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Area senior hoopsters participate in southeast Iowa All-Star game in Burlington.

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Firearm missing from stolen vehicle

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Local authorities are investigating a missing firearm that was taken from a stolen vehicle last week.

According to Police Chief Tim Sittig, a vehicle was stolen in Lee County in the area of Denmark and Augusta and was recovered in Fort Madison Friday.

"When we were able to get a hold of the owner he informed us that a firearm was missing from the vehicle," Sittig said.

Since the theft occurred in the county, the Lee County Sheriff's Office is investigating the incident as well.

Investigator Chad Donaldson wouldn't comment on what type of firearm it was because of the on-going investigation.

The vehicle in question was stolen as part of what Sittig and Donaldson believe to be a group of younger drivers taking cars on joy rides and then dumping them.

"There definitely seems to be a link between all the vehicles," Donaldson said. "I can't really speak for Fort Madison PD, but as far as I know, all the vehicles have

Fort Madison received several reports of cars being stolen over night last week. Donaldson said the county had just the one report, but because of where the vehicle was discovered and the locations of the other thefts, investigators believe the thefts are related.

Sittig said he doesn't believe there is any threat to the public as stolen firearms are typically sold, used to pay off debt or pay for drugs.

"It could be anywhere at this point, Chicago...St. Louis.... Iowa City. It's in the NCIC system so if it was at a pawn and they check it or someone makes a stop and they run the number it would pop up," Sittig said.

He also said investigators are still pursuing leads in the case and if anyone has information or sees something concerning the case, they are asked to call the Lee County Sheriff's Office or the Fort Madison Police Department.

PAW to the rescueagain

Shelter takes in 15 from flood-ravaged western Iowa

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON -Once again weather is throwing the PAW animal shelter a curve ball.

Less than a month after the Fort Madison animal rescue found homes from close to 30 dogs on the heels of an arctic freeze fostering program, the shelter agreed Monday to take in 15 more dogs that were threatened by flooding in western Iowa.

A horse trailer from

Hedrick, Iowa backed up to the shelter on the western side of Fort Madison at about 11 a.m. Monday morning and unloaded the dogs in front of shelter. Workers put up a makeshift corral of fencing and styrofoam to funnel the dogs back to the kennels. Some went willingly to their new temporary homes, some not so much.

Pam Evans, of Ottumwa, who contacted PAW Director Sandy Brown to see if they could take the animals, said she was



on her way home from Des Moines when she got the call about the animals in the western part of the state. She met up with Aimee Crow of Hedrick's Paws 'N Claws foster home, and the two teamed up to go and rescue the animals in Pacific Junction, Iowa along the Missouri River.

Evans said the two

had to take backroads to get to high ground on the Iowa border in the Missouri River valley to a house that was on top of a hill where the river was cresting.

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The dogs were part of a backyard breeder or

Pam Evans, of Ottumwa, carries a frightened dog back to the kennels on Monday morning at PAW Animal Shelter. The Fort Madison shelter took in 15 animals from a "backyard breeder" in western lowa that had been inundated with flood waters.

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

"horder" who was told by law enforcement to either give up the animals, which included goats, mini pigs, ponies and other animals, or face being fined per animal. The animals were contained on land that was flooded and the owners gave the animals over to rescue.

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FMHS, HTC might share baseball this summer

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

FORT MADISON -The Fort Madison School board voted Monday night to approve an agreement to allow Holy Trinity Catholic student athletes to play baseball for the Bloodhounds this summer.

At the board's regular meeting Monday night, the board voted unanimously to support a recommendation from Fort Madison Athletic Director Jeremy Swink to create the shared pro-

The move was part of the annual approval for shared programs including football, wrestling, swimming, cross-country, tennis and track. Fort Madison currently shares and hosts football, wrestling, girls cross country, boys and girls track, and See PROGRAMS, page 6

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OBITUARIES

VIRGINIA ANN MCKOON

Virginia Ann McKoon, 74, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, March 17, 2019 in Denton, TX. She was born on September 1, 1944 in Hannibal, MO to Paul & Mabel Edna Atkinson Ingalls. She married Ronald L. McKoon on

June 1, 1963 in Ankeny, IA.



He preceded her in death on April 18, 2009. She was a member of Joy Baptist Church and Chapter 947 of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter in Fort Madison. She was a caregiver for 10 years to her husband, enjoyed crocheting and was an adoring grandmother.

Virginia is survived by: 1-son: Phillip (Guinda) McKoon of Booneville, MS; 1-daughter: Frances (Mark) Bishop of Denton, TX; 2-grandchildren: Lydia Bishop of Denton, TX & Paul (Rachel) Bish-

op of Denton, TX; 2-great grandchildren: Sean & Zion Bishop; 2-brothers: Robert (Carla) Ingalls of Eau Claire, WI & Richard Ingalls of Bolivia; 1-sister: Frances Sims of Moline, IL & several nieces & nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents

The family will receive friends from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 22, 2019 at Joy Baptist Church. The funeral service will immediately follow at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Earl Beal officiating. Burial will be held at Soldiers' Circle in Oakland Cemetery. A memorial has been established for the Fort Madison Chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America or Joy Baptist Church. Online condolences to Virginia's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk. <u>com</u>. King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family with the arrangements.



