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## Local group wants to put haunted house at Fort

*Commission agrees to look at plans; Watkins has concerns*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A local business woman got a nod from the Old Fort Commission to propose holding a haunted house on the Old Fort property for the last three weeks in October.

Jadi Zioui, owner for Fort Mad Emporium and the new co-owner of the Parthenon Steakhouse, said she had been talking with volunteers and city Tourism Director

Jean Peiton about putting together the haunted house. She said Peiton suggested she approach the Old Fort Commission.

Old Fort Director Dr. Eugene Watkins asked that no vintage costumes be used due to possible damage.

"Are they providing their own costumes?" Watkins asked. "A lot of times that stuff doesn't wash out and these are very expensive to replace."

Zioui said the group would bring in their own costumes.

"Jean sent me, and me and her have been talking about Halloween and what we can do to make it more awesome than normal, but not cost any money to anyone," Zioui said.

"We're talking about doing a haunted house and using the Old Fort. Not a whole lot would need to be done. The fort at night is probably pretty scary as it is and we would already have the story with dead soldiers and such."

Plans would include holding the event the on the 14th, 21st and 28th of October preliminarily. Zioui said she was hoping to also hold a party at the fort on the night of Halloween, Tuesday, Oct. 31 to piggy back off the other events going on in town.

"Halloween is on a Tuesday this year and people will want to get their kids to bed because it's a school night, but that doesn't mean they won't want to come back out."

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## Loebsack to tour downtown projects

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Congressman Dave Loebsack will visit Fort Madison on Friday as part of his "Iowa First" tour around the state.



LOEBSACK

Loebsack will be touring the ongoing upper apartment construction projects currently underway by Barker Financial out of Iowa City with Schickedanz Construction of Fort Madison. The projects include the old Lee County Bank building and Cattermole Library.

He's scheduled to be in Fort Madison at 2:30 p.m. and according to a release from his office, Rep. Loebsack will be discussing the

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison city and emergency crews work to clean up after a single-vehicle accident at the corner of 20th Street and Avenue L just after noon on Thursday. The vehicle took out the traffic signal on the northeast corner of the intersection. No injuries were reported.

## Chamber lands FM native as new coordinator

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Area Chamber of Commerce has selected a new coordinator and the candidate brings a wealth of information and ties to the community.

Savanna Collier, a 2009 graduate of Fort Madison High School has been selected by the chamber's executive board as the new coordinator effective with the announcement Thursday by Fort Madison Partners Executive Director Tim Gobble.

"We are excited to have Savanna come on board as she has a lot of experience running events, some of which the Fort Madison Area Chamber already has in place, as well as having ideas to expand that event base to better serve the membership and the general public," Gobble said.

"This new addition to our staff provides us the opportunity to evaluate what we are offering as a chamber. We can examine where our strengths are and build the chamber to make it a priority to become a member to make your business a success though all the member benefits."

Collier replaces Laura Francisco who resigned from the position on June 14th. Collier brings a wide range of experience in event planning, most significantly from her position as festival director with the Amana Colonies Festivals, Inc.

"I worked within the community to provide events

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## Obituaries/Local News

### OBITUARIES

# ALAN JAKE LITTLE

Alan Jake Little, 24 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died Wednesday morning, August 16, 2017 in Fort Madison. Jake was born March 31, 1993 in Burlington, Iowa, a son of Alan Chet Little and Lorlinda Williams.

He attended Fort Madison High School.

He is survived by his father, Chet Little of Fort Madison; his mother, Lorlinda Williams of Jacksonville, Florida; one daughter, Natalynn Marie Little and her mother, Misty Guzman of Fort Madison; one sister, Starr (Chase) Brown of Charlotte, South Carolina; his maternal grandmother, Nina Sparenberg of Denmark, Iowa; one aunt, four uncles, one nephew, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, maternal grandfather, and one uncle.

His body has been cremated. His family will greet friends from 6:00 - 7:00 pm Monday, August 21, 2017 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison.

A memorial has been established, contributions may be made at the Barr Memorial Chapel. Online condolences to the Little Family may be at [www.barrmemorialchapel.com](http://www.barrmemorialchapel.com). Barr Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Loebsack to talk budget

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real life impact the Republicans' proposed budget will have on local communities.

