



# Pen City Current

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It was mummy and yummy day at the Fort Madison Area Artist's Association on Wednesday. Students who signed up for an early-out session in the afternoon were able to make mummy masks with FMAAA Director Brian Riggs above. Below Dave Castan, 7 makes Halloween treats with Kelly Colyer of Kelly's Cakes at left.

## AFSCME president says union will continue lawsuit

*District 5 judge says union didn't disprove state's reasons*

BY PCC STAFF

DES MOINES – AFSCME Council 61 President Danny Homan issued the following statement following Judge Arthur Gamble's ruling on the lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of HF291 that was in front of the 5th Judicial District court in southcentral Iowa.

"Today we were notified that our request for summary judgment was overruled by Chief District Judge Gamble of the Fifth Judicial District of Iowa.

"Chief Judge Gamble agreed that 'AFSCME proved disparate treatment of similarly situated individuals under H.F. 291. Some unionized public employees are granted privileges and immunities in the form of collective bargaining rights that are not equally granted to all unionized public employees.' He did not feel that we fully disproved the excuses given by the State for this unequal treatment by lawmakers.

"While we are disappointed that this initial ruling in our fight for collective bargaining justice was not in our favor, we knew from the day we filed this lawsuit, right after HF291 was signed, that this case would likely end up in the Iowa Supreme Court. We are exploring the next step in the legal process, including an appeal. As proven by last week's recertification victories, we're not going anywhere. We're in this for the long haul and look forward to the day that this unconstitutional law is overturned for Iowa's public employees."

## Xavier Saints send FMHS home again

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

CEDAR RAPIDS - For the second year in a row the Bloodhound volleyball season ended at substate at the hands Cedar Rapids Xavier Monday night.

Fort Madison High School faced the Saints again on their home court for a shot to get to the state volleyball tournament, but FMHS couldn't hang with the No. 1 team in the state and were sent home 18-25, 18-25, 16-25.

Fort Madison Head Coach Kent Bailey said the Bloodhounds dug a couple holes in each game that they

couldn't recover from. However, he gave credit to the Saints and the level of volleyball they've played at all year.

"We dug ourselves out a couple times," he said. "You've got to give them credit, there's a reason they are the No. 1 ranked team in 4A. The difference was that their hitters were willing to swing every time and ours were a little timid."

The Hounds started aggressively and held a slim 5-4 advantage in the first game when Kaeli Huston ended a point with a kill to give the Hounds an advantage, but the Saints put together one of their trademark runs on the evening with a 7-2 stretch capped by a

kill from Xavier senior Ellie McDermott that made it 11-7. Hounds sophomore Jillian Wiseman ended the run with a kill, but the Hounds couldn't get closer than 4 with the Saints pushing the lead to as much as 7 at 24-17.

The second game saw the Hounds with a 4-2 lead to open the contest, but the Saints slapped another run, this time 8-0, on the Hounds. The two were tied at 5 and the Saints' Jaz Yamilkoski served eight straight points in the run that gave Xavier a 13-5 lead. But the Saints only converted one point during the run on a kill by junior Emily Jasper. All seven of the other points

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## Obituaries/Area News

# Task force arrests man on felony drug warrant

BY PCC STAFF

KEOKUK – The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of a Keokuk, Iowa man on a felony drug warrant.



BURGESS

Nicholas Wayne Burgess, 33, of 120 North 9th Street, Keokuk, Iowa was arrested on October 30th, 2017 in the 800 block of Concert Street in Keokuk on a felony drug warrant. Burgess is charged with delivery of a scheduled II controlled substance (Morphine) within 1000 feet of a school second or subsequent offense, a class C felony with enhancements. If convicted, Burgess faces up to 45 years in a state correctional facility.

The arrest of Burgess stems from an investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force into allegations that he was involved in the distribution of illegal narcotics in the Lee County area. On October 30 2017, an officer with the Keokuk Police Department noticed Burgess riding a bicycle in the area of 13th and Blondeau. After a short pursuit, Burgess was arrested on the outstanding warrant.