CURRENT-LEE

FORT MADISON - The following is a list of events and happenings going on in Fort Madison as submitted to the Pen City Current.

Community Blood Drives

A blood drive will be held at Lincoln Elementary on Thursday, March 21, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Call the blood center at 800-747-5401 ext. 1281 to donate.

ISU Extension Estate Planning

Iowa State University Outreach and Extension will hold an estate planning session on March 19th at 6 p.m. at the extension office in Donnellson. The session is \$20 per person and registration can be done by contact Whitney Weisinger at 319-835-5116. Deadline is March 15..

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

The Fort Madison High School Music Department will be presenting its annual Dinner Theater on March 22-23. Doors open at 6 p.m with the show beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets available at Dana Bushong's at 805 Avenue G.

Caregivers Connection

The Kensington hosts this monthly gathering to help educate attendees about all dementia types. Held at noon the 4th Tuesday of every month in The Kensington's private dining room, 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. Call 319-372-4233 to RSVP or for more information.

Step into Iowa History

A presentation on prisoner of war camps in Iowa during World War 11 will be held on Tuesday, March 26, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fort Madison Public Library. Linda McCann will be presenting.

Senior Community BINGO

Each month on the second Wednesday of the month, The Kensington hosts Senior Community BINGO at 2 p.m. in their dining room at 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. All seniors are welcome and cash prizes are awarded.

Pen City Current will list your event in this highly visible CURRENT-LEE section in increments of 25 words for \$15. Add a photo for \$5. Non-profit organizations are eligible for the reduced rate of \$10 per 25 words and \$3 per photo. To place your listing, click here or call Lee at (319)371.4125.



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Sports

Area hoopsters show off at All-Star game

BY PCC STAFF

BURLINGTON – At one point it was Holy Trinity 17, the girls "Home" All Stars 13 in Saturday night's Senior All-Star Classic at Father Minnett Gym at Notre Dame High School

Holy Trinity's Emily Box had 14 points including six of the "Away" team's first seven and then fellow senior Taylor Boeding banged in three straight 3-pointers and the north girls were up 17-13. She finished with 12 points on the night.

Boeding scored 244 points on the year including 32.6% from beyond the 3-point arch. She attempted 190 long shots on the year and connected on 62, both leading the Southeast Iowa Superconference South division.

The "Away" team comprised mostly of teams from the southern part of the area won 70-42 over the "Home" team.

Boeding also competed a 3-point contest hitting for nine points in the first round but didn't make it to the final shootout. WACO's Kristen Conley won the contest with nine in the shootout. Each players shot 15 baskets total from both baselines and the top of the key with the fifth ball at each spot worth two points.

Box tied for third in the SEISC South division with 14.4 points per game and led the conference in rebounds with 9.6 per outing.

In the boys game, the away team scored a 112-98 comeback win after trailing by three at halftime. Fort Madison's Logan Rashid and Brandon Keester both played for the "Away" team. Fort Madison's Ryan Wilson coached the boys team.

In both the boys and the girls games, 20-minute halves were played with breaks each five minutes for substitutions.

A dunk contest was held between the two games with Wapello's Keaton Mitchell winning. His first dunk in the contest was a leap over Rashid who stood in the



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Logan Rashid lets go with one of his 3-point attempts Saturday night in the boys' 3-point contest. Rashid finished with nine points in the first round of the contest.

lane just off the basket.

Fort Madison's Logan Rashid lets go with one of his 3-point attempts Saturday night in the boy's 3-point contest. Rashid finished with nine points in the first round of the contest.

Keester and Rashid both qualified to compete in the boy's 3-point contest. Keester had nine points and hit the "money ball" on his final shot but it came after the buzzer and didn't count. Rashid also had nine in the first round which didn't qualify for the shootout.

Rashid finished the year third in the Southeast Conference scoring at 13.3 points per outing. Keester and Rashid finished the year fourth and fifth in the conference in 3-pointers made at 36 and 34 respectively. Keester hit 35.6% of his 3-balls while Rashid was at 31.8% for the year.

In the first half, Rashid had a steal at about mid court and fed a leaking Keontae Luckett down the middle of the floor for a stuff.

Central Lee's MaKenna Hall and Kassidy Haley played for the away team as did Keokuk's Alex Walter. Walter competed in the dunk contest but didn't make it out of the first round.



HTC Senior Emily Box had 14 in the Senior All-Star Classic at Burlington Notre Dame on Saturday night. All the Fort Madison seniors played on the "Away" teams that won both games.

