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2022 RODEO WRAPS



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The Central Lee Impulse Dance Team follows the Lee County Sheriff's entry in the 2022 Tri-State Rodeo Parade Saturday morning in Fort Madison. At right bottom, 2022 Grand Marshal Shoeloose sleds in.

BESIDE THE POINT

Rodeo joins those you know with those you don't

I don't know what's more amazing, the number of people I know when I walk Avenue G during the Rodeo Parade...

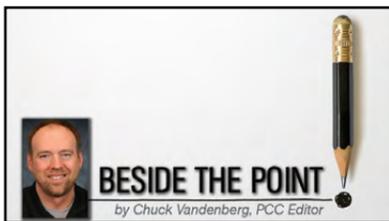
Or the number of people I don't.

I live about three blocks from the parade route so I use my scanner to judge when police start to roll down the route, give myself a little time, and then head down 6th Street to Avenue G to throngs down the hill.

It never fails that I get there about an hour early.

I take a right on Avenue G and immediately run into the music crazies led by Neal Dodd at Dodd's Printing. I walked by and and Neal asks if I'm ready to shoot 5,000 pictures.

I'm getting a little better with



my camera, so I don't need to do that, but yeah...that's usually the process.

I walked about four blocks up to the judge's flatbed where Parade Chairman David Fedler is set up with his band and float judges ready for the action.

Fedler said the the parade brings more than 20,000 people to to town and this year he had about 150 total entries including the emergency response vehicles and the mounted flags.

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COUNTY NEWS

Another local wins \$100K on scratch-off

CLIVE, Iowa — A southeast Iowa woman has won a \$100,000 lottery prize.

Brenda Bradley of Keokuk won the fifth top prize in the Iowa Lottery's "Supreme" scratch game. She purchased her winning ticket at Hy-Vee, 3111 Main St. in Keokuk, and claimed her prize Thursday at the lottery's Cedar Rapids regional office.

Supreme is a \$10 scratch game that features eight top prizes of \$100,000 and overall odds of 1 in 3.15. For more information about this game, and the number of prizes still available, visit ialottery.com.



SPORTS

Bloodhounds get another dramatic win at Fairfield

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FAIRFIELD - Adversity.

There's not a better word to sum up the first three games for the Fort Madison Bloodhounds this year.

The Hounds got a 16-yard field goal from junior Leif Boeding with 17 seconds left that just slipped inside the left upright for what proved to be the game-winner as Fort Madison knocked off Fairfield 16-13 on the road Friday night in non-district action.

Boeding had missed a PAT earlier in the game and said he wasn't about to miss again.

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WEATHER

MON 12 Sep.....Mostly cloudy and cool, 71° F/ 50° F
TUE 13 Sep.....Sunny and clear, 78° F/ 53° F
WED 14 Sep.....Sunny and warm, 82° F/ 58° F

IOWA LOTTERY

LOTTO AMERICA 09/10.....19 24 32 33 52, Star Ball: 6 All Star Bonus: 2
LUCKY FOR LIFE 09/10.....20 23 29 30 34, Lucky Ball: 15
MEGA MILLIONS 09/09.....16 21 54 55 69, Mega Ball: 22 Megaplier: 2
PICK 3 09/08, 09/09, 09/10 MIDDAY.....75 6, 0 61, 635
PICK 3 09/08, 09/09, 09/10 EVENING.....0 21, 132, 996
PICK 4 09/08, 09/09, 09/10 MIDDAY.....78 98, 6 774, 4798
PICK 4 09/08, 09/09, 09/10 EVENING.....4 018, 5236, 1468
POWERBALL 09/10.....38 42 56 68 69, Powerball: 4 Power Play: 2

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

MARK W. LEONHARD

Mark William Leonhard, 62, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 9:23 a.m. on Thursday, September 8, 2022 at his home. He was born on February 24, 1960 in Portland, IN to Robert & Ferol Pursifull Leonhard. He married Cheryl Kirchner and they later divorced. He was a semi driver for Standard Forwarding. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, riding his Harley, old cars and all kinds of racing. He was an avid Jeff Gordon fan and loved to host family gatherings at his house. His grandchildren were his life.



LEONHARD

Mark is survived by: 1-daughter: Colbi (Kyle) Peterson of West Point, IA; 2-grandchildren: Camden & Keelynn Peterson of West Point, IA; his mother & stepfather: Ferol (Bill) Hudson of Fort Madison, IA; his father & stepmother: Robert (Jeannie) Leonhard of Portland, IN and 2-brothers: Shawn (Karla) Leonhard of Hamilton, IL & Jeff (Ruth) Leonhard of Camdenton, MO.

