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# Summer camp kicks off



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison Activities Director Jeff Lamb tries to avoid exploding water balloons Tuesday afternoon at the Baxter Sports Complex as part of a week-long summer activities camp put on by Fort Madison School District. The camp gives students an opportunity to explore different activities and sports.

## FMCS D: Activities Director Lamb rolls out new summer activity camp in FM

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – He may have picked the hottest week of the summer, but the rewards for the Fort Madison School District and its families may be felt longer than the current heatwave.

Fort Madison Activities Director Jeff Lamb took a page out of a state college's playbook and took on a summer activities camp that kicked off Monday at Pollmiller Park.

"Today they're doing baseball, softball, soccer, and volleyball," Lamb said on his way across the Baxter Sports Complex in close to 100-degree heat.

Part of the program included a little cooling off with a water balloon fight on the soccer field at the sports complex on the city's west side.

"Loras College has a sports camp and they do a week-long camp where they have kids pick sports they are interested in. I just thought that was a good idea and said, yeah, we're gonna do that here," he said.

"For them its pretty cool."

Lamb's son got to go to the college for five days and was able to try a wide array of sports, so Lamb wanted to try the camp locally.

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## MUSIC IN THE PARK

# Old Settlers' LMNOP show moved to FM Methodist Church

FORT MADISON - The Old Settlers' Association announced Monday that the first summer Music in the Park event will be moved to Fort Madison United Methodist Church due to excessive heat being projected for the area on Friday.

Food will begin at 4:30 p.m. with

music starting at 5 p.m. No food will be allowed in the sanctuary where the concert will be held. A limited menu of chips, home baked desserts, pop, and water will be available.

LMNOP will be playing on Friday at the church.

Restrooms are available on both

floors of the church.

The event remains a free event, but donations are welcome to offset some of the costs of the summer music in Old Settlers' Park in Fort Madison. The Old Settlers' Association puts on three shows, one each month of the summer in June, July, and August.

## CAMPAIGN

# Tourism board kicks off new QR campaign

Clings will display code that will help visitors "Find Their Fort Madison"

PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Tourism Board is launching a QR Code campaign with the tagline "Find Your Fort Madison".

Tourism Director Chi Eastin issued a statement on Tuesday about the new program.

"It's summer travel season in the Fort Madison area and we are delighted to greet visitors from around the world who have come to explore our local attractions. To ensure everyone enjoys a stress-free stay, the Fort Madison Tourism Office is dedicated to providing ample assistance to tourists and locals alike.

Our goal is to ensure visitors have access to a variety of area brochures, especially in high-traffic locations such as hotels, restaurants, museums, the Amtrak Depot, and our new summer tourism office at the Santa Fe Depot," Eastin said.

"I personally restock brochure racks weekly during this busy travel season and am available to answer questions at the office. However, recognizing that we can't be available 24/7, we've introduced a QR Tourism Cling to provide essential information to visitors when they need it."

The QR codes are featured on 4"x4" white clings bearing the tourism board's marketing campaign tagline, "Find your Fort Madison." They will be strategically placed throughout the community for visitors to scan while on a stroll, planning their day at a hotel, or dining at local restaurants.

Scanning the QR code directs visitors to a dedicated landing page on the Fort Madison Tourism website, offering guid-

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# Sports

## Seven errors too much to overcome in Hound boys' loss

**SWEEP:** Bloodhounds drop 8-7, 7-4 games to BHS Monday night in Burlington

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

BURLINGTON – The Bloodhound baseball team is playing with a lot of underclassmen this year and, in Head Coach Albert Schinstock's second year as head coach, are still learning the game and his system.

But Schinstock still expects them to be competitive.

The Hounds (3-4 Southeast Conference, 7-11 overall) dropped a double-header to Burlington on the road Monday night.

Schinstock said youth and a key injury is hampering the team a little, but not enough to not be in every game.

"We are (young) but at the same time we should be really competitive," he said. "We're gonna keep battling. I wasn't expecting to lose two tonight."

In the opener, the Bloodhounds trailed by two going into the sixth inning but tied things up on a two-out Luke Hellige bloop single over second base that scored Reece Huey. Hunter Cresswell drove in Brody Cashman with a fielder's choice in the previous at-bat. Cashman singled to get on, Huey followed with a double to center. Tateum Schelich would ground out to end the threat tied at 7.

Burlington would get a run in the bottom half to break up the tie. Schelich gave up a single to start the inning to Grayhound senior Gabe Robinson, but would pick him off at first on the second pitch to Ian Mason. Mason would ground out for the second out. Christos Kantzavelos then singled and stole second and third to set up what would be the game-winning run when Caden Barnes' throw to first on a Logan Messer grounder bounced under Hellige's glove to allow Kantzavelos to score on the play.

Fort Madison wouldn't get a run in the top of the seventh going 1-2-3 to end the game.