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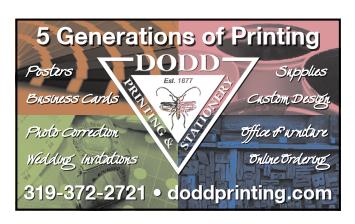


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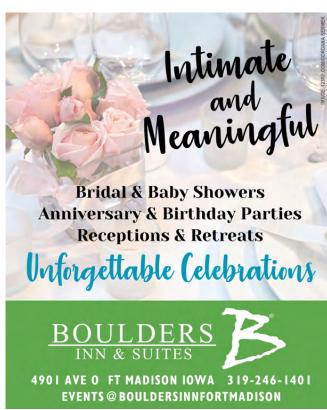
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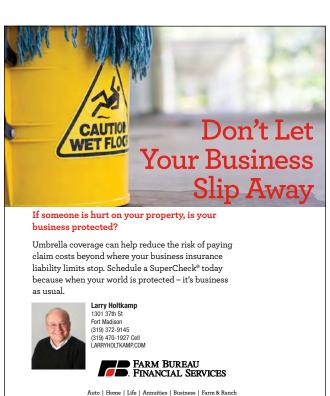


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a warrant for contempt fail to pay fines. She was held at LCCC. 3/17/2019 - 5:06 p.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2000 block of Ave. D.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

3/15/2019 - 8:43 p.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested David Andrew Debrackeleire, 45, of Keokuk, on a charge of theft in the 5th degree in the 3600 block of Argyle Rd. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released the next day upon paying a fine. 3/16/2019 - 1:15 a.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Deion Alexander Wykowski, 25, of Keokuk, on a warrant for failure to appear at Wever Junction. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released the next day upon paying a fine. 3/16/2019 - 10:29 a.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Patricia Dawn Shirkey, 57, of Keokuk, on a temporary hold at the Sheriff's office and was released the next day upon transfer to another county. 3/16/2019 - 7:56 p.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jayme Thomesa Jenkins, 32, of Fort Madison, on a warrant for failure to appear/ contempt ct. in the 3000 block of Ave. N. She was released the next day upon personal recognizance. 3/16/2019 - 9:01 p.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a request for assistance from Patricia Bunnell, 54, of Montrose. Bunnell was driving southbound on Hwy. 61 when her driver's side rear tire came off the vehicle. No injuries or citations were reported at the scene. 3/16/2019 - 9:55 p.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Dalton Wayne Maynard, 27, of Niota, III., at the BP Gas Station in Wever, on a warrant for failure to appear. 3/17/2019 - 4:54 a.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Chad Dean Sistern, 33, of Fort Madison, on a charge of trespassing in the 3600 block of Iowa Rd. He was released upon citation.



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From the Front/Weather

PAW may activate foster program to create time for new arrivals

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"Some of these dogs were actually swimming," said an emotional Evans. "About 30 of the dogs had already been released, and we're just praying they can get to someone."

But she said she knew Brown wouldn't let her down.

"Sandy said she would be able to take 10, so we knew 15 0r 16 would be ok," Evans said laughing while wiping away tears.

Many different breeds emptied out of the trailer and were taken to the kennels by the handlers from PAW.

The last animal was a matted Collie mix named Matt E.

Crow said Evans always gets attached to one animal on rescues and Matt E. got her attention.

The stubby collie max had matted hair across his back, but otherwise looked scared with the new surroundings.

Brown said all the animals are going to get some down time to settle into their new surroundings and then they will be evaluated...at a cost of about \$250 per animal.

"We're gonna let them decompress a little and then we'll evaluate them and determine the boys and girls, give them a distemper and parvo shot and then groom them and get them ready to find their forever homes," Brown said.

She said the shelter will again offer a 10-day to two-week fostering program for dogs that we're already at the rescue.

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Sandy said she would be able to take 10 so we knew 15 or 16 would be ok."

> -Pam Evans, Rescue worker

That way it will provide some additional time and resources to focus on the new arrivals.

Evans said the shelter saved these dogs lives.

"They may not realize it just yet, but this is a blessing for these dogs. If we weren't able to find them rescues, they would have died there. I'm sure of it," Evans said.



Fort Madison PAW **Animal Shelter Director Sandy** Brown helps guide one of 15 dogs rescued from western lowa flooding, into the kennels Monday morning. At right, Pam Evans, of Ottumwa, says goodbye to "Matt E." a Collie mix breed that was part of 15

animals that came to

the shelter.

Partnership enough to create varsity, jv

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girls and boys tennis with Holy Trinity Catholic. They also share a swimming program with Keokuk who hosts the team, and wrestling with Central Lee High

Board President Tim Wondra said the extra numbers will allow a junior varsity and a varsity squad. He said it will also help with inning restrictions for coaches and pitchers.

Board member Lois DiPrima said she had heard that HTC wasn't able to get enough players to fill a team this year and board member Brian Steffensmeier said he had heard they were having trouble as well.

The Holy Trinity board has scheduled to look at the issue at their next board meeting.

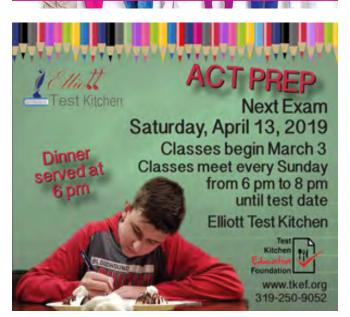
"It's working out for both schools and programs," Wondra said.

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THU 21 Mar



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