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Bobby Reid gets a lift from the Cervi rodeo staff after jumping into the stadium Saturday at the Tri-State Rodeo, from the skies above C.E. "Eddie" Richards Arena. Below, Beck and Jace Dunkins from Glenwoods, Colo., wink and wave to passersby at the Rodeo Parade in Fort Madison Saturday morning.

After the mud - A look back at the 2018 rodeo

Sometimes you had to look twice. The people that you usually see around town, in whatever setting,

looked just a bit different.
In my business you see people in suits, or medical scrubs, or the crimson and black of Bloodhounds





Beside The Point

Chuck Vandenberg, Pen City Current - Editor

sports and the blue and white of Holy Trinity Catholic.

But this past week they were in plaid and I had to do double takes to say "Hello". I've never been any sort of cowboy and I think I owned a cowboy hat once as a kid when it came with the plastic guns and hand-cuffs all cellophaned in a package that hung from a K-mart peg rack.

The 71st annual Tri-State Rodeo wrapped yesterday with a big crowd - on dry bleachers - complete with the skyfall of Bobby Reid. Due to this Gordon fella sitting over the central plains for about four days, rain kept Reid from his appointed delivery of the American Flag from the skies above C.E. "Eddie" Richards Arena, but Saturday he got the jump. And I got the picture.

The day started with the annual Rodeo Parade that ran for a good two hours, down Avenue G and through historic downtown Fort Madison. I stumbled upon a family from Colorado where two of the youngest were snuggled up under a blanket with cowboy hats on next

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EMPTY NEST



By Curt Swarm

Going back to copper for arthritis

When I was a kid my father ran a gas station in Monroe. I loved "helping" my father with his business. I swept the floor and washed windshields—albeit I had to stand on a five-gallon bucket in order to reach the windshields. Mostly, I drank pop and ate Cherry Mesh candy bars.

Farmers would come into the gas station, sit down in the chairs and empty grain out of the cuffs of their bib overalls, which I would then sweep up. One old farmer, I noticed, had a thick strand of copper wire around his wrist. It was crudely fashioned, probably with the use of pliers he carried in the side pocket of his bibs. I wished I had pair of pliers like that. Being a nosy kid, I asked the farmer what the copper wire was for. He told me he had arthritis in his fingers and the copper relieved the pain. He held his hand out in front of me, flexed his fingers, then spread them apart in a fan formation. His fingers were bent and gnarled, and fit together in an "S" pattern. They did indeed look painful. I doubted whether the copper had any real effect.

Fast forward to today when I was having my annual check-up. The doctor asked if there were any problems. I had prepared for this question and told the doctor that my left elbow hurt. He checked my elbow, applying pressure here and there, and told me to get an elastic bandage or a copper bracelet. I couldn't believe he was telling me this. My mind flew back sixty years to the farmer and his copper wire.

When Ginnie and I were in Colorado this summer, we ran across a roadside jewelry stand. My elbow was acting up that day, probably from the altitude. Figuring it wouldn't hurt to ask, I inquired if the vendor had any copper bracelets. His eyes lit up as he pointed to a case of rather attractive silver and copper Navajo jewelry. I liked the looks of this jewelry immediately. He pulled out a couple of bracelets and asked, "Got arthritis?"

"As a matter of fact, I do," I told him. "My doctor actually prescribed copper as a pain reliever."

Knowing he had me, the vendor said, "Oh, yes. It's been known for years that copper reduces pain. No one knows for sure why, and it might be psychological. But if it works, who cares?"

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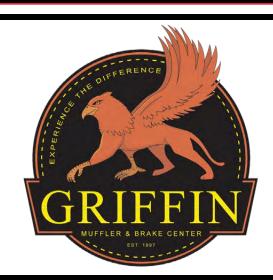
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Scene Around Town/Current-Lee





At far left, the "hammer" chases the pallet as part of the Fort Madison Pallet Company's entry into Saturday's Rodeo Parade. At left Cyndee Wenke of Fort Madison leads the Silver Senior Steppers in some pre-rodeo dance numbers on Main Street.

CURRENT-LEE

North Lee County Relay for Life

Please note the date change from Sept. 29 to Sept. 14. The event will begin at 5 p.m. at the Fort Madison High School track and will conclude with closing ceremonies at 10:30 p.m. Visit the Relay Facebook page here at https://www.facebook.com/ RelayforLifeofNorthLeeCounty/?ref=bookmarks

Fort Madison Depot Farmer's Market

Every Monday local vendors have farmer's market options available at the Old Santa Fe Depot on the Riverfront in Fort Madison. The farmer's market runs every Monday until Oct. 8 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the parking lot west of the depot.