Schelich suffered the loss, going two innings and giving up two hits and two runs, neither earned, while fanning two and walking one. Hellige got the start going four innings, surrendering six runs, three earned on six hits, while striking out three and walking two. The Hounds committed five errors in the game and outhit Burlington 10-8 in the loss.

Schinstock said those are going to happen, but surrendering scores every inning didn't help either.

"They compound an inning. We gave up a run every inning, and we still competed."

The Bloodhounds are playing without incoming freshman Owen Huffman, who has a .500 on-base percentage and anchors right field.

"Owen has been out for the past two weeks. Mike (Fuller) is doing a decent job in right field, but that takes away a .500 on-base and he's a solid fielder. That takes some options away from us," Schinstock said.

A four-run third inning spelled doom for Fort Madison in the nightcap. The Hounds held leads of 2-0 and 4-2 before giving up the big bottom of the third inning. Cresswell got Messer to ground out to start the inning, but then a walk to Josh Zahner, a single to Adrian Perez-Hall, a single to pitcher Evan Hecox, and a walk to catcher Brody Guernsey loaded the bases. Michael Kantzavelos then hit into a fielder's choice scoring Guernsey to tie things up at 4-all with two outs. A wild pitch would bring another run in before Mason single and



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Aidan Mitchell almost beats out a base hit but gets tagged in the seventh inning of game 1 of the Bloodhounds' double-header loss to Burlington Monday night in Burlington. Fort Madison would lose the opener 8-7 and the nightcap 7-4.

scored Kantzavelos for a 6-4 Grayhound lead. Stefan Berlett would come on in relief of Cresswell who was nearing 85 pitches and frustrated with the strike zone. Berlett would get a foul out to end the inning.

Schinstock said pitching hasn't been too much of a problem with Cresswell and Hellige being able to go deep into games.

"The top end isn't terrible, but when we get later in the week is where we struggle. Hunter and Luke do a good job. The second game tonight, the strike zone was tight, but it was for both teams."

Fort Madison also saw Caden Barnes behind the plate for the first time in more than a year. The senior got some work blocking some of Berlett's off-speed stuff that bounced early on.

The Hounds couldn't put anything together in the 5th through the 7th despite having a baserunner in each frame.

Cresswell went 2 2/3 giving up five hits and six runs, five earned, while fanning five and walking six. Berlett finished the game giving up two hits and one run earned on two strikeouts and three walks.

Huey, Schelich, and Hellige had the only hits for Fort Madison. Hellige connected on an RBI double down the right field line in the top of the first for the only Bloodhound RBI on the night.

Burlington was led by Messer at the plate. He went 2-for-4 with a run scored and an RBI. Hecox got the win going five innings, allowing four hits and four runs, one earned, while striking out nine Bloodhounds and walking four.

Burlington improves to 5-5 in the conference and 8-10 overall with the sweep.

Fort Madison travels to Muscatine on Wednesday and then hosts Burlington on Thursday before traveling to Keokuk on Friday.

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## Obituaries/From the Front

# FM staff holds summer camp for area youth

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“Our kids here will get to try everything, too.”

The students were broken into different groups. Lamb said they had about 76 students Monday at Pollmiller Park near West Point where they did activities like canoeing and archery.

On Tuesday about 85 students were at the Sports Complex from about 8:30 to 4 p.m.

Lamb said the idea is to not only produce additional athletes in the system, but more importantly to give kids exposure to activities that they may want to expand on in their future, not just in the district.

The program will run through Friday and features the district coaches and high school students as camp mentors. Lamb said more than 170 kids signed up for different days and activities.

# Businesses encouraged to put up clings in their windows

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ance on lodging, dining, shopping, the event calendar, and more.

“This QR code is accessible at any time, which is particularly beneficial for visitors arriving after regular business hours,” Eastin added. “We’re excited about the 2024 travel season and working closely with local businesses to showcase our community using this innovative tool to help visitors ‘Find their Fort Madison!’”

The Tourism Office will be contacting area businesses in the coming weeks to discuss displaying these clings in their store fronts. For more information, businesses are encouraged to reach out to the office at [tourism@fortmadison.com](mailto:tourism@fortmadison.com).

## OBITUARIES

### LYNN M. HARDY

Lynn Marie Hardy, 64, of Keokuk, IA died Sunday, June 16, 2024 at her home. She was born on May, 25, 1960 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of William J. and Helen Menke Calhoun. Lynn graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 1978.



HARDY

She was united in marriage to Jerry Lee Hardy in 2001. He preceded her in death on June 10, 2007. Lynn was a dedicated employee of Roquette America for over 40 years until her retirement. She was a member of All Saints Catholic Church.

