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**TRI-STATE RODEO - WEDNESDAY**

A new laser light show was part of the CINCH Chute-Out on Wednesday night. New lights that were installed in 2018 make restarts seamless. Tonight's Rodeo action starts at 7 p.m. with country music star Michael Ray performing following the show. The NATU band cleans things up in the Coors Party Pavilion.

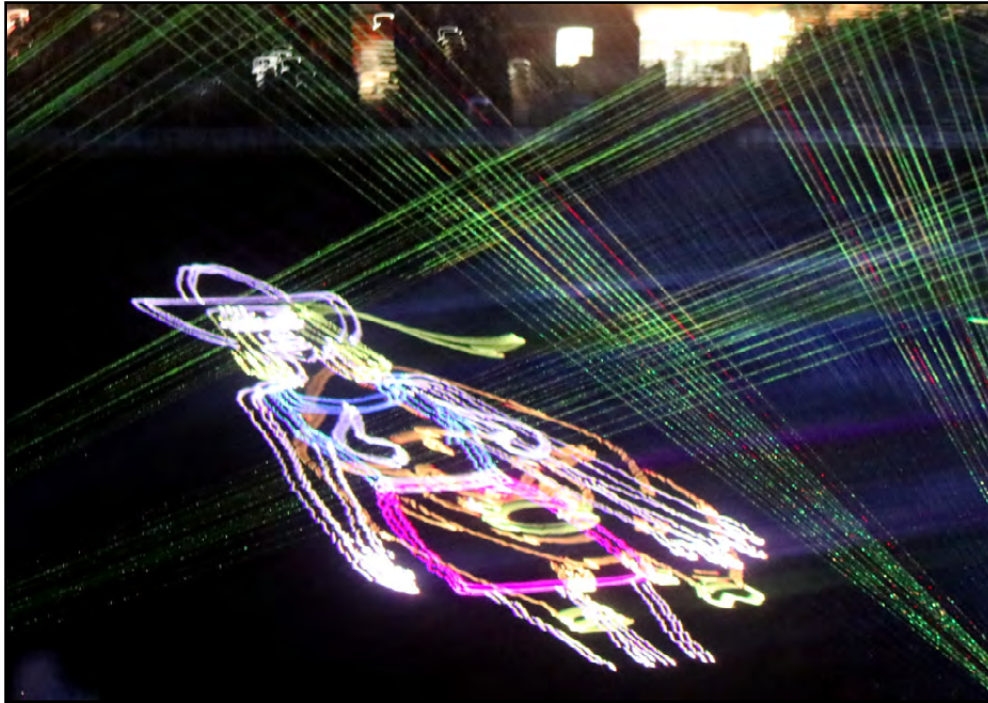


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## Beside The Point

Chuck Vandenberg,  
Pen City Current - Editor

*We get a big fish in our little pond*

I've never been happier to type a byline as I was Sunday morning when I edited a new sports column that's appearing weekly starting this month in the Pen City Current.

It's a tremendous pleasure of ours to introduce our readership to a new Sunday column from Fort Madison's own John Bohnenkamp.

John's copy will add tremendously to our local flare that already includes the homey comfort of Curt Swarm, and the ever-zesty writings of your friendly neighborhood reporter.

If you don't know John, you aren't even a glancing enthusiast of the regional sports culture. John is a nationally recognized sports writer, editor and columnist, who's spent more than four decades covering sports in and around Lee County.

As the Current continues to grow and fiddle blindly through this intricate network of news, sports, and information, it sometimes is lost on us as to how things come to be.

This 53-year-old editor with ties to southeast Iowa has finished in the top 10 Sports Editor of the Year by the Associated Press Sports Editors 17 times, has one seven awards as a member of the U.S. Basketball Writers Association, and his state AP awards are too numerous to list here.

So how does he end up here? Because we asked. John has a passion for sports and uniquely clever way of bringing that across to readers. It's a value to anyone who gets to put his name on their brand.

But their loss isn't just our gain. It's yours, too. We couldn't be happier to bring John on to allow him to keep writing for the readers of this area. And we can't be happier for what lay ahead for him.