Veteran's Breakfast at Sunnybrook

Each month on the third Tuesday of the month, Sunnybrook Assisted Living hosts a Veteran's Breakfast from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at 5025 River Valley Road in Fort Madi-

Chamber Ladies Golf Outing

The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce's Ladies only golf outing will be held Sept. 21 at Sheaffer Golf Course. To register email the chamber at chamber@fortmadison.com

FMHS Marching Band Classic

The Fort Madison High School's annual Marching Band Classic will take place at Richmond Stadium on Sept. 15. Schools from around the area will be in town to compete on their musical and on-field performances. The Fort Madison High School Marching Bloodhounds will also perform an exhibition during the day's events.

United Way Fundraiser

The United Way of the Great River Region will be holding a chicken dinner fundraiser at Charleston Board of Trade on Sept. 16 from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are available at the United Way offices in Keokuk and Fort Madison at \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under.

Corporate Games

The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce Corporate Games will be held Oct. 5. This fun and competitive afternoon pits local manufacturing and industry teams against each other in a battle of wits and skills at the Baxter Sports Complex.

FM Partners Ghost Hunt

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Area News/Opinion

United Way/RSVP holding food drive for local pantries

LEE COUNTY - RSVP/United Way of the Great River Region is hosting a food drive on Sept. 11th in observance of National Day of Service of Remembrance.

Food donations can be dropped off in Keokuk at 511 Blondeau Street (United Way) or in Fort Madison at 3421 Avenue L (Resource Center)

The donations will go to the Food Bank of Iowa to help support the local Mobile Food Pantry's held in Keokuk and Fort Madison.

United Way of the Great River Region supports non-profit organizations and agencies that provide programs addressing needs in health, education and financial stability to residents in Clark, Hancock, and Lee Counties. All donations are tax-deductible.

Copper bracelet is effective arthritis home remedy

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He slipped a copper and silver bracelet onto my wrist. I really liked the looks of it.

"If it turns your skin green," the vendor continued, "don't wash it off. It just indicates that the healing quality of the copper is working its way into your skin."

I reached for my credit card. Ginnie pulled hers out first and said, "You've got a birthday coming up. My treat."

That was in July. It is now September and I'm glad to report that the pain in my left elbow, after wearing the copper bracelet continuously is, and I'm going to go out on a limb here (get it?), reduced by 75%. Psychological or not, the pain has lessened to a tolerable level—not gone

completely, mind you, but minimized considerably. Yes, my wrist is a little green, but I can carry a bucket of water out to the chickens with the left arm and not have to switch arms half way there.

Simply amazing—no expensive arthritis medication, no elastic bandage, just a good old-fashioned home remedy. By the way, when I wear bib overalls, I carry a pair of pliers in the side pocket. Ginnie has to rescue them from the dryer.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at <u>curtswarm@yahoo.com</u> or find him on Facebook. Curt's stories are also read at 106.3 FM in Farmington.



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PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON **CITY COUNCIL** 9/4/2018

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday,

September 4, 2018, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Randolph presided with

Council Members Greenwald, Morawitz, Lair and Cangas present. Council Members

Rink, Andrews, Mohrfeld were absent.

On motion, Council approved the agenda as written. On motion, Council approved the

Consent Agenda: Minutes of 8/21/2018; Payment of Claims; New-Five Day Liquor

License for Mexican Fiesta, effective 9/13/2018; and Liquor License Renewals: Casey's

#2023, 1208 Avenue H, effective 10/28/2018 and Fort Madison Fast Break,

EXPENDITURES

| General | \$ 17,163.98 |
|----------------|--------------|
| Special Rev. | 1,668.25 |
| Road Use | 18,635.34 |
| Capital | 213,112.67 |
| Water | 49,922.65 |
| Sewer | 21,455.59 |
| Solid Waste/IW | 547.95 |
| SW Utility | 0.52 |
| | \$322,506.95 |
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| PAYROLL | 8/31/2018 |
| General | \$144,978.22 |
| Spec. Revenues | 6,306.25 |
| Road Use | 21,382.30 |
| Water | 21,671.15 |
| Sewer | 32,804.46 |
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| Airport | 486.54 |
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Avenue O, effective 9/20/2018.

