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HELLMAN WALKS OFF HTC

EXTRA INNINGS: Holy Trinity girls get regional win over W-MU 10-9 in nine innings

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT – There's so many things to say about the Holy Trinity Catholic girls' softball comeback win Wednesday night over Winfield-Mt. Union.

HTC head coach Loren Menke said he had thousands of thoughts about the game that went nine innings before the Lady Crusaders walked off with a 10-9 win over Winfield-Mt. Union in Class 1A District 12 quarterfinals at South Park in West Point.

"I think I had about 5,000 thoughts during the game," Menke said.

"If we'd have done this this way, or if this call had gone that way or if that call had been a strike. There's so many different ways this game could have gone."

What did go the Crusaders way was Ellie Hellman's RBI double to center in the bottom of the ninth that drove in Morgan Krogmeier with the game-winning run.

Menke threw his hat up in the air and the celebration was on, but the very young Lady Crusader softball team hadn't let it sink in that the game was over and kept running the

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Holy Trinity Catholic freshman Ellie Hellman talks with KHQA's Chris Duerr following her walk-off game-winner Wednesday night at South Park. The Crusaders won 10-9 in the Class 1A District 12 quarterfinals over Winfield-Mt. Union in nine innings.

COMMENTARY

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



98-year-old throws out pitch at Bees

On June 20, 98-year old Vern Dorothy of Mt. Pleasant, a World War II Navy Veteran, threw out the first pitch at a Burlington Bees baseball game. The crowd, with more than polite applause, cheered wildly as the stadium sound system struck up "Anchors Aweigh." It's the third year in a row for Vern throwing out the first pitch at a Bees game.

It all started four years ago when Mark Kimzey, of Kimzey Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, decided he'd rather do something different for his staff instead of the traditional Christmas party. A long-time Bees fan, he thought, "Why not reserve the Hall-of-Fame Suite at the stadium and bring my staff over for a Bees game? It beats the heck out of a Christmas party any day."

After a year or so of doing this, Bees' management asked Mark if he'd like to throw out the first pitch. Mark declined but said that he knew someone who would be better suited for the honor. He suggested Vern Dorothy.

Vern and his wife, Carolyn, were longtime, part-time staff at Kimzey Funeral Home. Carolyn helped out at funerals as a visitation hostess, and Vern performed maintenance work. In fact, Mark Kimzey credits Vern as the reason the funeral home is still standing. Vern can repair anything.

Vern comes by his maintenance abilities naturally. In addition to working at the Dexter Company in Fairfield for 45 years, he and his wife Carolyn farmed for 48. Farmers of that ilk were part mechanic, carpenter

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CITY NEWS

Fort Madison to host reunion for area Jaycees, Jaycee Ettes

PCC Staff

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison will be hosting the annual "Old Timer's Reunion" of past members of the Iowa Jaycees and Jaycee Ettes at the Cobblestone Hotel, 4901 Avenue O in Fort Madison on July 12-14.

The picnic, meeting and social time is sponsored by the Iowa Junior Chamber International Senate organization and all past organization members are invited to stop in and enjoy the social time Friday evening and Saturday.

Several years ago southeast Iowa had

over 50 Jaycee and Jaycee-ette Chapters with many members but today only 14 chapters remain in Iowa.

Any questions may be referred to Andy Andrews, Fort Madison, 319-371-5379 or Pam Robinson, Danville at 319-759-0435.

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OBITUARIES

CONSTANCE GARCIA

Constance "Connie" Garcia, 73, of Keokuk, passed away on Friday, June 28, 2024, at Southeast Iowa Behavioral Healthcare Center in Keokuk.

Connie was born on November 17, 1950, in Des Moines, Iowa, the daughter of Herculano "Pete" and Emma (Sapp) Garcia. She graduated from Keokuk High School in 1969. She was a cook and worked as a cook and at Deluxe Dry Cleaners in Keokuk. She attended Calvary Foursquare Church in Keokuk and enjoyed music and singing. She was an avid Philadelphia Eagles fan as well. Connie was the definition of a people person, and was always outgoing and flirty. Everyone who met her loved her.

GARCIA

Connie is survived by four children: Donnetta "Dawn" Spoore (Steve), Pete Garcia (Mary), Andy Ford and Christopher Ford; nine grandchildren: Stephanie Adams (Justin), Steven Spoore (Jaley), Samuel Spoore (Stephanie), Chelsey Shedd (Tony), Dakota Shedd, Megan Garcia, Ashleigh Garcia, Apollo Ford and Huxley Ford; sixteen great-grandchildren: Wyatt and Atlas Adams, Haylee, Emberley and Rylan Spoore, Carter Hawkins, Zeke Spoore, Elysia and Azzie Gonzalez, Dakota Dominguez, Carlos Shedd, Kali, Rash and Jayden Martinez, and Jon and Alaina Stewart; two brothers Rod Horton and Ronald (Sherry) Horton; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Connie is preceded in death by her parents Pete and Emma Garcia, her birth mother Viola Miller (Stoops), her infant son Theodore Garcia, and two brothers: Robert Woods and Timothy McCrory.

A graveside service will be held at noon on Monday, July 8, 2024, at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Keokuk. Visitation will be held on Monday, July 8, from 10 to 11:30 am at Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk, 917 Blondeau Street.

Memorials may be directed to Calvary Foursquare Church.

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

Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

Pen City Current obituary policy

Pen City 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. Reposting of obituaries due to changes can only be requested by the submitting funeral home and will be assessed a \$15 reposting fee.