He recently wrapped up the Burlington Bees season on his Twitter blog.

He's also coaching and mentoring future sports writers at the Daily Iowan. Bohnenkamp said someday he'd love to teach the craft he's honed better than just about anyone in the state. He's planning other things and



BOHNENKAMP

## School sees smooth rollout of 'Here Comes the Bus'

*District has to create database for HTC student badges*

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A new system for the Fort Madison Community School District's transportation department is getting good marks from the Superintendent.

The new system called "Here Comes the Bus" was implemented this school year to help district transportation director Richard Hand more efficiently not only monitor bus locations and service, but also children getting on and off the buses.

Students in the Fort Madison Community School District were given badges that are scanned when the students get on and off the bus. That information is logged into a system the district currently leases from Synovia Solutions that keeps track of students whereabouts.

If a student is on the wrong bus, the scanner will indicate red and if the student is on the right bus it lights up green. The Here Comes the Bus app that accompa-



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nies the software also let's people know the proximity of the bus to their door stop or drop off location.

Several parents contacted the Pen City Current indicating that students from Holy Trinity that ride Fort Madison buses have not been given the passes that the public school students have.

"The district has had a positive implementation of the new bus system," Slater said via text on Wednesday.

"HTC students are not in our electronic student management system which generates the information to be printed on the passes. They have to be hand entered and with the implementation of the new system, it just takes time."

Slater said all eligible students regardless of passes are able to ride the bus and the time refers to the process for the district to build a separate database for the HTC students so passes can be created for them because those students are not currently in the district's power school system.

Radio traffic from the school's communication indicated that there were just a few bugs in the rollout such as the system indicating an engine light malfunction

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# Obituaries/Lee County News

## OBITUARIES

### EULA WANETA BEACH

Eula Waneta Beach, 101 years, of Denmark, Iowa died at 11:45 pm Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at the West Point Care Center, West Point, Iowa. Eula was born October 10, 1917 at Elmer, Missouri, a daughter of Milton and Hazel (Woods) Williams. In 1941, she married Sherman Lyons at Kahoka, Missouri. He preceded her in death in 1974. On September 22, 1977, she married Albert F. Beach at Denmark, Iowa. He preceded her in death August 26, 1998.

Eula was a resident of the Denmark and Sawyer areas since 1949. She owned and operated Beach General Store with her husband, Albert, since 1977. She was a member of the Denmark Congregation United Church of Christ, Sawyer Circle and the Pollyanna Circle.

She is survived by one step-son, Glen Beach, Wever, Iowa; two step-daughters: Doris (Jerry) Boeddeker and Clara Murphy, both of Fort Madison, Iowa; three step-grandchildren, two nieces and one nephew. She was preceded in death by her parents, both husbands, one brother, one sister, and one niece.

Her body has been cremated. No formal services are planned. Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison is honored to serve the Beach family. Online condolences to her family may be expressed at [www.barrmemorial-chapel.com](http://www.barrmemorial-chapel.com).

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### RICHARD “DICK” ARTHUR PAGE SR.

Richard Arthur “Dick” Page Sr., 77 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa, died at 7:15 pm Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at his home. He was born January 3, 1942 in Wisconsin, a son of Clarence and Elenor (Anderson) Page. On September 1, 1962, he married Patricia “Patty” Shema in Wisconsin.

Dick retired from DuPont in 2002 as the Plant Manager in Fort Madison. He was a NASCAR fan and throughout his life he enjoyed sports, fishing and traveling. Most of all he loved spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Patty Page of Fort Madison; three sons: Richard “Rick” (Cheryl) Page Jr. of Standard, Illinois; Robert Page of Michigan; and Russell (Lea) Page of Howell, Michigan; one daughter, Pamela Page of Bloomington, Illinois; eleven grandchildren, six great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Mary.

His body has been cremated. Services and burial will be at a later date.

Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Page family. Online condolences to his family may be expressed at [www.barrmemorialchapel.com](http://www.barrmemorialchapel.com).

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## United Way to take grant apps starting Sept. 16

LEE COUNTY – The United Way of the Great River Region will soon be accepting grant applications for funding in 2020.

