



# Pen City Current

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## Current launches new app, gallery

*Easily downloadable app puts news at your fingertips*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - In an effort to continue to maximize its digital information presence in north Lee County, the Pen City Current announced Tuesday the launch of a new digital app.

The app is now available on the Google Play Store for Android-based devices. The app will be available for Apple-based devices in the next two weeks out of the Apple Store.

Company President Lee Vandenberg said the company has been working toward the goal of having an app for its customer base since the beginning of the year.

"We watched what our readers and customers were doing and how our

website was being used by visitors and we think we've come up with something that is extremely user friendly. We're very excited to have this option and we're hoping to have it for all devices in the next 10 days or so," she said.

To get the application, she said just go to the Google Play Store in your devices application folder and type in "Pen City Current". Vandenberg said you may have to scroll down a little and then just install like you would any other app. A white icon with the company's signature ink-blot logo will be installed on your home page. As all devices are a bit different, Vandenberg said if you have trouble locating the app, which you shouldn't, you can do a Google Search for Pen City Current App or



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-Lee K. Vandenberg,  
PCC President

click the link here <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=hr.apps.n207165401>.

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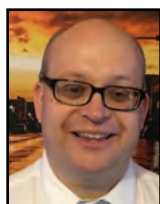
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## Supervisors table animal ordinance again

*Final draft should be ready by June 13th meeting*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE - A move to give local law enforcement more tools to deal with aggressive animals, has been tabled for a second time by county officials.



BODDICKER

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Lee County Board of Supervisors, an ordinance was presented that would give more latitude to the county sheriff's department in dealing with what is defined in the ordinance as "out of control animals".

Supervisor Ron Fedler asked the ordinance be tabled for the first reading until Lee County

Sheriff Stacy Weber and Lee County Attorney Clinton Boddicker can iron out a few of the details in the new ordinance. Weber and Boddicker both agreed that just a couple of sentences needed to be changed and then the ordinance could move forward.

"I just want to make sure we get this right the first time," Fedler said after the meeting. "Sometimes it's just a matter of one word that can cause a problem."

Boddicker said the

purpose of the ordinance is to replace the original version.



WEBER

He said he took all language out that referred to an "animal control officer" and replaced it with the authority of the Lee County Sheriff or its designee and added language in the ordinance that makes it illegal for owners to "allow dogs or companion cats to attack persons

or domestic animals or to destroy property, or to allow such dogs or cats to place persons in reasonable fear or attack or injury".

The ordinance would allow the sheriff to impound any animal in violation of the code.

"This is similar to Keokuk's code and I spoke with Tom Crew, the animal control officer, and he said this is a very important part. This does give the sheriff in section

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### SPORTS

*Lowney leads FMHS past No. 4 BHS*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Well - the story was supposed to be that the Fort Madison's Bloodhound softball team 12-runned the No. 4 team in the state in the first game of a doubleheader Monday night in Fort Madison.

But then Chase Lowney hit a ball about 220 feet into the night for a walkoff game winning home run in the bottom of the 9th inning to give the Hounds a sweep of the No. 4 Class 4A team in the state.

Oh..and she struck out the last batter in the final three innings of work to get the win on the mound, too.

When asked what was going through her mind as she worked the mound in the extra innings she answers with a chuckle.

"Honestly, nothing at all was on my mind. I just wanted to keep my team in the game."

Mission accomplished.

In a night cap that saw what head coach Stan Schmidt called "a new found confidence in our hitters' eyes" Lowney, who was the Hounds lead-off hitter, went 3 for 6 with two doubles and the homer.

In the Burlington half of the 1st, 4th, 7th, 8th, and 9th Lowney fanned hitters for the final out of the inning.

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## From the Front

# Bats come alive in sweep

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The Grayhounds jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead in the first inning when Mia Ruther and Bryanna Me-haffy came around to score on Emily Bloomer's single to center that got under a charging Teryn Parsons' glove. Heather Geiger sacrificed Bloomer home before Lowney slammed the door shut striking out Ali Bivens, the 8th batter of the inning.

FMHS answered in the bottom half with four runs of their own. Lowney started with a double to dead center, followed by Olivia Williams' single to left that scored Lowney. Kylee Cashman came in as a courtesy runner and advanced when Lexi Schmidt walked. Kamryn Bailey reached on an error at second to load the bases and then Cashman scored on a wild pitch by Alivia Fawcett. Sadie Smithburg walked and then Daylan Wondra advanced the runners on a fielders choice. Parsons singled to right scoring Bailey and Sadie Smithburg.

