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Holiday shoppers buy up Test Kitchen books

Mistletoe on
Main Street
goers stop in
at Elliott Test
Kitchen to
have kids sign
second
edition
of locally
produced
cookbooks.



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BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON

- Area residents battled a cool, dreary, and oftentimes, wet Saturday morning to scurry down the sidewalks of downtown Fort Madison looking for holiday deals and Christmas spirit.

Popular destinations included the vendor fair at Velocity Dance and Tumbling, Megan's Old-Fashioned Ice Cream, Dollhouse Dreams, the Fort Madison Area Arts Association, and Elliott Test Kitchen.

Test Kitchen founder Kumar Wickramasingha had a buffet full of culinary treats created by students as part of the 2nd edition

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part of the 2nd edition of the Test Kitchen Cookbook. Students

lined tables and signed pages featuring their recipes for shoppers who stopped in

to purchase the books.

Wickramasingha and the Test Kitchen students put out a similar cookbook in 2018, but this year, he wanted to include more information about the Test Kitchen program, which almost doubled the size of the book.

Shoppers during the annual Mistletoe on Main Street in downtown

Fort Madison Saturday stop in at the Elliott Test Kitchen to pick up the

2nd edition of the Test Kitchen Cookbook with recipes featured by Test

"Last year we just did the cook book.. just the recipes. This year we wanted to highlight on what's really happening here and how we incorporate the food into the program," he said.

"The book has so many chapters looking at heritage, the community, learning-from-the-best, and celebrations, so we kind of categorized each chapter for an event."

He said that pushed this year's volume to about

double the pages from last year. Not only does the book look at the programming aspect of the Test Kitchen, but has more than 30 recipes featuring 40 students.

"Every single recipe those kids have eaten and made here and then everything was photographed by me."

The kids then script out the recipes on the pages, which become part of the art of the book, Wickramasingha said 500 copies

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MLB waging game of misinformation, deceit

If you want to know the mendacity behind Major League Baseball's plan to eliminate 42 minor league affiliates, just look at the comments from MLB commissioner Rob Manfred at the owners' meetings on Thursday.

"Bus rides, long, six, eight, 10 hours and trust me, in a lot of cases, it's not on a luxury cruise liner, it's on a school bus," Manfred said.

Wait, what?

A school bus?

Really?

Really? Um, no.

I've spent the last two seasons covering the Midwest League. Sorry, Rob, they're not in school buses.

Charter buses, actually. Some teams even bring more than one bus, because of a larger on-field and off-field staff. Everyone at the lower levels use them.

This is one in a series of deceptions going on as MLB tries to squeeze Minor League Baseball.

The Burlington Bees are one of the teams on the list of affiliates considered for elimination, which was reported by the New York Times two weeks ago. Two other Midwest League teams — the Clinton LumberKings and the Quad Cities River Bandits, are also on the list.

If MLB goes through with this plan as the new Professional Baseball Agreement is completed, 2020 will be the last season for minor league baseball in Burlington, the smallest market among full-season teams.

It's a long way before the PBA is completed — one owner said last week that this is just the first inning of a nine-inning game, and MiLB hasn't made its counter proposal. But it's clear that MLB is trying to make a strong case for eliminating affiliates, and it's a decision that could damage baseball.

The New York Daily News did the math last week on the actual cost savings to MLB.

"Of the \$500 million MLB pays the minor league

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Obituaries

LEONARD W. JOHNSON

Leonard Wayne Johnson, 87 of Wayland, MO, formerly of Hamilton, IL died Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at Memorial Hospital in Carthage, IL.