The United Way of the Great River Region (UW-GRR) partners with not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organizations in Clark county, Missouri, Hancock county, Illinois and Lee county, Iowa. Priority consideration is given to those agencies/organizations that provide programs that improve health, education and financial stability.

Applications will be available beginning Monday, September 16, 2019.

Please contact Karen Siefken, Executive Director at [director@unitedwaygrr.org](mailto:director@unitedwaygrr.org) or at 319-524-4504 or any current UWGRR Board member to receive a grant application packet.

No packets will be distributed prior to Sept. 16. Applications and all required paperwork are due to the United Way of the Great River Region office in Keokuk, IA or must be post marked no later than Friday, October 25, 2019 at 4:00 pm.

United Way of the Great River Region serves all of Lee, Hancock, and Clark Counties. All donations are tax-deductible.

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**TUE 10 Sep**  
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## Lee County News/Lottery Numbers

# Milestones Agency to hand out weather radios

LEE COUNTY – In coordination with Emergency Manager David Drummond of Van Buren County and Stephen Cirinna, Lee County Emergency Coordinator, Milestones Area Agency on Aging will be providing weather radios and natural disaster preparedness materials. These items, along with safety and disaster preparedness guidance, will be available at no cost to individuals and/or families 60 and over, or dependent adults. They were purchased for Lee and Van Buren County seniors through a federal Disaster Assistance grant administered through the State of Iowa in response to the July 19, 2018 EF-1 tornado.

Disbursements will take place at:

Keokuk Heritage Center (508 Main St., Keokuk): Wed. Sept 18th, 10:30 – 11:30 and 12:30 – 1:30pm

Ft Madison Newberry Center (728 Ave. G, Ft Madison): Thursday Sept. 19th, 10:30 – 11:30 and 12:30 – 1:30pm

City officials will be on hand to assist in radio set up.

Qualifying individuals will need to provide their name, address, phone number, and date of birth to receive the items. No sensitive information will be requested. In addition to gaining valuable information about how to best prepare for severe weather and disaster situations, participants will also be able to learn more about the many services available through Milestones Area Agency on Aging.

Milestones also has very limited funds to provide financial assistance for a single individual or family that experienced damage from the tornado on July 19, 2018. An application for consideration will be available during the disbursement and is required to qualify.

This Disaster and Relief Grant and weather radio disbursement would not have been possible without the help of Stephen Cirinna, David Drummond, Mark Bouselot (Keokuk Public Works Director), Cole O'Donnell (Keokuk City Administrator), David Hinton (Keokuk Chief of Police), Jay Whitaker (Keokuk Assistant Chief of Police), the Fort Madison Police and Fire Departments, and the Van Buren Police and Fire Departments.

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Pick 3 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
Pick 3 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm
Pick 4 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
Pick 4 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm



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Powerball: 2

Power Play: 10



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13 25 35 37 45

Star Ball: 35

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## Sports

# Hounds look to repeat 2018 start at WB Friday

*FMHS started 2018 with wins over Central Lee, WB-ND*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – As has been the case for the past three years, the Fort Madison Bloodhounds will be looking to go 2-0 to start the year.

Standing in the way is a West Burlington-Notre Dame squad that was beat up by a pretty good Mediapolis team in the opening week last Friday on the road, 46-7. Fort Madison downed the Falcons 46-0 in week 2 of 2018.

Fort Madison head coach Derek Doherty's squad scrimmaged the Bulldogs a week before the season started and said they have some "fire-breathers" and are a very good football team, so he's not looking past West Burlington.

As a matter of fact, Doherty said people may be doing that with Fort Madison.

"Unfortunately, Fort Madison has a program that hasn't been too threatening, so it's not like people are fearing us. People chalk us up as this is a winnable game and that's totally fine. We're preparing for a dog fight, so we're expecting that."

Last week Central Lee was looking to get their first win in three years over the Hounds, but a stingy defense and plow running from senior Diego Lozano led the Hounds to a 17-0 win.

Doherty said he thinks the Hounds left some points on the field, and pointed to execution problems for Fort Madison.