A visitation will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The graveside service will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at Oakland Cemetery with Pastor Jeff Metcalf officiating. A memorial has been established in his memory. Online condolences to the Leonhard family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

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MICHAEL H. LARSEN

Michael "Mike" Hans Larsen, 77, of Burlington, died Thursday, September 8, 2022, at his home.



LARSEN

Born August 3, 1945, in Fort Dodge, IA, he was the son of Harold and Allyson McClurg Larsen. On April 27, 1968, he married Aida Pauline Traglio in Kahoka, MO.

He attended Fort Dodge Schools.

Mike had owned and operated Larsen Pump Service since 1976.

Over the years he has taught his grandson everything he knew, so he could take over the business.

He was of the Baptist faith. He was a member of Iowa Water Well Association. Mike loved his farm and his family.

Survivors include his wife, Aida; two daughters, Tina Weston of Tampa, FL, and Tammy Morris of Burlington; one grandson, Michael (Kara) Hobbs of Dodgville; two step-grandchildren, Tara Weston of Richmond, VA and Kristina Nowacowski of Tampa, FL; three great grandsons, Ty and Liam Hobbs and Weston Nowacowski; and one brother, Dana Larsen of Storm Lake, IA.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Ellen Berry.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of Prugh Crematory.

Visitation will be from noon until 7:00 PM with the family to receive friends from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM Thursday, September 15, 2022 at Prugh~Thielen Funeral Home.

A memorial has been established for Southeast Iowa Hospice.

Prugh Funeral Service is in care of the arrangements.

A photo tribute can be viewed and condolences can be sent to the family by visiting Michael's obituary at www.prughfuneral.com.



Lunch Specials
Sept 12-16
11am - 1pm

Monday, September 12
Roast Beef, Cheese Potatoes

Tuesday, September 13
Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Corn

Wednesday, September 14
Beef Stroganoff, Green Beans

Thursday, September 15
Fried Chicken Dinners

Friday, September 16
Grilling on the Sidewalk

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Obituaries/From the Front

More than 20,000 were downtown for 2022 Parade

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He said road construction was a challenge, but the city getting 15th to 18th Streets on Avenue H open earlier this week helped because it will allow people to get around a bit easier. We're not delusional... just a bit easier.

But these folks aren't concerned about getting around easier. Their top priorities are the candy being thrown, the pageantry, the Moose's Bloody Marys, the coffee at Swed, the donuts from Harvestville Mercantile, and... the candy.

But as I walk through those posted at the curb in their lawn chairs, something washed over me this year. I really am new to this town.

Yeah, a lot of them are from out of town and there are close to 34,000 people in Lee County, so I don't know everyone. But it escapes me that so many are unfamiliar in this little town on this second Saturday in September every year.

It can only speak to this - how incredible is this event that C.E. Eddie Richards started with a stockyard rodeo almost 75 years ago.

Fort Madison, the town where most say there's nothing to do, packs 20,000 people on a downtown street, and then another 40,000 to 50,000 at a 4-day rodeo concentrated on about 250 acres at the top of the bluff in Fort Madison.

The stories that have come out of those campgrounds over the years should be compiled and be on every coffee table in Fort Madison.

But how did we do that? It's really kind of mind boggling.

Next year the 75th Anniversary will be ushered in with a new chairman as General Chair Tony Johnson steps down from the rotation this year, his fourth. The spot is typically a three-year post, but the pandemic added one for Johnson.

I've had many conversations with Tony over the past four or five years and when we talk about the uniqueness of this event and how year after year, they continue to put on one of the best outdoor rodeos in the upper Midwest, he just swipes it away.

Volunteers, he says. It's the people that come together from so many facets of life, with different perspectives and ideas. That dynamic that has stayed intact for so many decades is really one of the great stories of the upper Midwest.

The product, which is among the best anywhere, is the end result. The exhale if you will, full of energy, commitment, organization, and rodeo life.

But when you live in a community of about 10,000 and your community quadruples over the span of a week, even after 20 years of helping chronicle the events, it never doesn't amaze.

Congratulations Tony Johnson on a great run as Chairman, the Rodeo has grown under your leadership and despite some harrowing turns along the way - look what you guys did.... again.