JOHNSOI

He was born August 28, 1932 in Ashton, MO the son of Lester and Magdalene Wright Johnson. On June 23, 1957 he was united in marriage to Norma Wooldridge in Kahoka, MO. She preceded him in death on January 17, 1998. He was then united in marriage to Ruth Carr in Hamilton, IL on November 23,

2002. She survives.

Other survivors include one daughter, Della Survivora of Contant two groundshilden. Stank

zanne Sutton of Canton, two grandchildren, Stephanie Eaton and Sidney Sutton, two step-sons, Mike Carr

(Cathy) of Jefferson City, MO and Kevin Carr (Kimberly) of Warsaw, two great-grandchildren, Morgan Eaton and Lilly Eaton, four step-grandchildren, Stephanie Swisegood, Logan Carr,



Lauren Carr and Casey Carr, seven step-great-grandchildren, adopted daughter, Doris Grant of Hamilton, half-brothers and sisters and many nieces and nephews.

Besides his first wife, he was also preceded in death by his parents and one son-in-law, Gary Sutton.

Leonard was a member of the United States Army and proudly served his country during the Korean War. Leonard graduated from the Kahoka High School with the Class of 1950.

Leonard had been employed by Stone Container for fifty years until his retirement. He then worked for Dadants in Hamilton, IL.

Pen City Current obituary policy

The Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes.

ANDRES REYES

Andres "Andy" Reyes, 93, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Thursday, November 28, 2019 at 11:29 PM at the Ft. Madison Community Hospital.



REYES

He was born on February 4, 1926 in Ft. Madison to Benito and Longina Ramirez Reyes. On March 2, 1944 he married Ruth Bain in Ft. Madison and she passed away on February 1, 2007. Andy worked at Pilley Brush for several years and then worked at GE in Burlington and retired after 25 years of ser-

vice. He served in the US Army during World War II. Andy was a member of Sacred Heart Church and the American Legion. In his early years he enjoyed hunting, fishing and bowling and served on many leagues.

Andy enjoyed being outdoors doing yardwork and gardening. His greatest love was his grandson Michael, especially making him pancakes. Anyone that would stop at his home got the pleasure of watching a DVD of Michael.



Survivors include one daughter, Kimberly Rumbough and her husband Roy of Plano, TX; his only grandson, Michael Rumbough of Plano, TX; nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, two brothers and one sister.

Friends may call after 2 PM on Monday, December

Friends may call after 2 PM on Monday, December 2, 2019 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will meet with friends from 4:00 -6:00 PM. A rosary will be recited at 3:30 PM before the visitation. The funeral mass will be held at 10 AM on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 10 AM at Sacred Heart Church with Reverend Joseph Phung officiating. Burial will be held in Aspen Grove Cemetery, Burlington.

A memorial has been established for PAW Animal Shelter or Milestone AAA for Meals on Wheels. Online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

DONALD J. VERKRUYSE

Donald J. VerKruyse Sr., of Revere, Missouri passed away at 10:34 p.m., Sunday, November 24, 2019 at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa.



VEDKDLIVCE

He was born on April 14, 1941 in Silvis, Illinois, the son of Jacob Bernard and Maragret (Richards-Spears) VerKruyse. On September 7, 1991 he married Linda Sue Patterson Gaston at the Sharon Presbyterian Church in rural Farmington.

He is survived by his wife: Linda, two sons: Donald VerKruyse (Sandy Broeg)

of Burlington, Iowa and David (Tammy) VerKruyse of Annawan, Illinois; two daughters: Donna VerKruyse of Annawan, Illinois and Darlene Welsh of Kewanee, Illinois; nine step children: Laura (Shawn) Richmond of Farmington, Iowa, Camilla Nix of Palatine, Illinois, Jill (John) Stranczek of Grays Lake, Illinois, Tim VanOpdorp of Atkinson, Illinois, Davette (Chuck) Malufka of Annawan, Illinois, Melanie Opsal of Geneseo, Illinois, Cindy Phlypo of Geneseo, Illinois and Walkie VanOpdorp of Geneseo, Illinois; twenty-five grandchildren and forty great-grandchildren. Also surviving is his fur baby, Achillies.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Margaret and Jacob; wives: Judith Phelps, Sharon VerKruyse and Marty VerKruyse; son: Duane VerKruyse; brother: Ray VerKruyse; and grandson: Kyle Malufka.