Lynn and Jerry enjoyed talking about good times with friends at the end of their day. She enjoyed extensively researching genealogy and tracing her family history back several generations. She had a love for animals. She also enjoyed traveling. She was a fantastic care giver for her husband and her parents. She went to the nursing home every night to check on her father to make sure he had the best of care. Lynn was the best daughter, sister and wife. She was also a special aunt to her many nieces and nephews.

She is survived by her brother, Dan Calhoun (Colleen) of Poplar Grove, IL and a sister, Kathy Jobe (Leonard) of Sandusky, IA as well as her many nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband, she was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, David Calhoun (Carol).

A funeral service will be held Thursday, June 20 at 11:00 a.m. at Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk. Burial will be held in the Keokuk National Cemetery.

Visitation will be held prior to the service from 10-11 a.m., Thursday, at the funeral home with family meeting with friends at that time.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to All Saints Parrish.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

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Sports

# Lady Hounds take one from No. 12 Burlington

**DOUBLEHEADER SPLIT:** Helmick throws 2-hit gem as Hounds take opener of doubleheader Monday

BY CHIUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

BURLINGTON – The Fort Madison Bloodhounds walked away from Monday night’s doubleheader split with Burlington feeling pretty good about the night.

Not only did senior Lauryn Helmick hand the Grayhounds their first Southeast Conference loss of the year, and did it on the road, but junior Brylie Lorence hit her first homer of the year that proved to be the game-one winner.

Lorence hit a low flyball deep to right center that cleared the yellow fencetop in a hurry for a two-run homer. The hit came with one out on a full-count. Lorence rounded the bases with a big smile on her face and was mobbed at home by the Fort Madison girls.

The homer came after Helmick scored on a fielder’s choice by Alivia Holmes after the Bloodhounds opened the game with back-to-back walks off Burlington starter Kylee Hill, who took the loss. Hill just missed tying the game in the bottom of the seventh when her towering fly to left center was caught high by the Lady Hounds’ Taylor Johnson at the fence near the foul pole down the left field line.

Burlington scored their only run of the game in the bottom of the first inning when Ava Fawcett scored tagging from third on a fly to center off the bat of

Mady Taeger that Olivia Buckner tracked down on the run.

Fort Madison got some solid defense in the outfield with several catches on the run and up against the fence. Johnson caught a short fly to left center on her knees sliding toward center in the bottom of the third inning.

Helmick’s line was one of the best of her season, allowing just two hits to the potent Grayhound offense. She struck out four and walked five surrendering just the one earned run.

She worked out of two bases-loaded scenarios, including a third-out strikeout of Hill on a rise ball in the bottom of the second.

Elle Ruble went 2-for-3 with a run scored, and Elizabeth Tanner was 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Fort Madison on offense. Helmick and Lorence had the other hits for the Hounds. Burlington got hits from Fawcett and Ava Brandenburg.

The Grayhounds regrouped and shut down Fort Madison in the nightcap with a nice breeze blowing out at Wagner Field.

The 11-1 affair lasted just 5 ½ innings as the 10-run rule was invoked when Fort Madison couldn’t pick up another run in the top half. Lorence followed a Grayhound error that put Ruble on with a one-out single. Johnson would then



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The Lady Hounds’ Brylie Lorence rounds second with a big smile after belting what would be a game-winning two-run homer to deep right-center in the top of the 1st inning. It was the junior’s first home run of the year.

slap a single into center scoring Ruble and leaving two runners on, but Tanner would ground into a 4-3 double play to end the game.

Burlington would put up a big six-run fourth inning where Fort Madison committed three errors for an 11-0 lead going into the fifth. Hill belted her first homer of the year on a 1-2 offering from Fort Madison’s Emma Snaadt in the bottom of the third.

Burlington outhit the Hounds just 10-8

in the nightcap. Buckner went 2-for-2 at the plate. Ruble, Holmes, Lorence, Johnson, Tanner, and Kylie Lumino all had hits for the Hounds.

Fort Madison (4-5, 6-10) hosts Davenport North in a doubleheader Wednesday at Baxter Sports Complex and then Burlington (9-1, 13-4) comes into town for a single game Thursday. They travel to the Linn-Mar/Alburnett tourney on Friday in Marion.



Fort Madison’s Lauryn Helmick delivers a pitch in the second inning of Monday night’s first game win for the Bloodhounds over Burlington.



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- I. Excused absences
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Approval of minutes
  - a. Worksession April 18
  - b. May 16
- V. Approval of the Bills
- VI. Correspondence
- VII. Director's Report
- a. Financial

- b. Personnel
- c. Programming
- d. Collection Development
- e. Operations
- f. Facilities
- g. Professional
- VIII. Unfinished Business
- IX. New Business
  - a. Strategic Plan Update
- X. Trustee Education – Review Library Tier Standards: Chapter 4, Library Collections  
Adjourn until July 18, 2024, 5:30 pm.