On motion, Council approved Resolution No. 2018-49, approving the 2017-18 Street

Finance Report. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2018-50, accepting the Plat

of Survey and waiving subdivision requirements (Title 11 – Subdivision Regulations) for

Barbara Mansheim for property located east of 2774-210th Street

On motion, Council approved a contribution of \$1,000 to the Mexican Fiesta to be paid

from the City Council's contingency account.

At 5:48 P.M. on motion, Council adjourned until September 18, 2018, at 5:30 P.M.

/s/ Bradley A. Randolph, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

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|----|----------------|----------------|
| 98 | General | \$ 11,247.90 |
| 25 | Sp. Rev. Funds | 573,645.04 |
| 34 | Road Use | 167,093.44 |
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| 59 | Water | 335,501.31 |
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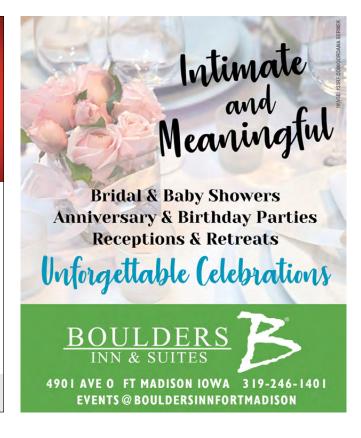


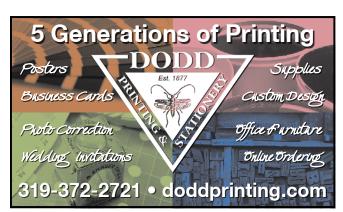
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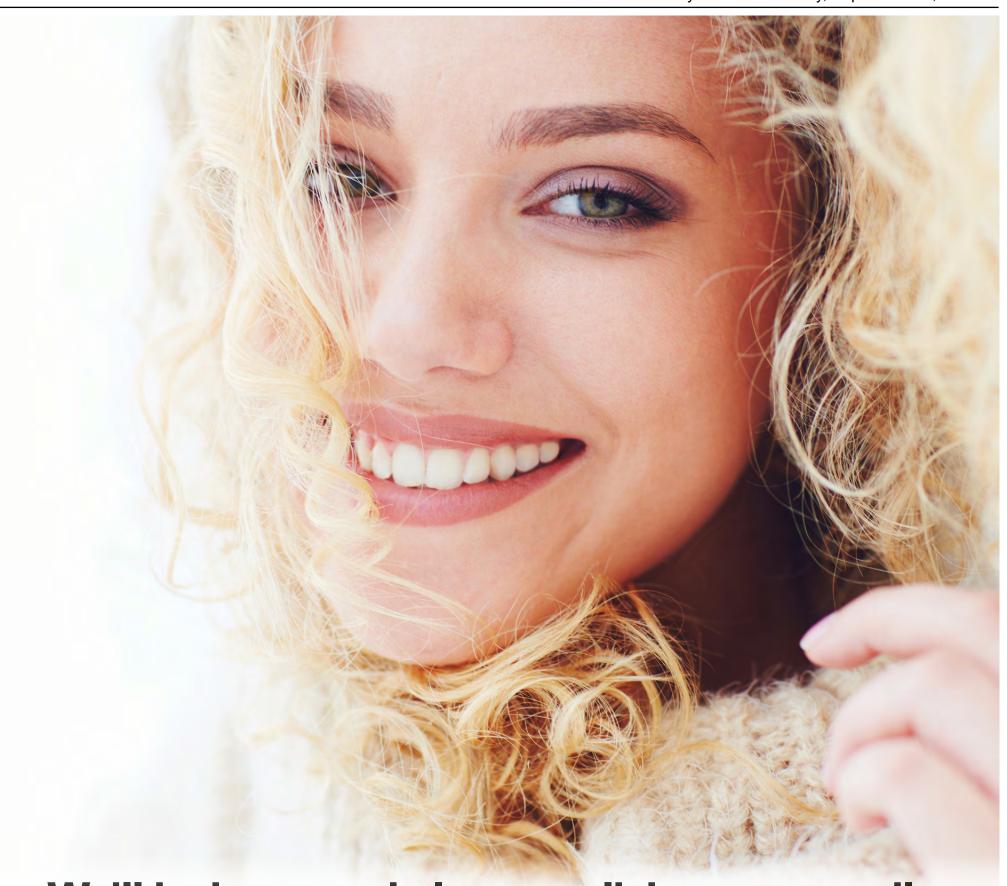












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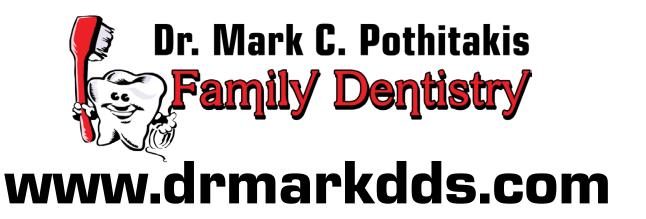
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From the Front/Weather

Committee responded well to the week's rainy days

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to the recently added corn stalks along Main Street.