Donald worked as a seasonal farm laborer, as well as at Sheffield Brick and Tile, Eclipse Lawn Service, John Deere in Moline, Illinois, Verstrarte Garage as an auto mechanic and wrecker operator, Montgomery Escalator, Great Dain Trailer Company, Foote and Mineral, Mid West Carbide and retired from Harmony Community School District in April, 2001. He attended Anson Community Church.

Donald was a very caring person and was kind to everyone. He always put others first and would go without to help others; he was always looking to please others and make them happy. He was a hard worker, working three jobs at once to provide for his family. He often said "Gotta get'er done, can't get it done sitting here". His 'to-do' list was always growing, he would add to it before getting it done. He enjoyed spending time with family, especially his grandchildren, traveling, camping and cooking on an open fire, fishing, and hunting. He liked to work on cars, work around the farm improving it, driving his tractor, mowing, woodworking, baking treats for everyone and making people laugh. Donald especially loved his wife, Linda. He often told people how lucky he was to have her as his wife and partner in crime.

His body has been entrusted to Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation. A Celebration of Life will be held in the Spring, 2020. A memorial has been established in his memory. Cards and memorials can be mailed to P.O. Box 113, Farmington, Iowa 52626. Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.schmitz-funeralhomes.com.





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For the Record/Local News

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

11/25/19 – 6:42 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 3000 block of Avenue C. 11/25/19 - 11:58 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2000 block of Avenue B. 11/25/19 – 2:33 p.m. Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1200 block of Avenue F. 11/25/19 – 4:14 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue L. 11/25/19 - 5:09 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1200 block of Avenue F. 11/25/19 – 5:51 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1500 block of 35th Street. 11/25/19 – 5:36 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Adam Paul Carson, 37, of Fort Madison, in the 2800 block of Avenue J, on a charges of criminal

mischief, interference with officials acts and assault of a police officer. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 11/25/19 – 5:40 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Stephanie Jean Chaney, 37 of Fort Madison, at the police department, on a warrant for probation violation. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 11/26/19 – 6:54 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary on Florence Drive. 11/26/19 – 7:41 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Kyle Max Ray, 31, of Fort Madison in the 3400 block of Avenue N. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 11/26/19 – 5:05 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Bradly Dwayne Carter, 47, of Keokuk, in the 5400 block of Avenue O, on a warrant for forgery. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 11/26/19 - 8:07 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Jason Scott Coulter, 39, of Fort Madison, in the 3400 block of Avenue L, on warrants for 3rd-degree burglary and 5th-degree

theft. He was also cited for no driver's license, No insurance, and fraudulent use of registration. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 11/26/19 – 10:41 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the Fort Madison area.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

11/25/19 - 3:00 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested David Louis Meyers, 20, of Hannibal, Mo., at the Pike County Jail on a warrant for 2nd-degree theft greater than \$1,000 but less than \$10,000. He was released on bond. 11/25/19 – 11:00 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Justin Michael Hemphill, 26, of Davenport, at the sheriff's office on a warrant violating a no-contact order. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 11/25/19 - 4:36 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident near the intersection of 156th Street and 280th Avenue. According to the report a

vehicle driven by Chanda Kay Moser-Callaway, 46, of Middletown, crossed 156th Street without seeing a vehicle driven by Earl Gene Lewis, 58, of Fort Madison headed eastbound. Lewis struck Moser-Callaway in the side. Moser-Callaway complainted of minor knee pain, but declined medical treatment. No other injuries were reported at the scene. Moser-Callaway was cited for failure to obey a stop sign and yield the right of way. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

11/27/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two burn complaints, one false alarm and one assist. 11/28/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls, one residential alarm, and CO2 alarm 11/29/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls, and a false alarm.

DAR gets 911 flag

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FORT MADISON – In remembrance of Veteran's Day and the 244th anniversary of the Marine Corp, Lt. Col. Jeff Reichman USMC-Res spoke to the Jean Espy Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at their November meeting.

