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## Alliant reporting record number of scams

*Company officials say they don't request immediate payment*

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Alliant Energy has received a record number of customers reporting scam phone calls. Customers also report that scammers are getting better at impersonating utilities. We received a few complaints that some are sending text messages or coming right to your door.

From January 2016 to November 2017, we received on average 53 contacts per month reporting scam activity.

Since December 1, 2017, we have received 416 reports of scam phone calls. Of these:

- 150 have come from Wisconsin customers
- 265 have come from Iowa customers

Roughly 75 percent of complaints come from business customers. The rest are from residential customers.

Typically, scammers call customers claiming to

represent Alliant Energy. They threaten to disconnect utility service if the customer doesn't immediately buy a prepaid credit card to make a payment.

In one case, a customer reported receiving a text message from someone stating that they work for Alliant Energy and needed a call about their bill.

Alliant Energy does not request immediate payment or prepaid credit cards. We do not threaten to disconnect service via text message. We recently began offer-

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Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC



The 2nd annual Veteran's assembly at Fort Madison High School was held Thursday morning before the students and staff were released for winter break. Above Fred Otte, left and Nick Colberts, stand guard of the colors at the event. At left, Colberts, who served three years with the Marines, talks to a couple of Fort Madison veterans after the ceremony.

## Two FMHS students to cheer in London

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Two FMHS cheerleaders have, well...something to cheer about.

Sophomore Chloe Hoenig and senior Mya White were both selected as All-Americans by Varsity Spirit at a summer camp to participate with close to 650 other high school cheerleaders in the London New Year's Day Parade.

The group leaves on Dec. 26 and will return on Jan. 2.

Hoenig said she just got into cheerleading when she got to high school and thought trying out for the trip would be fun. Varsity Spirit is a cheerleading camp company that visits high schools across the country holding camps and tryouts.

The individuals invited to perform in the parade qualified for the trip after being selected by one of the Varsity Spirit camp brands, which include Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA), Universal Dance Association (UDA), National Cheerleaders Association (NCA), National Dance Alliance (NDA), and United Spirit Association (USA).

"The UCA came to our cheer camp and you can try out for this while you're at camp," Hoenig said. "They only select a few from those. I went to the camp before as a freshman and thought that was something I would want to try. So this year I did and I wasn't planning on going. I just wanted to try out for the experience, but I made it and decided to go."

Hoenig said she's been out of the country before but

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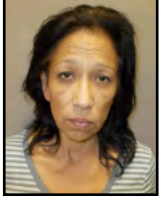
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## Local News/Lottery Numbers

# FM woman arrested twice in three days by task force

FORT MADISON – The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of a Fort Madison, Iowa woman on felony drug charges.



JONES

Tanya Anne Jones, 54, of 816 Avenue F, Fort Madison, Iowa was arrested on today at the Lee County Jail on felony and misdemeanor drug charges. Jones is charged with possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine in excess of five grams, a class B felony, drug tax stamp violation, a class D felony, and possession of drug paraphernalia, a simple misdemeanor. If convicted, Jones faces up to an additional 30 years and 30 days in a state correctional facility. These charges are in addition to charges filed on Jones on December 19th, 2017.

The arrest of Jones stems from an investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force into allegations that she was involved in the distribution of illegal drugs in the Lee County area. Items that support the charges were discovered during the investigation.

Jones was also arrested on Dec. 19, at her residence on felony drug charges. Jones is charged with ongoing criminal conduct, a class B felony, two counts of delivery of less than five grams of methamphetamine within 1000 feet of a public park, a class C felony with an enhancement, and delivery of less than five grams of methamphetamine, a class C felony. If convicted, Jones faces up to 65 years in a state correctional facility.

The Lee County Attorney's Office, Fort Madison Police Department, and the Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation.

The defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

The Lee County Narcotics Task Force is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Justice and the funds administered by the Iowa Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy.

# Three FM residents picked up on drug charges

FORT MADISON – The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrests of multiple Fort Madison residents on felony and misdemeanor drug charges.

Samantha Suzanne Kellum, 29, of 2802 Avenue O, was arrested on Dec. 15 in the 2300 block of Highway 61 on felony drug charges. Kellum is charged with aiding and abetting the delivery of crack cocaine, a class C felony, delivery of crack cocaine, a class C felony, and possession with intent to deliver crack cocaine, a class C felony. If convicted, Kellum faces up to 30 years in a state correctional facility.

The arrest of Kellum stems from an investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force into allegations that she was involved in the distribution of illegal drugs in the Lee County area. Kellum was located during a traffic stop conducted by a Lee County Sheriff's Deputy. Items that support the charges were located during the traffic stop.