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
MEETING NOTICE**

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LEE COUNTY COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2024 AT THE FORT MADISON VA OFFICE, 701 AVENUE F FORT MADISON, IA AT 12:00 NOON.

The agenda includes: 0 requests for Veterans financial assistance, May 2024 monthly financial

report, minutes, monthly client report, and planning for upcoming outreach events.

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fort Madison Community School District Work Session/  
Special Meeting  
06/05/2024 - 06:00 PM  
Central Office Board Room  
1930 Avenue M  
Fort Madison, Iowa 52627  
MEETING MINUTES**

Attendees  
Voting Members Amy Thacher, Director Josh Wykert, Board President Mio Santiago, Vice President Paul Wilkerson, Director Keith Hehr, Director Kelly Nelton, Director Non-Voting Members Dr. Erin Slater, Superintendent Kim Harmon, Dir. of Curriculum, Sp. Ed & Student Services Sandy Elmore, Director of Business Services  
I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum The meeting was called to order by

President Wykert at 6:00 p.m. II. Consider approval of agenda Motion made by: Mio Santiago Motion seconded by: Paul Wilkerson Voting: Unanimously Approved i. Consider approval of Tentative Agreement with FMEA for 2024-2025 school year. Motion made by: Mio Santiago Motion seconded by: Keith Hehr Voting: Unanimously Approved ii. Consider approval of the Master Bargaining Agreement with FMEA for the 2024-2025 school year Motion made by: Mio Santiago Motion seconded by: Keith Hehr Voting: Unanimously Approved iii. Consider approval of the FMEA salary list for the 2024-2025 school year Motion made by: Paul Wilkerson Fort Madison CSD Work Session/Special Meet-

ing 06/05/2024 - 06:00 PM  
Central Office Board Room 1930 Avenue M Fort Madison, Iowa 52627  
Motion seconded by: Amy Thacher Voting: Unanimously Approved iv. Set a public hearing for June 19 for proposals for potential lease, sale or the disposition of Richardson Elementary School and Lincoln Elementary School. Motion made by: Mio Santiago Motion seconded by: Kelly Nelton Voting: Unanimously Approved v. Consider approval of instructional materials purchase for the 2024-2025 school year Motion made by: Mio Santiago Motion seconded by: Paul Wilkerson Voting: Unanimously Approved vi. Spring Data Workshop The Spring assessment data was reviewed. Discussion followed. III. Announce-

ments i. Regular Board Meeting: June 19, 2024, 6:00 p.m. - Central Office Board Room ii. Regular Board Meeting: July 17, 2024, 6:00 p.m. - Central Office Board Room IV. Adjourn  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Motion made by: Mio Santiago Motion seconded by: Kelly Nelton Voting: Unanimously Approved

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### For the Record

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06/17/24 - 10:34 - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 500 block of 9th Street.  
 06/17/24 - 2:39 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 500 block of Avenue D.

**Lee County Sheriff's Report**

06/17/24 - no activity was reported.

**Keokuk Police Report**

06/17/24 - 8:42 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 100 block of Bank Street.  
 06/17/24 - 9:11 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2000 block of S. 7th Street.  
 06/17/24 - 12:15 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1200 block of Johnson Street.  
 06/17/24 - 5:21 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a

property damage accident in the 2300 block of Main Street.  
 06/17/24 - 9:04 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1100 block of Exchange Street.  
 06/18/24 - 2:03 am. - Keokuk Police arrested a 17-year-old female juvenile in the 2800 block of Main Street on a charge of driving while barred. She was scheduled for juvenile court.  
*Those individuals listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

### Last dollar scholarships available at SCC

WEST BURLINGTON, Iowa - Iowa residents entering one of 20 programs at SCC this fall could earn a degree tuition-free thanks to the Last-Dollar Scholarship program.  
 The Last-Dollar Scholarship is a state-funded program for Iowans who are new high school graduates starting college full-time or adult learners starting college at least part-time, have

applied for all other available aid, and plan to earn a credential for a job identified by the State of Iowa as high-demand.  
 Part of the State of Iowa's Future Ready Iowa initiative, the goal is to build Iowa's talent pipeline by boosting education beyond a high school diploma to give students the skills that employers are seeking.  
 "The Last-Dollar Scholarship

provides huge relief for Iowa families trying to cover the cost of college," said SCC West Burlington Campus Admissions Coordinator Dana Chrisman. "It brings earning a college degree within their reach."  
 People interested in the program must complete their SCC application for admission and the free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) by July 15. B



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Moving crews hauled two pieces of equipment through Fort Madison Tuesday afternoon. The pieces were to be assembled at the Iowa Fertilizer Co. facility in Wever. City and private crews worked together to get the pieces from the river to the fertilizer plant and had to adjust several traffic signals at 15th and 18th streets to get the pieces down Avenue H.



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