A Keokuk native, Lt. Col. Reichman is a 27-year member of the Marine Corp and has completed two tours of duty in Iraq. Lt. Col. Reichman has eleven years active duty in the Marine Corps and sixteen years in the USMC Reserves.

Lt. Col. Reichman also recently announced he is running for state office in 42nd District of the Iowa Senate which is located in southeastern Iowa, and is currently composed of Henry, Jefferson, Lee, and Washington counties.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a lineage society for women who can prove direct descent from a Revolutionary War Patriot. Anyone interested in researching their ancestry for a patriot lineage is encouraged to contact the chapter and seek membership. The Jean Espy Chapter of the DAR is located in Lee County.



Pictured with Lt. Col. Reichman are chapter members Nancy Kimmel, Jane Powell, and Linda Hayes.

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Sports/Weather

HTC has experience, but newcomers could be key

BY CHUCK **VANDENBERG**

FORT MADISON -The Holy Trinity Catholic boys basketball team will have three aces on the table from the 2018-19 squad, but the wild cards could be a couple of twin tennis players.

Jason and Vasin Thurman are twin brothers who had very limited time on the floor in



impact being on the floor at the same time. The

two were

doubles

partners

last year as

part of the

Fort Mad-

ison High

School

shared



tennis program. They also work the infield on the FMHS baseball team with Jason at short and Vasin at 1st base.

But where they haven't had a chance to play and

get together is on the hardcourts of Shottenkirk gymnasium.

"These guys are tennis players and baseball players," said Head Coach John Hellige on Wednesday.

"They haven't had hardly any time on varsity playing together, but we played West Liberty the other night and they did very well together. You can't teach two kids to be twins."

Jason played in 14 games as a sophomore last year and Vasin played in just six, and neither averaged more than two points per contest.

But nestled among springy senior Quentin Schneider, durable Matt Hellige in the post, and spot-up shooter Blake Crabtree, Hellige could have something in the mix with a team of 6'2" inch kids that could make a run at the conference this year.

Hellige will also use junior Kaden Medland and Chandler Run to mix in some depth at the No. 1 and 2 guard spots to try and improve on the Crusaders' 5-15 record last year.

But he said the whole team has shown prowess with the ball this year and it could be a mixed bag handling the ball.

"It's going to be a point guard by committee with Quentin, Chandler Rung, and Jason Thurman. All our players are pretty good ball handlers so we're not too concerned with that," John Hellige said.

Last year's 3-point specialist Reed Fehseke transferred to Fort Madison and is sitting out the basketball season. Fehseke shot 35% from longrange last year converting 43 of 128 and averaged just under 10 points per

Matt Hellige led the team in scoring at 11.6 points per outing underneath the basket and at the free throw line last year. He said he thinks the chemistry is there to surprise some teams this year.

"Everyone's been working really hard in practice and that's gonna turn over into the game. Everyone is really disciplined and listens and we hardly ever goof around, but we have fun and enjoy playing," the senior said.

"I think we're all gonna surprise some people this year, and I think we could be really good this

Schneider plays bigger than his 6'2' frame and



The 2019-20 HTC Crusaders will be looking to build on last year's 5-15 record with a core group of seniors and juniors.

led the team in rebounds last year with 152. He



Iowa Superconference south at 7.6 per **SCHNEIDER**



CRABTREE

game. But Schneider's physical play under the basket at both ends of the

court landed him in foul trouble often.

"Trying to stay out of foul trouble is a big one for me," Schneider said. "I think it's going to be a good team and we'll have a lot of fun this year and hopefully get more wins than we had last year that's the goal."

Crabtree, who rotated through the Nos. 2-4 spots last year was a decent spot up shooter hitting 31% of his 3-pointers, but averaged over four points per game and about three boards. He was third on the squad in assists behind Fehseke and Rauenbuehler, both gone from the squad this year.

Rauenbuehler, Brant Holtkamp, and Kyle Bredemeyer all graduated last year.