In an unrelated matter, Matthew Wayne Land, 55, of 1026 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa, and Cody Dale Kussman, 29, of 1512 Avenue M, Fort Madison, Iowa, were both arrested on various drug charges on December 10th, 2017 in the 4100 block of Main Street in Keokuk, Iowa. Land is charged with possession with intent to deliver marijuana second or subsequent offense, a class D felony with an enhancement, possession of methamphetamine 3rd or subsequent offense, a class D felony, possession of drug paraphernalia, a simple misdemeanor, and possession of marijuana, a serious misdemeanor. If convicted, Land faces up to 21 years and 30 days in a state correctional facility.

Kussman is charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, a simple misdemeanor. If convicted, Kussman faces up to 30 days in the Lee County Jail.

The arrests of Land and Kussman stem from a traffic stop conducted by a Lee County Deputy. During the traffic stop, items that support the charges were discovered.

The Lee County Attorney's Office, Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, and the Lee County Sheriff's Office assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in these investigations.

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| 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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Pen City Current encourages you to play responsibly.

## Current-Lee/For the Record

# Alliant gives tips on how to handle possible scams

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ing account alerts by text as an optional service. Customers must sign-up to receive them. They are informational only, providing reminders of when the bill is due.

If you receive a call like this:

**STOP:** Scammers are counting on people being too alarmed to verify their account status. Do not give in to high-pressure call tactics! Stop the conversation. Hang up the phone.

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Beware that scammers can spoof caller-ID displays, which means they can mask the call's true origin and make it appear as if it the call is coming from a utility company.

Customers should report attempted scam contacts to local law enforcement.

### CURRENT-LEE

## FM Christian Church announces Christmas Eve services

Fort Madison Christian Church Christmas Eve Services, Sunday, December 24, 6:00 p.m.

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### For the Record

#### Fort Madison Police report

12/18/17 - 8:52 a.m.

- Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1200 block of Avenue F. 12/18/17 - 9:58 a.m.

- Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1400 block of 37th Street. 12/19/17 - 11:11 a.m.

- Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of Avenue L and 20th Street. 12/19/17 - 12:21 p.m.

- Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 18th Street and Avenue H. 12/19/17 - 3:30 p.m.

- Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L. 12/19/17 - 5:33 p.m.

- Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 800 block of Avenue E. 12/20/17 - 12:38 a.m.

- Fort Madison Police cited James Lee Thien,

33, of Burlington, in the 700 block of 8th Street, on a charge of driving while suspended. He was released upon citation. 12/20/17 - 9:56 a.m.

- Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 800 block of 10th Street. 12/20/17 - 4:14 p.m.

- Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2300 block of Avenue H. 12/20/17 - 4:16 p.m.

- Fort Madison Police cited Dale Melvin Hall, 78, of Fort Madison, on Iris Lane, on a charge of dog running at large. He was released upon citation.

#### Lee County Sheriff's report

12/18/17 - 8:11 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Tyler Edward Rung, 20, at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a charge of assault with intent to do injury. He was released on a promise to appear. 12/20/17 - 2:45 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michael David Reiter, 19, of Burlington

at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 12/20/17 - 4:39 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Ryan J, Carter, 40, of Fort Madison in the 700 block of 10th Street in Fort Madison, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Those listed above are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.

#### Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report

12/18/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to five medical calls, one structure fire, and one kitchen fire. 12/19/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one assist, two medical calls, one smoke investigation call, and one false alarm. 12/20/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical, one false alarm, and one burning complaint.

### 5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

FRI 22 Dec



Light Snow  
High - 34.8° F | Low - 26.4° F

SAT 23 Dec



Clear Skies  
High - 26.2° F | Low - 16.1° F

SUN 24 Dec



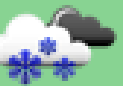
Light Snow  
High - 24.7° F | Low - 18.4° F

MON 25 Dec



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Sports

# Hounds get strong 4th quarter in win

*Four FM players hit double figures, Keester hits 5 3s*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Bloodhounds had four players in double figures Thursday night as they knocked off Burlington Notre Dame 74-67 to round out boys basketball action before the holiday break.

Senior Treavor James-Kokjohn led Fort Madison with 23 points on the night. Junior Logan Rashid had 22 points and junior Brandon Keester had 17. Senior Kaleb Cresswell had 10 points on the night, but had several nifty interior assists to Kokjohn,

A sluggish first start that saw the Hounds down 8-2 prompted a vocal timeout from Head Coach Ryan Wilson.

"We were just soft at the start and came out very flat," Wilson said. "We pressed them at the beginning to try and get 'em running, but we played the way they wanted to play. We weren't playing our game. We didn't set the tone."