"Week 1 was crazy just because we new Central Lee was going to run a new offense and a new defense. We thought we were pretty good at what we do, but at the same time everything was brand new. I felt we left a lot of points off the board," the first-year head coach said.

"From us it was execution problems. That was our halftime talk, too." It wasn't Xs and Os, it was all about executing and doing the things that we do every day in practice."

Lozano averaged 7.5 yards per carry for 140 yards and a score. Junior quarterback Will Larson,

### Who to watch

WB-ND

#13 QB- A. Hoffman  
#28 RB - D. LaVeine  
#28 RB - K. Baker  
#27 DB - J. Fritz  
#56 LB - D. Chiprez

### FMHS

#7 RB/LB D. Lozano  
#8 QB/DB. W. Larson  
#3 WR/DE Q. Schneider  
#6 WR - P. Denning  
#57 OL/DL - D. Settles

in his first start, went 19-41 for 107 yards, with a touchdown and an interception.

West Burlington comes in after the opening loss featuring junior quarterback Anthony Hoffman and senior running back Dreyton LaVeine.

The Falcons get the tough yards from LaVeine who had 55 yards in the gaps for West Burlington off the veer, or flexbone offense. West Burlington will spread things out with a speedy junior Kendall Baker, who will look for running room outside the tackles, while Hoffman tends to roll out looking for passing lanes.

Hoffman scampered for 49 yards on 16 carries, but threw for just 28 yards on 4 of 8 passing with a pick.

Doherty said West Burlington's Head Coach Jay Eilers will have his team ready after Friday's loss.

"As far as what they do, we ran the flexbone here seven years ago and it's tough to prepare for in a short amount of time. They've got good athletes, and Mepo is a good football team, we just hope to play with that same intensity," Doherty said.

"Defensively they are aggressive, their skill players are pretty solid, and they're going to have a lot of guys playing downhill. I think Jay is a great coach and he'll have them ready to play. They won't be happy with the results last Friday."

Seniors Drew Chiprez and Jonah Fritz led the



PCC File Photo

Fort Madison Head Coach Derek Doherty is all smiles after getting his first win as a head coach last week over Central Lee. The Hounds take on West Burlington-Notre Dame Friday night in West Burlington.

Falcons on the defensive side with 14 tacks and Fritz leading the way with eight, all solo.

The Bloodhounds will try to build on the some different defensive looks from first-year defensive coordinator Jason Crooks, who pitched a shutout in the first game against Central Lee. Crooks stepped in for Rickelman last year for several games while the Rickelmans welcomed a new child into the family.

"When Luke had his daughter last year and Crooks stepped in it was a great transition for him. We tried some different things when Rickelman came back on, but it was good experience for Jason. Rickelman is a great teacher and great coach. He coached up one of our coaches."

But he said for the first time in several years, the Hounds have changed up their defense from what they've been doing the past three years.

Senior Quentin Schneider leads the Hounds with 8.5 tackles on the season four solo, followed by Lozano with 6.5 in last week's win.

Fort Madison will have the services of last year's leading rusher in senior Kali Maestro back this week. Maestro and his brother, Romeo Maestro,

who's pesky from the rush end, and had three sacks and a fourth tackle for loss against West Burlington last year, return after missing week 1.

"We're excited to have them back. We have four or five running backs we

feel we can put in. That's not smoke, that's sincere," Doherty said.

"This will be a nice change up. Diego plays middle backer and running back and we had some guys step in. Calem Maclearn did a great job.

We put him in and hit a screen with him, but that wasn't the main reason. We can run power with him, outside zone, inside zone. He's a power runner, he's just smaller than Diego. Diego will take the wind out of ya."