The Lee County Attorney's Office, Keokuk Police Department and the Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation.

The defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

The Lee County Narcotics Task Force is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Justice and the funds administered by the Iowa Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy.

## OBITUARIES

### BYRON ELLIS

Byron Ellis, 91, of Ft. Madison, passed away on October 26, 2017 at Great River Medical Center.

He was born on October 10, 1926 near Grand Forks, ND. He married Helen Johnson and she preceded him in death. He then married Carol Gram and they later divorced. Byron served in the US Army during WWII. Byron ran LCYS in Ft. Madison and then was the Executive Director of Methelma Meadows until his retirement. He was a past member of the Mason's and enjoyed reading, art and history.

Survivors include four step children, Mary Jo Jones, Hans Johnson, John Gram and Lisa McKinney. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Per his wishes, his body has been donated to the University of Iowa Department of Anatomy for Scientific Research and King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory is in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).



### JUNIOR DEAN ROTTER

Junior Dean Rotter, 56, of rural West Point, IA, passed away on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at his home. He was born on June 19, 1961 in Fort Madison, IA to Gilbert & Ros-Ina Mitchell Rotter. He spent most of his life on the family farm with his dad and brother and enjoyed being around his animals.

Dean is survived by: 2-sisters: Judy Rotter of Keokuk, IA & Joyce Rotter of New London, IA; 1-brother: Lynn Rotter of West Point, IA and 5-nieces & nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and no services are planned at this time. Online condolences to Dean's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

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## For the Record

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#### Fort Madison Police report

10/26/17 - 11:38 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Marc Anthony Dumas, 41, of Burlington, in the 1200 block of Avenue H, on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and a warrant for failure to appear. He was released on his recognizance on the drug charge, but was transported to the county line on the warrant.

10/26/17 - 11:55 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 700 block of 14th Street.

10/26/17 - 12:41 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1700 block of Avenue D.

10/26/17 - 1:43 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident reported at the police department.

10/27/17 - 7:01 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 200 block of 1st Street.

10/27/17 - 1:45 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the Fort Madison area.

10/27/17 - 3:58 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the Blackhawk Heights area.

10/28/17 - 11:23 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run in the 2700 block of Avenue I.

10/28/17 - 1:05 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2800 block of Avenue L.

10/28/17 - 2:35 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 5400 block of Avenue O.

10/28/17 - 2:36 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run in the Fort Madison area.

10/28/17 - 7:55 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Timothy Paul Rogin, 56, of Fort Madison, on a charge of public intoxication. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

10/28/17 - 9:33 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in progress in the 3000 block of Avenue N.

10/29/17 - 12:06 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in progress in the 1700 block of Avenue H.

10/29/17 - 12:57 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in

the 1300 block of 14th Street.

10/29/17 - 11:42 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Joshua William Milligan, 25, of Fort Madison, on a misdemeanor charge of simple assault. He was cited and released.

10/29/17 - 5:17 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 800 block of Avenue F.

#### Lee County Sheriff's report

10/26/17 - 9:04 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at Hwy. 61 and Hwy. 218. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Eric Eugene Fortune, Jr., 24 of Donnellson struck a semi-trailer driven by Pedro Jesus, Madrigal Navarro, 30 of Tuscon, Ariz. No injuries or citations were reported.

10/26/17 - 12:30 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Adam Keith Rickert, 22, of Quincy, Ill., at the Adams County Jail on warrants for possession of methamphetamine less than 5 grams and a controlled substance violation. He remained in custody.

10/26/17 - 1:33 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Rebecca Dawn Davis, 38, of Keokuk, at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a warrant for contempt of court-failure to pay fines. She was cited and released.