He will also be stopping at the Silgan Container Corporation in Burlington prior to his visit to Fort Madison. He then will be moving on to Keokuk for a stop at Keokuk Steel Casting where he will tour that facility and meet with new owners Brad and Annie Mills and Lee County Economic Development officials.

# Event would take place last three weekends in October

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Several commissioners asked Zioui what organization she was working with and she said it was a group of interested people.

"I've got a small army of volunteers so it wouldn't cost a lot of money. I've got to turn people down. You don't know how that gets people in if they get to get bloody and dressed up," she said.

Andy Andrews said he ran haunted houses in years past and said a good time frame is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Zioui originally had suggested 8:30 p.m. to midnight.

"Most haunted houses we've had, you get a lot of kids through and it's dark earlier, you usually can do a 6 to 8 or on Saturday 6-9," he said. City Management Analyst John Luna said the park closes at 11 p.m. so things would have to be wrapped up before then.

*"I don't know that I'd use the upstairs...How crazy are we about scaring the hell out of someone and then having them run down the stairs"*

-Dr. Eugene Watkins  
Old Fort Director

Zioui said another event will add more to the holiday in town and could bring more people into the area.

"If we've got more than one event going on, they will go from one event to the other if they're having a good time."

Watkins discouraged those attending from going up the stairs and said lighting would have to be sufficient or staffing sufficient to keep people from tripping or falling down the stairs.

"Almost all of those buildings have stairs in them and if it's dark that could be a problem," Wat-

kins said. "I don't know that I'd use the upstairs and even on the main floors most of the rooms out there have two or three steps so you're going to have to do something there. How crazy are we about scaring the hell out of someone and then having them run down the stairs."

"It would have to be endorsed by the Old Fort Commission or the Tourism board to show that it's a city run project," Andrews said.

Zioui said she'd like to make it a fundraiser for the fort. The board approved accepting a

proposal for the project from Zioui to evaluate the validity of the project.

In other action, the commission heard from Andrews regarding applications to put the Battlefield Park on the National Historical Register. Andrews also updated the board on the status of the historic chimney across from the park. The chimney is owned by the city so Andrews said they will have to coordinate with the city on working with the chimney.

Andrews said he hoped to have grass seeding in the park done before the fall.

## 5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

**FRI 18 Aug**



Moderate rain  
High - 78.8° F | Low - 64.0° F

**SAT 19 Aug**



Light rain  
High - 74.3° F | Low - 66.4° F

**SUN 20 Aug**



Clear skies  
High - 81.3° F | Low - 66.3° F

**MON 21 Aug**



Clear skies  
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## For the Record/Lottery Numbers

# Fort Madison Habitat taking applications for next home

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Habitat for Humanity is now taking applications for potential resident of their next home building project.

Applications can be picked up at the Fort Madison Public Library or Fort Madison City Hall.

According to the group's guidelines, all applications must meet the

following guidelines: the application must be completed in ink; 30 days of pay stubs must be included with the application; applicants must include a copy of your lease or cancelled rent check; a copy of the applicants most recent tax return; a copy of last month's bills (a complete list of those bills is included with the application packet); must include 350 hours of sweat equity on the home; and a \$1,000 down

payment during the early stages of the project.

The completed applications can be returned by mail to the Fort Madison Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, PO Box 291, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the family support committee's Debi at 319-631-4494 or Jeff at 319-316-2790.

## For the Record

**Fort Madison Police report**  
08/16/17 - 11:52 a.m.

- Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 500 block of 11th Street. 08/16/17 - 1:04 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1400 block of Avenue F. 08/16/17 - 4:33 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident reported a the police department. 08/16/17 - 7:05 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited and released Dawna Kay Reece, 57, of Fort Madison in the 2600 block of Avenue I for a dog running at large. 08/16/17 - 10:22 p.m. - Fort

Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2500 block of Avenue O.

**Lee County Sheriff's report**  
08/16/17 - 2:12 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested David Christopher Dean, 25, of Quincy, Ill., at the Hillsboro State Prison on a warrant for violation of probation. He was held in custody. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

**Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report**  
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Pick 3 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
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Special Note: The Tri-State Rodeo is a private organization and reserves the right to refuse any entry on the day of the parade if the entries' message is not consistent with the express content of the organization. If you have any question about the entries' message quality please contact Kirk Sherwood BEFORE the day of the parade.