Beck and Jace Dunkins, from Glenwoods, Colo., were visiting with their parents and grandparents Randy and Bev Schiller, who now live in Basalt, Colorado.

Bev and Randy grew up in Fort Madison and wanted to bring their grandchildren back for their first rodeo.

"We used to go to the rodeo every day when we were little kids," Bev said. "I remember when Fess Parker used to be out here and he would stay and walk the grounds every night."

She was referring to the Fess Parker, of Davy Crockett fame. For those to young to remember when television was black and white and came in box the size of a cedar chest with the screen the size of today's microwaves.

Bev said the kids went to the Thursday night rodeo, and even though it was a little wet, they had a magnificent time and may make it annual trek.

Both Jace and Beck said their favorite moment was the family of horses that get introduced at the end of the

Talk of the Friday Fort Madison Bloodhounds football game dominated conversations along the sidewalks as the Silver Senior Steppers danced in the street across from??? the Newberry Center waving hand-held flags.

For the first time this year, members of the Cervi Championship Rodeo team and Josh Denning, in his third and final year as General Chairman for the Rodeo, brought a group of younger horses from the Cervi brand, down Main Street leading the parade behind the Honor Guard. It was the first time that had been done at the



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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Joy Main, of Fort Madison, gives the Quincy High School Marching band a 10 on Saturday morning outside Dodd Printing & Stationery.

rodeo. If you weren't at the Lil' Spurs Rodeo Monday, you may not have known that.

A ramped up pack of band geeks in front of Dodd Printing & Stationery jumped up and down calling for "MUUUUUSIIIIC!" and waved large yellow score cards with "10" printed on them as the Bloodhound Marching Band, the Fort Madison Middle School Band, and bands from Quincy and Central Lee moved down the street. It wasn't hard to see why that group got a band to stop in front of them and put on a show.

"Shoeloose" the clown, a.k.a. Gregg Brockman, tooled around on his retro-scooter high-fiving kids and encircling parade entrants.

Back out at the arena Saturday night reminded me of the Orca shows at the bigger zoos. All the fans in the front two or three rows had plastic tarps or ponchos or raincoats to keep mud flying from racing livestock from getting on their faces. Some just didn't care. It was a

Heather Postin and Sara Bay sat in the front of section 550...in the front with just a couple of Coors Lights on the wall from blocking a few of the splatters. I was shooting the steer wrestling and turned to see these two girls almost begging for more.

mother is from Fort Madison and was actually working the rodeo. Bay was celebrating her birthday...with mud on her face at the rodeo.

Postin said they were from Cuba, Illinois, but her

After Master of Ceremony's Boyd Polhamus, brought the curtain down on the rodeo, crews went to work on getting the stage ready for Jake Owens, the final act of the year. Fans gathered near the grounds entry gates around the stadium to run out into, what can only be described as about six inches of wet mud, to get a good place to "sink" and watch the show.

About 15 minutes after the rodeo ended, the gates opened and people, almost beyond belief, went running onto the grounds kicking up the taupe mess that I think is best described as resembling wet concrete before it hardens. One person, I honestly couldn't tell if it was a man or woman because they were covered in mud, biffed in the soppy mess on the way out. There's no way...that wasn't going to happen.

The crowd stuck around for the most part for the show, but most decided to stay in their seats to listen and watch the popular national country act. I had a Jack and Coke with some family and looked under the brims to say "Hi" to people I really just didn't recognize.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

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FMHS EXHIBITION PERFORMANCE @ 3:40p.m.

STUDENTS & SENIORS - \$5 ADULTS - \$8

FMMS PIE SHOPPE (SINGLE SLICES & WHOLE PIES)

Full Concession Stands

Come cheer on your **Favorite Band!**





Clear Skies High- 75.3° F | Low - 60.9° F

High - 68.3° F | Low - 51.8° F

WED 12 Sep ——

MON 10 Sep



Clear Skies High- 76.2° F | Low - 58.7° F

THU 13 Sep -



Clear Skies High - 80.1° F | Low - 64.1° F

FRI 14 Sep



Clear Skies High- 82.8° F | Low - 71.2° F

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