10/26/17 - 4:25 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Christen Mitchell Start, 32, of Keokuk, at 835 Valley St. in Burlington on a warrant for probation violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

10/27/17 - 11:28 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Haley Rose Waterman, 29, no address given, at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a charge of fugitive from justice. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

10/27/17 - 7:25 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 2000 block of 303rd Avenue. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Breann Skye Schneider, 16, of West Point, lost control and left the roadway and overturned after an overcorrection. No injuries or citations were reported.

10/27/17 - 9:55 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Douglas Charles Hunter, Jr., 34, of St. Louis, Mo., at the

Lee County Sheriff's office on a warrant for judgment entry/mittimus. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held, but was later released for time served.

10/28/17 - 6:04 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Anthony Leroy Bernard, 28, of Donnellson, in the 2300 block of 220th Street, Donnellson, on warrants for reckless use of a firearm - no injury/damage, intimidation with a dangerous weapon, and felon in control of a firearm. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

10/29/17 - 2:46 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on Hwy 103 near Old Denmark Road. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Travis Joe Lozano, 46, of Fort Madison swerved to miss a deer and collided with a guard rail coming to rest in the east ditch of Old Denmark Road. No injuries or citations were reported.

10/29/17 - 5:29 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tyler Stephen McCarty, 28, of Ionia, Mi., no location given, on a warrant for contempt - failure to pay fine/cost. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

10/29/17 - 8:49 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Paul William Londrie, 43, of Fort Madison, at the Lee County Sheriff's office, on a warrant for judgment entry/mittimus. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

10/30/17 - 2:58 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Denise Marie Thurman, 43, of Fort Madison, at the 2000 block of Hwy 218, Donnellson, on a charge of OWI - 1st offense. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

It should be noted a criminal charge is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

#### Fort Madison Fire & Rescue

10/27/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical calls

10/28/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls

10/29/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical and one assistance call.

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# Hounds not able to play their game

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were on miscues by the Hounds, including one set that fell to the floor between three players.

Bailey said the Hounds weren't able to play their game with the heavy hitting of Xavier.

"Our game plan was to come in heavy with our middle hitters swinging and then include our outside hitters when we suck those big blockers into the middle," he said. "When we were able to pass well and get the sets we were able to do that, but we didn't get that done very often."

The Hounds got a point at 13-6 on a Saints attack error, but then the home

ingly out of control.

But a kill by senior Amber Dilsaver sparked a 9-2 run by the Hounds, including two kills and a block by Dilsaver, to close the gap to 19-15, but the Saints took back the momentum after an illegal rotation penalty and got two consecutive kills and put up four straight points for a 23-15 lead. Two FMHS errors gave the Saints a 2-0 advantage.

The Hounds spotted Xavier a 6-0 lead in the third game that quickly got out of control and the Hounds never got within six points again, trailing by as many as 11. The Bloodhounds had a 6-1 run to bring the score to 13-21 but wouldn't get any closer, ending their season.

"We don't get to play the same level of competition. If you look across the banners in this gym, six of those teams in this conference will be playing at state next week," Bailey said after the game.

He said the six seniors Kamryn Bailey, Shyla Farmer, Courtney Woodley, Dilsaver, Leigh Johnson, and McKenna Fehseke have played a lot of ball together.

"These six seniors played a lot of volleyball... playing clubs since 5th grade and they've been a great group to work with this year," he said.

"We let our kids know that these six seniors stuck it out and now the younger kids can learn from this. They gotcha here, now what do you want to do with that."

Kaeli Hutson was 12 of 16 hitting with a kill. Dilsaver was 23 of 25 with 13 kills and was 7 of 9 serving. Wiseman was 16 of 21 hitting with seven kills and 3 blocks. Josie Pumphrey was 14 of 14 serving with two aces and 17 digs, Bailey went 11 of 11 serving with an ace and six digs. Olivia Williams was 9 of 9 serving with one ace and five digs.