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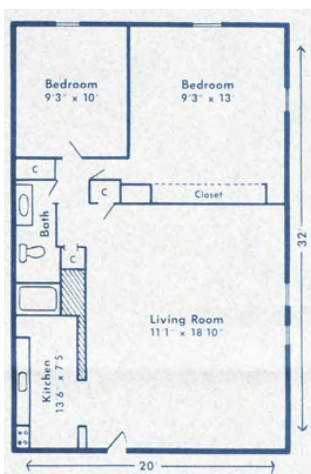
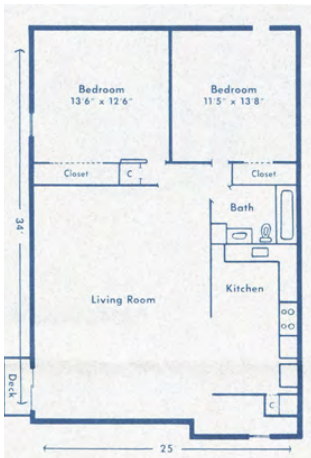
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The position's successful applicant is preferred (but not required) to have the following:

1. Completion of some college level administrative support courses or any equivalent combination of training and experience.
2. Knowledge of legal terminology, legal format, and legal forms.
3. Knowledge of modern office practices, procedures, and equipment.
4. Knowledge of Electronic Document Management System (EDMS).
5. Knowledge of Iowa Courts Online.
6. Knowledge of Iowa Department of Transportation transcripts.
7. Ability to prepare accurate and timely documents, correspondence, and reports.
8. Ability to learn and/or operate the county Attorney's Office computer programs.
9. Ability to understand and follow written and oral instructions.
10. Ability to use Microsoft Outlook, Word, and Excel.
11. Ability to work in a fast-paced environment
12. Ability to multi-task.
13. Ability to communicate with others using tact and diplomacy.
14. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with supervisors, attorneys, co-workers, and the public, as well as law enforcement personnel, Clerk of Court, Treasurer and Iowa Department of Transportation.
15. Ability to maintain a large filing system of current and closed files.

The starting wage is \$14.96 per hour.

The deadline for submitting a resume is September 6, at 4:30 p.m.

Please send resume to Ross Braden, Lee County Attorney at P. O. 824, Keokuk, IA 52632 or e-mail to [rbraden@leecounty.org](mailto:rbraden@leecounty.org)



# Old newspaper days turn to new digital days

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other ventures, but he's welcome here as long as he wants.

I've known John since he was hired at the Hawk-Eye in 1991. I was just a stringer then, managing the late night phone call-ins from coaches for the recaps. The sports editor back then was a guy named Larry Lockhart. John was hired away from Daily Gate City and we worked a lot of late Friday and Saturday nights together.

I think there was some pizza involved and an occasional round of pitching a football from one end of the sports department, which quickly became the entire newsroom, to the other. Bob Mann and Craig Sesker were also full-time writers and Shane Barron helped me man the phones. Occasionally, Shane and I would get to go out and actually cover some games. Shane went on to do more with the paper, and I went to Western Illinois and became Sports Editor of the campus newspaper, the Western Courier.

John went on to become the sports editor of the Hawk-Eye in 1991, a position he held until this year.

The Burlington Bees honored Bohnenkamp last week for his time with the paper and work with the Bees. At the event John said his greatest joy was the people and friends he made working at the Hawk-Eye.

Those bonds still remain today and because of that we welcome him with open arms to our little pond.

Hey, there's a bunch of horses in town so watch your step, but hoof it up to C.E. "Eddie" Richards Arena, the Tri-State Rodeo has some surprises in store for you... but that's Beside the Point.

## Free busing app can still be downloaded for mobile devices

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and several computer log issues.

The app is a free download on cellphones or computers and residents will have to have a district code and password given out by the district to access information. Hand said that's a security measure to keep those outside the district from knowing where buses are specifically.

Hand told the board in June that messages can also be sent out if a bus breaks down letting families know the bus will be arriving later. Additionally, the system comes with dashboard mounted tablet scanners on each bus.

## For the Record

**Fort Madison Police Report**  
09/04/19 – 11:18 a.m.  
– Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L.  
09/04/19 – 10:32 p.m.  
– Fort Madison Police arrested Brandon Michael

Frazier, 26, of Fort Madison in the 1000 block of Avenue I, on warrants for voluntary absence from custody, probation violation and charges of providing false identification and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

**Lee County Sheriff's Report**  
09/04/19 – no activity to report  
**Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report**  
09/04/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to six medical calls and one lift assist.

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