Burlington went scoreless in the top of the 2nd, but Fort Madison extended the lead to 5-3 in the bottom half of the second when Bailey singled to center scoring Williams.

The Grayhounds put on four in the top of the third highlighted by a 3-run zip homer to right by Callie Anderson just clearing the fence and the Hounds trailed 6-8. Smithburg walked to start the inning, was moved into scoring position on a Wondra single to center, and scored on a sacrifice fly to center.

Lowney held Burlington scoreless in the fourth inning and the Hounds went scoreless in the bottom of the fourth. Ruther and Me-haffy scored in the top of the 5th and Bloomer, who was walked came around to score on a Lowney wild pitch to put Burlington up 11-6.

Fort Madison jumped right back into action hitting through the lineup starting with a single to right by Wondra and a double to right by Parsons,

followed by a walk, loaded the bases for Lowney who flew out to center, but not deep enough to score Wondra. Wondra scored on a wild pitch and then Williams ripped a line drive to right center scoring two. Schmidt then followed with a single, Bailey walked, and Jada Lamm lined out to center, again not deep enough to score Williams. But Smithburg cleaned up the bases with a bloop double to right that fell just inside the foul line between the charging right fielder and 1st baseman scoring two more. Wondra than flied to deep left center to end the inning with the Hounds up 12-11.

"This was fun to watch," Schmidt said. "We had people at the plate with a look of confidence in their eyes. Shyla Farmer was in there and you could just see she was there to get a hit. Teryn Parsons had some good hits."

Burlington got back on the board when Anderson came around to score after reaching on an error



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Senior Chase Lowney approaches home to a mob of Lady Hounds after her walk-off home run that nailed down the sweep of No. 4 Burlington on Tuesday night.

by Wondra at second to tie the game at 12s. The Hounds went scoreless in the bottom of the sixth but returned the favor in the top of the 7th where Lowney through just 13 pitches to retire the side including a walk. FMHS went 1-2-3 in the bottom of the seventh and eighth innings. Bloomer started the ninth for the Hounds with a solid single to right, but Lowney got the next two hitters to ground out and fanned Fawcett to end the inning, setting up the bottom of the ninth when she crushed the 0-1 pitch to win the game.

Lowney said she was trying to keep the Grayhounds off balance toward the end of the game.

"They were popping a lot of the pitches up so I kept trying to give them more of a drop pitch to keep it on the ground," she said.

She said she hopes the win, coupled with the seven inning affair with Fairfield Monday night, will give the girls a boost.

"I definitely hope so," Lowney said. "These were good wins and it needs to bring about our confidence a bit."

The Hounds, now 4-10 on the season, blew the

Grayhounds out in game one 14-2, highlighted by Lowney's 4-for-4 performance at the plate including a home run, two doubles and three RBIs. Bailey added a homer and Schmidt got the win. Coach Schmidt said the team still has some tweaks to make on defense where a couple of errors again kept innings going, but he said it's getting better.

"We got into the 7th inning with Fairfield and we hadn't done that in the past four games and now we get these two wins so I hope that picks the girls up a bit," he said.

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# Local News/For the Record

## Readers will get favorite pix with a simple click

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e-Edition which stores all the Current's issues with most recent edition at the upper left corner, but they are all searchable.



L. VANDENBERG

The other links in order are YouTube, that will hold our most recent videos, JOBS which will have our current help wanted listings, CLASSIFIEDS - a link to all the Pen City Current's classified advertising including Real Estate, NOTIFICATIONS where you can customize notifications from the app, SUBSCRIBE - which provides the Current's subscription information, PCC WEBSITE - a link to our website home page and finally CONTACT US where you can reach the staff.

"With this addition to our line of digital services, now our daily e-edition is literally a couple clicks away," Vandenberg said. "We think this is a game changer that allows you to get the Current even easier now."

Another addition to the digital services will be a photo gallery that Vandenberg says isn't live yet, because staff is currently uploading pictures to the gallery.

"These will be raw photos taken by our staff that are fully downloadable. Some will be pictures that have run in our daily product and some will be others that we didn't have room for in the post or e-Edition," Vandenberg said.

There is a \$5 charge to download the photos and the gallery will be located at <https://www.pencitycurrent.com/photo-galleries>. Payment is processed through PayPal and any credit card can be used in the system.

People who see a picture they like on one of the Current's digital outlets will be able to get that photo to use for their own use in raw form and size.

"You could make posters out of these pictures for your family or 8x10s - whatever you need, in regards to personal use. To use any Pen City Current photo or graphic for commercial use, permission is required and can be requested by emailing [admin@pencitycurrent.com](mailto:admin@pencitycurrent.com)," Vandenberg said.