Crabtree said everyone's ready to play wherever Coach Hellige needs them to go.

"It's going to be a little

bit of everyone. Whoever is handling the ball getting up the floor, is who will be used. But we all can handle the ball and we'll just play wherever we're needed."

Coach Hellige said he's excited about the additional height on this year's blue and silver.

"We've got pretty much our whole lineup up at 6 foot or taller. Colby Bredemeyer is at 5'11" but everyone else is up there so we've got a little bit of height this year," he said.

"We've got a real athletic team and we are a bit taller. We're bringing in juniors Vasin at 6'4" and Jason at 6'2" and Rung is 6'1" and Kaden Medland is 5'11, but he's a really good shooter."



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Sports/From the Front

MLB is taking a big risk pushing minor league contraction

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players - their own players by the way - a large chunk of that comes from the signing bonuses, and the total outlay below Triple A is about \$40 million, half of which is subsidized by minor league baseball in the form of an annual ticket tax which it pays to MLB," the Daily News' Bill Madden wrote. "Under the '120 plan,' the total savings for MLB from top to bottom would be roughly \$20 million in an industry that grossed in between \$11-12 billion in 2019 - or less than a fifth of 1%."

MLB is claiming that it wants better conditions for its minor-league players, and also wants to raise their salaries. But the owners are taking their cues from retail giants across the country who have promised better wages for employees, then cut hours or jobs so their actual costs won't go up.

What will happen is that fans across the nation will lose affordable access to professional baseball, and communities that have supported teams for years will lose a summer tradition.

That's dangerous for the game.

Manfred and his owners are trying to make the case that players are playing and working in substandard conditions, but all three Midwest League teams are in compliance with the standards set under the most recent PBA. And the eliminated teams around the nation would not be given a chance to comply

to any new standards.

By releasing the names of the teams on the list, it is essentially a threat to the teams not on the list. Make this agreement with MLB, it seems, or you're next when the next cuts come around. And they will come around.

It's something to concern the rest of the Midwest League, because the next round of cuts will come primarily from the Low-A level. Teams like Cedar Rapids and Peoria might be willing to let the demise of the Bees, LumberKings and River Bandits happen. But when the next PBA expires, it will be their turn.

MLB is taking a big risk. Members of Congress have already signed a letter with veiled threats about going after baseball's antitrust exemption. Cities that will lose teams could file lawsuits to try to get back money they have sunk in stadium improvements.

Minor league players should be compensated better, but MLB owners have had years to do so and haven't. Now, they want to take it out on communities that have supported their sport for decades.

This may just be the beginning of MLB's lies. And it's not good for the

John Bohnenkamp is the publisher of Hawkeye Maven at www.si.com and is a *Pen City Current contributor.*

Lady Hawks down HTC

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

FORT MADISON - Missing some key components to this year's squad, the Holy Trinity Crusaders got their basketball season underway with a 55-37 loss to Central Lee Tuesday night.



JOHNSON

The Lady Hawks jumped out to quick 7-2 lead, but HTC would tied it up at 7 with just under four minutes gone in the first period. Central Lee would outscore Holy Trinity 7-4 through the

remained of the period for a 14-11 first quarter lead.

Central Lee's 1-2 punch of freshman Makayla Morrison and junior Mya Merschman combined for 40 of Central Lee's points on the night. Mershman had 13 in the first half as the Hawks went up up 32-19 at halftime.

Central Lee would extend the lead in the third quarter to 19 as they ran away from the short-handed Crusad-

Senior Ashlynn Haas led HTC with

11 points, followed by senior Avery Hopper with 10. Sophomore Raquel Schnieder scored nine and junior Bailey Hellweg scored seven, including the Crusaders only 3-pointer of the night in the first half.

Head Coach Tony Johnson said we was proud of the girls efforts.

"We laid a foundation for the season. We got the shots we wanted on offense," he said.

"The defense and rebounding will come around. We had four new starters this season so it will take some time go gel. I know this group of girls will roll their sleeves up and get back in the gym and get better."