The timeout got Wilson the desired result as the Hound went on a 13-6 run capped by a Keester 3-pointer from the left wing to give the Hounds their first lead of the game at 15-14. Keester hit another 3-pointer on the next possession, but the Nikes' juniors, Ryle Koenig and

Gavin Kies, each scored buckets to knot the score at 18.

Fort Madison then raced out to a 27-22 lead on a 12-footer by Cresswell, but Notre Dame outscored the Hounds 7-2 over the next two minutes to tie the game at 29 when Koenig hit a 3-pointer with 3:47 remaining in the half. Both teams went cold for the next two minutes before James-Kokjohn scored inside to put the Hounds up 31-29.

Notre Dame's Axel Tjaden hit a 3-pointer and then Logan Rashid fouled Kies on a fast-break and Kles hit both free throws to give Notre Dame a 34-31 heading to the locker room.

Rashid hit a 3-pointer to tie the game up to open the 3rd quarter and then the two teams would trade buckets and 3-pointers, and each team hit three long balls and three buckets in the third period. The only difference in the period was that the Hounds were able to get to the free throw line four times and converted three which enabled them to tie the game at 49 at the end of the third.

Fort Madison outscored the Nikes 25-16 in the final period with Cresswell and Keester opening the period with 3-pointers on consecutive possessions to give the Hounds a 2-point lead at 57-55 and then



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Hounds' senior Treavor-James-Kokjohn attracts Notre Dame's Christian Schwenker (1) and Axel Tjaden (24) going to the hoop. James-Kokjohn scored 23 to lead the Hounds in a 74-67 win. Below Logan Rashid drives the lane and will get the bucket on a goal-tend call.

James-Kokjohn took over, keeping the Nikes to one shot on each possession by controlling the boards. James-Kokjohn would score nine in the period including a put back on a free throw that hit the front of the rim. Kokjohn raced into and through the lane and put the rebounded free-throw back in to put Fort Madison up by 7 68-61.

Notre Dame would cut the lead to 6 on a Nick Skerik 3-pointer but would get no closer.

James-Kokjohn said he had trouble getting going at the start but things loosened up as the pace increased.

"They came out in a 2-3 defense and I couldn't

do that much in the first quarter," he said. "But I started to find some holes underneath and I was able to get things working,"

Wilson said James-Kokjohn is a quiet player in practice and that carries to the floor.

"Treavor's Treavor. He probably just had his sixth double-double of the year," Wilson said. "He's so quiet. You come into the gym, even in practice, and he does his thing and you don't even notice it."

Rashid, who's playing point guard this season due to the graduation of last year's floor leader CJ Richardson, said he's starting to get more confidence running the offense.

"This has been basically a year of adjustment so far," Rashid said. "Last year CJ ran things and I was able to spot up and shoot in the off guard position, but I've struggled adjusting

to it. I'm just glad the way this game played out. I'm starting to get some confi-

dence in knowing what I'm

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# Sports

## Muscatine, Weiskamp to scrimmage FMHS on Dec. 30

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capable of.”

Sheymouhr Redd-Donald, who’s had success early on this year penetrating and scoring in the lane was kept out on the perimeter most of the night. He had the only other points for the Hounds with a bucket in the third period.

Koenig led Notre Dame, who also had four players in double figures, with 18 points. Kies added 14, while Christian Schwenker and Mitchell Brent each scored 11 for the Nikes.

The Hounds head into the holiday break at 5-3 and play at Washington on Jan. 2. However, the Hounds just shored up a scrimmage against Muscatine on Sat. Dec. 30th starting at 11 a.m. The Muskies boast senior Joe Weiskamp, who has signed to play with the Iowa Hawkeyes next year and is leading the state in scoring at 35.1 points per game. Wilson said the scrimmage is open to the public.

## Baseball clinic set for next week

BY PCC STAFF

**BURLINGTON** - Southeastern Community College head baseball coach Justin Schulte is holding a winter break baseball skills camp on Dec. 27th and 28th.

The camp will also feature former Fort Madison standout Chris Ramirez, who was on the 2000 state champion baseball team.

A youth MVP camp for ages 7-12 will be held from 9 a.m. to noon with registration at 8:30 on both days. An advanced and evaluation camp for ages 13-18 will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. on both days with registration at 12:30 p.m. Both camps are being held at the SCC gymnasium.

Campers will need to sign a registration form and provide their own insurance for the event.

Justin Schulte enters his 20th season as a head

coach and 23rd season in college baseball. The 2017-2018 season will mark Schulte’s 13th season leading the Blackhawks. In his first 19 seasons as a head coach, Schulte has compiled 749 victories – 473 of which have come in his twelve seasons at Southeastern, the best twelve-year run in school history.