## For the Record

### Fort Madison Police Report

06/05/17 - 1:26 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2100 block of 330th Avenue.  
 06/05/17 - 3:11 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2500 block of Avenue L.  
 06/05/17 - 5:33 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 400 block of 34th Place.  
 06/05/17 - 9:52 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Monica Johnanna Lino, 29 of Fort Madison, on a charge of probation violation, in the 1200 block of Avenue H. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 06/05/17 - 10:14 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1000 block of Avenue G.

### Lee County Sheriff's Report

06/05/17 - 10:11 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Steven Wayne Blaise, 52 of Keokuk, no location given, on

a court ordered hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.  
 06/05/17 - 3:54 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on Hwy 61 just south of Mississippi River Road. A vehicle driven by Jack E. Gilpin, 79 of Carthage, Ill., and a vehicle driven by Kimberly Lynn Shemwell, 25 of Keokuk collided. According to the report Gilpin failed to yield and pulled out in front of Shemwell at Mississippi River Road and the two vehicles collided. Both drivers complained of minor pain. Gilpin was cited for failure to yield upon entering through highway.  
 06/05/17 - 7:17 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Rae Anne Twaddle, 60, of Salem on a charge of public intoxication in the 2800 block of Hwy 16. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 06/05/17 - 7:35 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Toni Charlene Skinner, 21 of Keokuk, on a court order. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

06/06/14 - 4:14 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested a 15-year-old male juvenile from Keokuk in the 2700 block of 252nd Avenue on charges of 2nd degree burglary and operating a vehicle without owners consent.  
 06/06/14 - 7:24 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested a 15-year-old male juvenile from Keokuk in the 1900 block of Fulton Street on a charge of 2nd degree burglary. *Those listed above should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

### Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

06/03/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical call.  
 06/04/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one odor investigation, one detector malfunction and one medical call.  
 06/05/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to five medical calls.

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## Monday Sports

# Fairfield takes two from Lady Hounds

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Southeast Iowa conference leader Fairfield came into Fort Madison and lived up to its 10-1 record Monday night handing the Bloodhounds two losses, 11-1 and 7-2.

The Trojans scored early and often in the first game as they jumped out to a 6-1 lead after the first two innings. Fort Madison's Chase Lowney was on the mound in the first game and gave up 11 runs all earned on 11 hits while walking four and striking out one.

The Hounds got on the board with an RBI single by junior Kamryn Bailey in the bottom of the first but couldn't get another run across the plate in game. They did manage five hits off senior Haley Beard who's 5-1 on the year, but only allowing a team hitting average of .112 on the season. Lexi Schmidt, Jada

Lamm, Shyla Farmer and Lowney had the other hits for the red and black.

The Hounds suffered some miscues in a very winnable second game after holding a 2-1 lead into the fifth inning. Teryn Parsons went 3 for 3 in the game with a double to lead the Hounds at the plate. Bailey, who's leading the Hounds with a .421 batting average, went 2 for 3 with a double to right and a run scored. Kylee Cashman came around to score as a courtesy runner.

Schmidt (1-5) took the loss for the Hounds going all seven innings giving up seven runs only three earned, including a five-run fifth inning that blew the game open. She struck out six and didn't allow a walk.

The Hounds (2-10, 0-8 in the conference) take on Burlington tonight in a varsity doubleheader.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Daylan Wondra just misses getting the tag down on a Fairfield runner Monday night at home. The Hounds dropped two to league leading Fairfield 11-1 and 7-2 Monday night.

# HTC boys snap four game losing streak

BY PCC STAFF

DANVILLE - The Holy Trinity Crusaders snapped a four-game losing streak in big fashion with a 12-1 win over Danville in Southeast Iowa Superconference baseball action Monday night in Danville.

Senior Cameron Bahl had his best outing of the season for HTC on the mound going the full six innings and only surrendering one run unearned on four hits, eight strikeouts, and two walks. Bahl also went 2 of 3 at the plate with a double and a single and a run scored.

Junior Colin Thornton led HTC at the plate going 3 of 4 with a double, two RBIs, and a run scored.

"The boys did a great job coming together as a team tonight," said head Coach Albert Schinstock. "Cameron Bahl looked like a true leader out on the mound and at the plate."

Aiden Alford went 3 for 4 including a double with two RBIs and a run scored. Reed Fehseke went 2 of 5 with two runs scored, an RBI and a stolen base on the night. Incoming freshman Jason Thurman went 2 of 4 with two runs scored, a double and an RBI. Quentin

Schneider also went 2 for 4 with a double, a run scored and two RBIs.

