds Sam Avery and Austin Krueger made it a bit easier winning 6-2, 6-1 over the Panthers' Joey Holtkamp and Elijah Pooster. Avery downed Holtkamp in singles action 6-2, 6-2 at No. 3 and Krueger handled Plooster at No. 4 singles 6-2, 6-1.

At the No. 3 doubles, head coach Dean Hogan slipped Tim Shin into the match, who hadn't played singles, to team up with Conrad Hellman to face off against the Panthers Corbin Broeker and Jaxon Hoyle. Hoyle also didn't see singles action. The move paid off for the Hounds as they won the match 6-3, 6-4 to help seal the deal.

In singles Seaney fell to Zihlman 4-6, 6-7 (5-7 tiebreaker) at No. 1, and Hernandez lost to Weber 4-6, 0-6. With Avery and Krueger winning their singles matches, Hellman fell in a tough match 6-7 (5-7 set tiebreaker), 7-5, (7-10 match tiebreaker). Blake Feuerhammer played at No. 6 singles and lost to Nick Sandeen 6-7 (4-7 set tiebreaker), 2-6.

"This was our last dual meet and our seniors had a great showing in the all the matches they played tonight," Hogan said. "They were really great tennis matches for anyone to watch."

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