Schulte came to SCC from Mt. Mercy College where he led the Mustang’s to 276 wins in seven seasons. This is more wins than any four year school in Iowa within that time span. While at Mt. Mercy, his team made six Regional Tournaments in seven years and had seven of the top seasons in school history while breaking numerous school records.

Prior to Mt. Mercy, Schulte was the pitching coach at Southeastern from 1996-1998 and in

1998 the team broke the school record for wins, a record broken in the spring of 2009.

Ramirez is currently the head coach at the University of Illinois-Springfield, He joins the Winter Camp staff for the second year straight year and is no stranger to southeast Iowa as he was an All-State Player on the 2000 State Championship team at Fort Madison High School.

Ramirez started his college coaching career at Southeastern in the fall of 2005 and was the hitting coach for two seasons, including the 2007 ICCAC conference championship. Ramirez was also the Head Baseball Coach at West Burlington high school in the summer of 2006.

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### FMMS 8th Grade Basketball results

**FORT MADISON** - The Fort Madison 8th grade girls basketball team released results for the team’s November basketball games.

Tuesday, November 28th  
 “A” FM – 20, Keokuk 37  
 Anna Lynk – 11 . Alana Simpson – 3, Coree James – 4, Olivia Puga-Vass – 2  
 “B” FM – 0, Keokuk – 10

Thursday, November 30th @ Aldo Leopold  
 “A” FM – 41, Aldo Leopold 19

Lynk - 17, Shelby Kemp - 4, Simpson - 4, James - 14, Ebony Hoaglin - 2  
 “B” FM – 8, Aldo Leopold – 6  
 Kayla Robbins -2, Hoaglin - 2, Puga-Vass - 4

Monday, December 4th  
 “A” FM - 17, Ed Stone 31  
 Lynk - 8, Simpson - 6, James - 2, Chelsea Smith - 1

“B” FM – 8, Ed Stone – 14  
 Rachel Frey - 2, Simpson - 6

Thursday, December 7th @ Fairfield  
 “A” FM-18, Fairfield - 57  
 Lynk -10, Simpson - 3, James - 5

“B” FM - 4, Fairfield 13

Puga-Vass - 4

Thursday, December 14th @ Mount Pleasant  
 “A” FM - 24, Mt. Pleasant - 37

Lynk - 12, Simpson - 2, James - 10

“B” FM - 4, Mt. Pleasant 22

Puga-Vass - 2, Rollins - 2

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# Hoenic, White to ring in new year in England

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never to Europe. She's an FMHS varsity cheerleader for football and wrestling.

"I have been to Jamaica and Haiti," she said. "I'm looking forward to meeting everyone and being able to go down the streets performing and that whole experience part of things. We have a couple of sight seeing projects planned, too."

According to release from Varsity Spirit, All-Americans are selected to try out based on superior cheerleading, dancing, and leadership skills at camps across the country. Only the top 10 percent of the more than 325,000 cheerleaders and dancers who attend the 5,000 Varsity Spirit summer camp sessions earn the chance to march in the holiday spectacular.

Hoenic and White will be among parade performers from all over the world. The theme of this year's parade is "Showtime!" and will celebrate the greatest shows on earth. Cheerleaders, dancers, marching bands, acrobats, and more will make up the 10,000 performers representing 20 countries worldwide in the 2018 parade. Established as one of London's biggest events, the parade is seen by nearly 300 million people around the world. In addition to cheering in the parade, All-Americans will be able to celebrate the holiday's European style with the chance to tour some of London's most historic sites during their seven-day stay.

"This is the 30th year we've been able to bring these talented cheerleaders and dancers to London, where they can showcase their skills to a very enthusiastic international audience, and explore the rich cultural heritage of this great city," says Mike Fultz, the International Event Coordinator for Varsity Spirit.



Chloe Hoenic, a sophomore cheerleader at Fort Madison High School, will be leaving for London the day after Christmas to help ring in the new year in jolly ole' England. Senior Mya White will also be making the trip as they both were selected All-American by Varsity Spirit, a cheer camp company.



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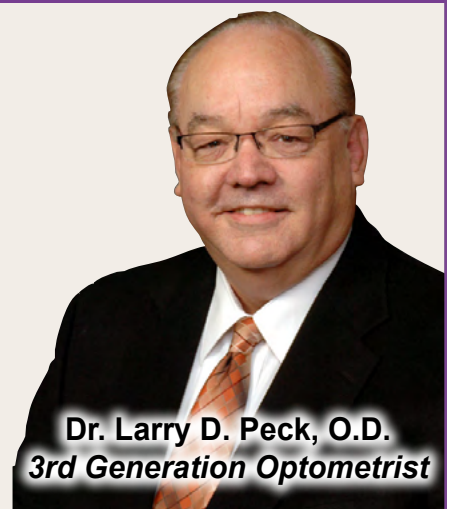
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