I didn't stop for the Bloody Mary, or the donuts or coffee, or scramble for any candy, but taking a few minutes to talk to those people I did know was sweet enough - But that's Beside the Point.

Chuck Vandenberg is editor and co-owner of Pen City Current and can be reached at charles.v@pencitycurrent.com.

OBITUARIES

ERIC D. BRUMBAUGH

Eric Dennis Brumbaugh, 48, of Joliet, Illinois passed away Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at his home. He was born November 13, 1973 in Galesburg, Illinois, the son of Dennis and Kathy Ferrill Brumbaugh.



BRUMBAUGH

He was a 1991 graduate of the Dallas City, Illinois High School and received his bachelors degree in Geology from Western Illinois University in 1995. He also served in the National Guard. Eric worked as a land surveyor. He enjoyed reading, music and nature. Eric was an avid writer and was a member of writing clubs. He loved to play the guitar and often sang for nursing home residents. Eric was a member of the Burnside Christian Church.

He is survived by one daughter, Sadie Brumbaugh of Naperville, Illinois, his mother, Kathy Brumbaugh of Dallas City, one sister, Amy (Irakli) Shengelia of St. Louis, Missouri, one brother, Adam (Heidi) Brumbaugh of Geneseo, Illinois and seven nieces and nephews, Nikolas, David and Max Shengalia and Aubrey, Jackson, Liberty and Annika Brumbaugh.

He was preceded in death by his father and grandparents.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 24, 2022 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City with Mark Nichols officiating. Burial will follow in the Harris Cemetery near Dallas City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Foundation for Alcoholism Research, Inc (FAR). To leave a condolence for the family, please visit Eric's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

ROBERT L. RENCH

Robert L. Rensch, 93, of Keokuk, passed away on Saturday, September 10, 2022, at Montrose Health Center in Montrose, Iowa.

Robert was born on August 21, 1929, in Fairmont City, Illinois, the son of John and Nellie (Burkholder) Rensch. On April 9, 1960, he was united in marriage to his wife of 62 years, Betty Jean Monical, at the Second Presbyterian Church in Keokuk. She survives.



Robert was employed at Hubingers in Keokuk for 40 years and was active in the Keokuk community. He was a member of the V.F.W., the Moose Lodge, the Eagles Club and the Local #48 American Federation of Grain Millers. Robert served his country in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict, earning the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal and three Bronze Service Stars. He was honorably discharged.

Robert is survived by his wife Betty of Keokuk, his sister Bonnie, and several nieces and nephews.

Robert is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters.

A graveside service with military honors will be held at 10:30 am on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at Keokuk National Cemetery in Keokuk, Iowa. Military honors will be rendered by the American Legion Post #41 and the United States Army.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com.

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Sports

Albia 46, Central Lee 20

Central Lee shows no quit in loss to Albia

Gregory and Johnson held in check as Hawks offense stalls

JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

DONNELSON — Central Lee was down 21 points to Albia and the first quarter wasn't even close to being over.

But coach Chuck Banks had one request of his team.

"Don't quit," he said during a timeout.

The Hawks didn't.

Their 46-20 loss on Friday night may not have looked it from the score, but it was another step in the improvement of the Hawks (1-2), who might have let a game like this get ugly in the past.

"We're getting better," Banks said. "The guys have no quit in them, and I really appreciate that."

Albia (2-1) scored quickly, getting a touchdown on the second play of its opening possession when Justin Keller threw a 25-yard pass to Lance Helm for a 7-0 lead.

Keller threw a 13-yard touchdown pass to Landen Simpson on the next possession, then Albia got another score on a 4-yard run from Gage Oddo after an interception.

"Albia got shut out last week, and they came in with a lot of fire," Banks said.

This is when it could have gotten out of hand, but the Hawks responded to Banks' request.

Cory Jones intercepted Keller midway through the second quarter, returning it 28 yards for a touchdown to cut the lead to 21-6. But Albia answered right away, with Wyatt Beckwith taking the ensuing kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown and a 27-6 halftime lead.

Jones' 1-yard touchdown run to open the third quarter got the Hawks back within 27-12, but again



John Lovretta/Special to Pen City Current

Central Lee High School's Hunter Gregory (44) takes the ball down the field during the first half of their game against Albia High School, Friday, September 9, 2022 at Central Lee High School. Central Lee lost to Albia 20-46.