Danville held a 1-0 lead going into the top of the third when the Crusaders put two on the board and added two more in the top half of the 5th inning. But HTC blew the game open with an 8-run top of the 6th which invoked the 10-run rule when the Bears couldn't get anyone across the plate in the bottom of the sixth inning. Danville is still winless on the season at 0-8.

The Crusaders now have two wins against four losses and will play at Winfield-Mt. Union on Tuesday night.

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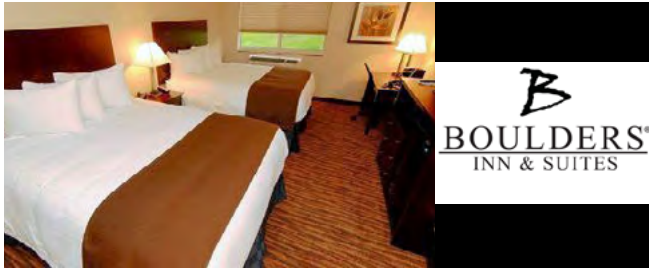
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## Sports/From the front

# FM sends four to co-ed state tourney



**Sam Avery/Katie Larson**

BY PCC STAFF

DES MOINES - Fort Madison High School entered two doubles teams in the Iowa Co-Ed State Tennis Tournament Tuesday at Waveland Tennis Courts in Des Moines.

Fort Madison head girls tennis coach Amy Doherty took Sam Avery, Katie Larson, Austin Krueger, and Hope Gray to Des Moines.

Avery and Larson teamed up and Krueger and Gray were partnered for the event.

Krueger and Gray were eliminated in their first match of the day by a team from Ballard 3-6, 2-6 in the best two of three sets. The two then played in an exhibition match against a team from Saydel and won 7-6 (7-4 tiebreak), 6-3.

"It was a good experience and I wish I would have learned about it earlier," Krueger said.



**Austin Krueger/Hope Gray**

"It was a great experience to play with Austin. I never thought I'd play tennis with a boy," Gray said.

Larson and Avery met the same fate as they, too, were eliminated by Shenandoah 2-6, 4-6. However, they were also able to win in exhibition when they dropped North Polk 6-2, 7-5.

"It was fun to play different teams and get used to how boys play," said Larson after the match.

"It was a good experience to play with Katie and I hope we can do it again next year, Avery said. "It was good exposure to play against people we don't usually see."

The non-seeded random draw, one-day tournament had two sides to the bracket with the winners of each division meeting for the championship. Schools had to compete in the same division they competed in the regular season and each school could only enter two teams.

# New ordinance gives sheriff tools for aggressive dogs, cats

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2, the running at-large section that says that a dog or companion cat running at large may be apprehended by sheriff's deputies so it gives them the opportunity to resolve the issue without a ticket."

Weber said the current climate makes this ordinance necessary.

"This is something our department has resisted for some time," Weber said. "What we don't want is anyone being held hostage in their own neighborhood because of an irresponsible pet owner. It's my job to provide protection for them and we don't have any mechanism in place. The last thing I want is for my deputies to discharge their weapon into an animal who doesn't know it's doing anything wrong."

Weber said the department has taken a three-fold approach to the problem including the ordinance, a new code for patrols in the trouble areas, and partnering with the Fort Madison PAW no-kill shelter to try and handle the situation from all angles.

"The new ordinance is just a spoke in the wheel of what we're doing to combat this situation. This ordinance will allow us now to do something."

Boddicker said state code doesn't provide any remedy for these situations so the ordinance will allow the sheriff to impound that dog and that's the purpose of this change.

"The sheriff is not in the business of rounding up dogs but this does give him the authority to do something in these types of situations."

Weber said the Iowa code is very clear that it's the sheriff's duty to destroy a dog that doesn't have a rabies or ownership tag on it."

In other action, the board

- approved the first reading of an amendment to the rabies control ordinance which passed unanimously.

- approved a first reading of an ordinance reflecting changes to Iowa law for use of consumer fireworks between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. on July 4 and the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding and following July 4; between the hours of 9 a.m. on Dec. 31 and 12:30 a.m. on Jan. 1; between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. on the Saturday and Sundays immediately preceding and following Dec. 31. Permits will still be required for displays in unincorporated areas of Lee County.

## 5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

WED 07 Jun



Clear Skies

Low - 61.4° F | High - 78.3° F

THU 08 Jun



Clear Skies

Low - 68.1° F | High - 80.8° F

FRI 09 Jun



Light Rain

Low - 69.9° F | High - 85.9° F

SAT 10 Jun



Light Rain

Low - 76.2° F | High - 87.8° F

SUN 11 Jun



Clear Skies

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