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### Collier brings event experience from the Amana colonies

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that would bring in tourism and economic development per se to the community," Collier said. "We would bring anywhere from 2,000 to 30,000 into the Amana community during these events. Going forward I'm hoping to do something similar and run these events well enough to help bring prosperity to this community."

Her past duties included planning, implementing and managing all the major festivals with the Amana Colonies. She also had a stint with the Lake Cooper Event Center in Keokuk, working under timelines and budgets for non-profits; facilitating volunteer efforts, marketing strategies and social media campaigns.

"I loved my job being festivities director in Amana, but I found myself constantly wanting to provide that same service to our hometown," she said. "I tried to leave home three times and ended back in the same place."

Collier has a bachelor's of science from Iowa State University with emphasis in hospitality and event management and is certified with several professional food protection associations.

Collier's first day will be Sept. 5

She said her initial 30 days will be pretty busy, considering she's starting the week of the Tri-State Rodeo.

"It'll probably jam packed with meeting all kinds of people. Trying to get out there and get my face out there and meet people and let them know I'm there for them," she said.

#### AREA FISHING REPORT

The following is the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Fishing report for southeast Iowa for the week beginning Aug. 17, 2017

##### Big Hollow Lake

The water is warming back up to near 80 degrees. Black Crappie - Fair: Crappies continue to stay out in deeper water, waiting for cooler weather. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Go shallow in the early morning and late evening; as the day gets warmer flow them out to deeper water.

##### Chatfield Lake

Water temperature is about 76 degrees. This 10 acre pond was lowered for repairs and is refilling; still about 3 feet low. The fish are in good condition. The boat ramp is at a usable depth. Black Crappie - Fair: There are some nice sized crappies in this lake; they were out along the edges of the weed beds yesterday. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Mostly sub-legal sizes, but would be fun for a little evening fishing.

##### Iowa River (Columbus Junction to Mississippi River)

Lots of sandbars are showing up. Channel Catfish - Fair: Look for deeper water holes.

##### Lake Belva Deer

Water temperatures is back up into the upper 70's to near 80. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Fish the late evening and early morning in the densest cover you can find; be prepared to lose some lures. Bluegill - Fair: Bluegill fishing is starting to pick up after a couple of weeks of slow fishing. Look to deeper water for the fish. Channel Catfish - Fair: Catfishing has been decent around the rocks along the jetties and on the mounds at the upper end of the lake.

##### Lake Darling

The water temperature is working its way back up, was 78 degrees this morning (8/17). The planktonic algae bloom is also coming back a little. Largemouth Bass - Good: Bass were getting a little more active earlier this week and starting to hit crankbaits more aggressively. Black Crappie - Good: Crappies started to come in shallower, but most are staying out in the 10 feet deep range.

##### Lost Grove Lake

Largemouth Bass - Fair: Catch decent numbers of bass in shallower water during the early morning and late evening. They are deeper the rest of the day. Channel Catfish - Fair: Work the face of the dam and along the old creek channel below the causeway.

##### Skunk River (Coppock to Mississippi River)

The water is getting shallow; motor boats probably won't have much luck getting around. Channel Catfish - Fair: Find the holes and you can find catfish willing to bite. Use cut baits and stink baits.

##### Mississippi River Pool 19

Tailwater stage is 3.18 feet at Lock and Dam 18. Flood stage at Lock and Dam 18 is 10 feet. River stage at Burlington is 9.06 feet. Flood stage at Burlington is 15 feet. River stage is 525.79 feet at Fort Madison and flood stage is 528.0 feet. We have not received any fishing reports for this pool this week. Channel Catfish - No Report: Try nightcrawlers or stink baits in snags and brush piles along the main channel and side channels. White Crappie - No Report: Look for crappies in the backwaters and sloughs; use minnows or plastics around brush piles. River levels are low, so use caution when boating. River levels continue to fall. Water clarity is good. Main channel water temperature is around 76 degrees. If you have questions on fishing Pools 16-19, contact the Fairport Fish Hatchery at 563-263-5062.

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