Albia answered when Oddo scored on a 5-yard run. Oddo's 1-yard touchdown run on the next possession boosted the lead to 40-12.

It was 46-12 in the closing minutes when Central Lee got its last points. Corbin Pohren scored on a 10-yard run, then added the two-point conversion running the same play.

"That was exciting, and that was a good way for us to end the game," Banks said.

Oddo rushed for 156 yards to lead Albia.

"We were able to do good stuff in all facets of the game, I thought," Banks said. "Hats off to Albia, they had a good game plan against us. We just have to make better reads."

Hunter Gregory rushed for 39 yards to lead Central Lee. Chase Johnson rushed for 35 yards.

"A lot of our linemen were banged up, but I thought we moved the ball well," Banks said. "We were able to move some younger guys into position, which is good varsity experience for them."

Central Lee plays host to top-ranked Williamsburg next Friday.

"It's an opportunity for us to play one of the best teams in the state," Banks said. "It's going to be a challenge for us, but it's a chance for us to get better."



John Lovretta/Special to Pen City Current

Central Lee High School's head coach Chuck Banks talks with Cory Jones (9) before the start of the second half of their game against Albia High School Friday.

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 Public Input
 Consider Approval of Third and Final Reading and Publication of Amended Election Ordinance

Consider Approval of First Reading of Amended Pioneer Cemetery Commission Ordinance Removing County Residency Requirement
 Discussion of Haul Road Agreement with NuStar Pipeline
 Consider Approval of Codification Services Agreement with Iowa Codification

Discussion of Proposed Alliant Energy Solar Field
 Consider Approval of Tuesday, September 6, 2022 Board Minutes

Consider Approval of Claims for Payment

Personnel Actions:
 A. Reclassification-Health Department Reports:
 A. Manure Management Annual Update for Mehmert Farms in Pleasant Ridge Township
 B. Sheriffs Monthly Report
 Commission or Committee Reports
 Adjourn

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Hounds overcome 1st quarter deficit in third straight game

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“I just knew I wasn’t going to miss it again. I walked up confident, The first one I missed I rushed, but this time I stayed calm. I was ready. I wasn’t going to miss another one,” he said.

Boeding almost got a chance to put the Hounds up two minutes earlier when the Hounds drove to the Trojans three and were facing 4th and goal. Head Coach Derek Doherty lined Fort Madison up for the field goal try but then let the play clock go all the way down to chew up some clock before calling time out.

After the timeout the team came out in regular formation, and the shotgun snap got past quarterback Aiden Boyer who fell on it at the 14 turning it over to the Trojans.

On the next play, the Hounds defense came up big, popping Fairfield’s Miles McEntee who coughed up the ball and Fort Madison recovered.

Teague Smith, who finished with 81 yards on 23 carries, got 3 yards each on the first two carries from scrimmage and then Boyer couldn’t get in forcing Doherty to bring Boeding back for the successful try.

The Trojans got a strong kick return to their own 42 yard line, but an ineligible receiver penalty on the next play put them back five yards and the next pass from Tate Allen fell harmlessly to the ground giving Fort Madison the win.

“It’s a credit to the kids. To be honest we drive them and are very demanding of them. Monday through Thursday they may not fully understand why and then you get in a tight game like this,” he said.

“That was our message at halftime, This is why we train the way we do for these types of slugfests. We’re built for this.”

Fairfield got on the board first with a 23-yard scoring strike from Allen to McEntee who slipped down the right sideline while Allen scrambled around in the pocket.

Fort Madison, who’s trailed by a touchdown in the first quarter in every game this year, responded with a 11-play 52 yard drive that stalled at the Trojan 32 when Boyer was stopped on a keeper on 4th and 2.

Fairfield came back with an 11-play drive of its own to the Hounds’ 31, and went for a field goal on 4th and 8, but the Hounds’ Tanner Settles got a hand up to block it.

The Hounds then went 65 yards on 13 plays capped by senior Nathaniel Swigart’s catch from 11 yards out diving at the pylon. Boeding’s PAT tied things up at 7.

That’s the way it would stay through the first half. Fort Madison took possession to start the second half and were snakebit on a four and out. Senior Kane Williams returned the ball into Trojan territory but an illegal block brought the ball all the way back to the Hounds’ 17-yard line.

Then Williams and Boyer almost hooked up on a 30-yard pass play down the right sideline in front of the Bloodhound bench, but Williams lost his footing near the sideline and dropped the pass for what would have been a 35 yard gain.