Merschman finished with a gamehigh 23 points, while Morrison had 17 including 4-of-5 from the 3-point arc.

May Watkins and Daily Brisby each had five for Central Lee. Ella Sanders added three points and Kaylynn Summers had a bucket.

Central Lee (1-0) takes on New London (1-3) on the road Tuesday as the regular season gets into full swing. Holy Trinity (0-1) hosts Danville (0-0) the same night.

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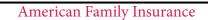
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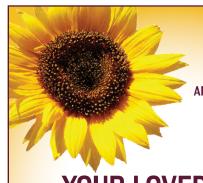


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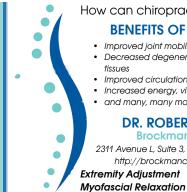
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WACO, WB primed for run at SEISC South division

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Hellige said that no one on the team would say basketball is their number one sport, but he said he hopes that from November to March it becomes their number one sport.

"With a lot of our teams at this school, we encourage our players to play all sports," he said.

"For everyone on this team that's probably the case, so we might start off a little sloppy, but by the time we get to February we should be a pretty good team."

Hellige said the fresh faces on the squad are juniors who got time sparingly last year, but he said he has some expectations of them.

"That junior class is really talented. They had some seniors in front of them last year so their court time was limited. But they've really matured over the last year and their basketball IQ is very high," he said.

"We expect them to do some good things for us."

Hellige said WACO and West Burlington should be at the top of the conference, but said a lot of teams can reload this year. He said New London could reload, Notre Dame has a great senior class, and Danville always plays tough defense.

"It's gonna be a crazy year, you wouldn't think Southeast Iowa would be that strong in basketball, but these teams find ways to reload."

The Crusaders kick off the season Tuesday at home against Danville. It's the annual HTC boosters' cake auction night with cakes being auctioned off at halftime of the varsity games and between the games. The junior varsity boys kick things off at 4:30 p.m.

FM girls doubled up by Ottumwa

BY PCC STAFF

OTTUMWA – Ottumwa's senior twins Ali and Grace Bookin-Nosbisch combined for 26 points as the Lady Bulldogs handed the Fort Madison girls their first loss of the year.

The Hounds got behind early as Ottumwa had three different girls converting 3-pointers in the first quarter and rushed out to a 15-5 first quarter lead.

Fort Madison would tighten up on defense in the 2nd quarter holding the Bulldogs to just eight points, but only managed six themselves.

Senior Anna Kester led Fort Madison with 10 points on the night and Kylee Cashman had four points in the first half for the Bloodhounds.

Ottumwa would put the game out of reach in the third period exploding for 24 behind nine points from Kacy Nickerson to hold a 44-18 lead, and would push that lead in the fourth quarter for the 64-32 loss.

Brandy Walker had nine points for Fort Madison. Dalyn Wondra and Cashman each had four. Molly Knipe had three points and Nadia Boeding scored a bucket in the second half to round out the scoring for Fort Madison.

Nickerson had 17 to lead all scorers for Ottumwa.

Fort Madison (1-1) hosts Davis County on Tuesday at the HoundDome.

Shoppers deal with drizzle for Mistletoe on Main Street

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of the book were printed and run \$20 each.

He said the fundraiser helps offset costs for December and January.

He said the programming is really growing faster than he can change the mind of the community for growing support.

"Look at these kids in here. This is one of the few chances they get to really shine. Otherwise this kind of attention comes from sports-related activity."

He said he wanted to get the book out for Black Friday, but it will remain on sale at the Test Kitchen during program hours and at Under the Sun during business hours.

Chelsea Patton, 9, a 4th-grader at Fort Madison Middle School, said she made her recipe "Caprese Skewers" a couple of times and it was her favorite in the book.

Residents also stopped in for toy demonstrations, ice cream, and even lunch at Dollhouse Dreams and Megan's Old Fashioned Ice Cream where owner Brenda Derr and employee Chelsey Smith were busy keeping customers' hands full with ice cream and paninis

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