Wiseman said the level of competition



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FMHS senior Shyla Farmer goes for a kill in the second game of the Hounds three-game loss to Cedar Rapids Xavier in substate volleyball action Monday night.

at this game was different than what she's seen this year.

"It's hard because of where we're from. We don't get this level of competition during the season, but it helps a lot when we come up and play this level," she said.

"We don't have a lot of people left, but we're going to be pretty strong next year. We're going to push harder next year and try to make it back here again."

Kamryn Bailey said the Fort Madison runs just weren't enough to get past the top ranked Saints.

"I felt like we went out and fought and at times we fell short. We did what we could, but it just wasn't enough. We went out fighting and that's the best way to go out," the senior added.

Johnson said the Bloodhounds improved all year, but fell flat in the final game.

"We improved every game we played all year until tonight. I don't know what happened, I guess it was just nerves but

7 of 10 hitting with two kills said she was proud of the way the team played all season, but was disappointed with the outcome.

"I was proud of my team this season," she said. "Ever since we started playing together, I think us six (seniors) have had a really tight connection. I would have loved to go to state and that was our goal, but I'm so happy to be here with them. I really don't know what happened, it seems like we get here and we just can't finish it. We play so much better than we did tonight it's just disappointing."

Dilsaver said the Hounds have trailed before in the season and found a way back but against some lesser competition.

"I feel like they got on top of us early in the games, but we're a good comeback team. All year we've been able to do that and we did that tonight, but they came on stronger than we could," she said.

Johnson said the relationships were important to her, as well.

"These are definitely relationships that will last forever. Our senior class is close, but our volleyball girls are really, really close." Johnson said.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FMHS Head Coach Kent Bailey gives direction to his team in the third game of the Hounds substate volleyball match Monday night.

squad put up another 4-1 run with the Hounds' point coming on a Wiseman kill to make it 17-7 and the match seem-

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- Recognition of guests
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- Adjourn

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Agenda  
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THU 02 Nov

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FRI 03 Nov

 Clear Skies  
High — 46.6° F | Low — 40.3° F

SAT 04 Nov

 Moderate Rain  
High— 57.9° F | Low — 57.1° F

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# FMCH diabetes education program merits ADA recognition

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Community Hospital (FMCH) diabetes self-management education program has been awarded continued Recognition from the American Diabetes Association (ADA). The program was originally recognized in January of 2001. This program offers high-quality education services to the patients it serves.

Self-management education is an essential component of diabetes treatment at FMCH. One consequence of compliance with the National Standards is the greater consistency in the quality and quantity of education offered to people with diabetes. The participant in the FMCH Diabetes Self-Management Education Program, an ADA Recognized program, will be taught, as needed, self-care skills that will promote better management of his or her diabetes treatment regimen. All approved education programs cover the following topics as needed: diabetes disease process; nutritional management; physical activity; medications; monitoring; preventing, detecting, and treating acute complications; risk reduction; goal setting and problem solving; psychological adjustment; and preconception care, management during pregnancy, and gestational management. Unnecessary hospital admissions and some of the acute and chronic complications of diabetes may be prevent-



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ed through self-management education. “We feel strongly this endorsement by the ADA is an important part of our program. Our patients with diabetes can trust the education and support they receive from our team at FMCH is of the highest quality using proven information and techniques. Our goal is to help our patients live healthy, active, independent lives with this diagnosis,” explained Cathy Mehmert, Certified Diabetes Educator.

The ADA Education Recognition effort, begun in the fall of 1986, is a voluntary process which assures that approved education programs have met the National Standards for Diabetes Self-Management Education Programs. Programs that achieve Recognition status have a staff of knowledgeable health professionals who can provide state-of-the-art information about diabetes management for participants. The American Diabetes Association is the nation’s leading non-profit health organization supporting diabetes research, advocacy and information for health professionals, patients and the public.

For more information on the FMCH Diabetes Self-Management Education Program, contact Cathy Mehmert, RD, LD, CDE at Fort Madison Community Hospital, 319-376-2230.



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