The Hounds would be forced to punt and Fairfield would go on the run again with a heavy diet of McEntee. But on 2nd and 9 from the 22, Allen dropped back and threw under his receiver allowing Henry Wiseman to step in and get the interception.

Defense was the name of the game for both sides until the fourth quarter with each team suffering four-and-outs in the following possessions.

Fairfield would get on the board again in the fourth when Allen found Max Wheaton on a crossing pattern at the endzone for a 13-7 lead. The PAT would fail.

Williams got loose on the ensuing kickoff and brought the ball all the way back to the Trojan 27-yard line, where three plays later, Swigart would score again from nine yards out on a jet screen from Boyer to the right.

Swigart cut inside on the catch and then stepped outside to shake the corner off at his hips and raced in to the endzone to tie the game at 13.

“I’m a veteran returner and I’ve been doing this for three years so feel it’s my job to get us good field position and get some yards,” Williams said.

“This is phenomenal - a great win.”

Swigart finished with 50 yards on five catches and two scores. Boyer was 15-20 passing for 148 yards and the two



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Fort Madison’s Nathaniel Swigart dives past the pylon at the goal line for the Hounds’ first touchdown of the night Friday in Fairfield. Swigart had two touchdown receptions on the night. Below, Daniel Sokolik brings down Miles McEntee for a loss, but received a penalty on the play for roughness.



TDs without an interception.

Senior Daniel Sokolik who plays on both offensive and defensive lines for the Hounds, said they just had to keep making plays.

“The last two games I wasn’t so productive I didn’t think. So tonight I needed to come out and change that and help the team. I felt really good today,” he said.

“We knew we needed to stop them on defense and get to our offense drives and score some points.”

Doherty said the adversity is bringing the Hounds into proper form.

“Blowouts are fun and nice because we get to coast, but sometimes its good for the kids just to see what they’re made of,” he said.

“Life lessons - when things get tough what are you going to do? And tonight our kids went all in and we appreciate that about them.

“What a Friday night. This is what they’re supposed to be like. I want to give our coaches of ton of credit for the adjustments they made tonight.”

Hayden Segoviano and sophomore Cory Arnett lead the team in tackles with nine each. Brody Cashman had a big sack in the 4th quarter. Both of his tackles were solo for losses.

The Hounds return home for a tilt with Washington next week.

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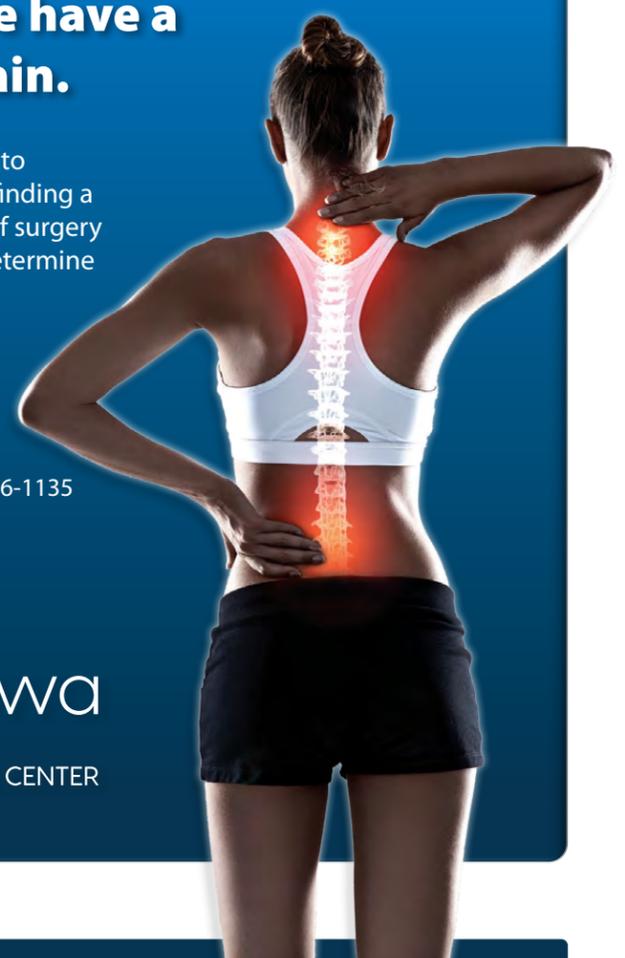
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