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PHILLIP R. GOLDIE

Phillip Richard "Rick" Goldie, 72 years, of Denmark, Iowa died Sunday, June 30, 2024 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House, West Burlington, Iowa. He was born October 23, 1951 at Keokuk, Iowa, a son of Manson Phillip and Lucille May (Rhodes) Goldie. On April 29, 1972, he married Cynthia Ann Naschert at the Denmark Congregational United Church of Christ, Denmark, Iowa.



GOLDIE

He graduated from the Fort Madison High School in 1969. Rick loved spending time with his family, fishing, hunting, and NASCAR. He loved telling stories.

He is survived by his wife Cynthia Ann Goldie of Denmark, Iowa; his mother Lucille Goldie of Denmark, Iowa; his children: Tishly Ann (Harvie) Herrington of Eldridge, Iowa and Ted James (Mindy) Goldie of Fort Madison, Iowa; sister, Gloria Gregory of West Point, Iowa; five grandchildren: Harli Herrington, Parker Herrington, Harvie Herrington, Phillip Goldie, and Claire Goldie; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father and sister, Linda Louck.

His family will greet friends from 9:30 - 10:30 am Wednesday, July 3, 2024 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison, where his Memorial Service will follow and begin at 10:30 am Wednesday with Pastor Jon Heyland officiating. Burial will be at the Denmark Cemetery, Denmark. A memorial has been established for the Denmark Fire and Rescue and the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice, contributions may be left at Barr Memorial Chapel. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Goldie family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

KAY L. HERMES

Kay Lynn Hermes, 60, of Wever, IA, passed away on Saturday, July 6, 2024 at her home. She was born on December 4, 1963 in Keokuk, IA to John & Gloria Merschbrock Beaty and was raised by her grandparents, Ellory & Edwinna Beaty. She married John Johnson and they later divorced. She then married Roger Hermes and they later divorced. She was a Community Support Worker for Optima Life Services for many years and enjoyed reading and spending time with her dog, Rocky.



HERMES

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Kay is survived by: 2-daughters: Renee Lynch of Fort Madison, IA & Nicole (Samuel) Myers of St. Louis, MO; 7-grandchildren: Dylan Johnson, Kylie Lynch, Brody Johnson, Hayden Lynch, Mikayla Lynch, Chaizly Lynch & Maia Myers and 5-siblings: Joyce Beaty, Scott Beaty, Rick Beaty, Chad Beaty & Artis Beaty. She was preceded in death by: her parents, grandparents, 1-son: John Allen Johnson, 1-brother: John Owen Beaty & 1-sister: Shelly Beaty.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences to Kay's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

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TAMMY GARCIA

Tammy Garcia, 57 of Montrose passed away Saturday, July 6, 2024 at her home in Montrose.

She was born June 12, 1967 in Keokuk, the daughter of Joseph and Dorothy Ham-mel Manewal.



GARCIA

On October 20, 2007, she was united in marriage to Gavino Garcia III in Montrose. He survives.

She is also survived by her six children, Melissa Skinner, Allan Skinner (Tiffany Marliere), Keith Skinner (Mary), Tiffany Skinner (Jake Stewart), Adam Skinner (Jennifer Fortner) and Josh Skinner (Jennifer), sixteen grandchildren, Conner Derr, Decker Derr, Aubrey Fox, Trestin Fox, Kaden Fox, Baylee Stewart, Brighton Stewart, Camden Stewart, Klover Roberts, Jacey Marliere, Ace Marliere, B.J. Atterberg, Mackenzie Shaw, Madison Shaw, Brayden Shaw, and Paisley Skinner and three great grandchildren, Mateo Mendonca, Draylee Mendonca, and Finnley Poje. She is also survived by five sisters, Judy Jones, Sue Burgess (Rick) Connie Jones, Donna Manewal and Dianna Manewal, her mother-in-law, Beatrice Garcia, along with many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, Cindy Peak, Nancy Jean Manewal and Elizabeth Lowry and two brothers, Joseph Manewal and Randy Manewal and her father-in-law, Gavino Gracia Jr.

Tammy was a true jack of all trades, and was willing to give a helping hand to anyone that needed it. Her creativity shone through in her quilting and sewing. She enjoyed gifting the blankets she made to her children and grandchildren. Tammy loved being in the outdoors, mushroom hunting, fishing and gardening.

A visitation will be held Wednesday, July 10 at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with the family meeting with friends from 5- 7 p.m., followed by a memorial service.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

OBITUARIES

DONALD D. WARD

Donald Dean Ward, 86, of Donnellson, Iowa, formerly of Bonaparte, passed away at 10:22 a.m. Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison, Iowa.



WARD

He was born on November 29, 1937, in Keosauqua, Iowa, the son of Alva George and Laurece (Nelson) Ward. On April 26, 1959, he married Connie Randolph in Bonaparte, Iowa.

He is survived by his wife: Connie; children: Alan Ward of Bonaparte, Dennis Ward of Alabama, Linda Green of Bonaparte; grandchildren: Andy (Jackie) Ward, Wyatt (Wendy) Ward, Ian (Julie) Ward, Emily (Mike) Ward - Thal, Jake (Christy) Ward, Zach (Anna) Kreiss, Colby (Katie) Kreiss, Nathan (Hannah) Losey, Trae Green and fourteen great grandchildren. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; twin siblings in infancy; two sisters: Susan and Dixie; two brothers: Mike and Jim.

Don was a 1955 graduate of Bonaparte High School. He served in the United States Army. He worked for Ortho and then as a safety officer in the chemical industry for McCulley Consulting. Don enjoyed woodworking and building model airplanes.

The family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 13, 2024, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 13, 2024, at Thompson Cemetery near Bonaparte with full military rites presented by the Bonaparte American Legion Sargeant - Osweiler Post #563.

A memorial has been established, in his memory, for the Donnellson Fire and Rescue.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.



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BARBARA S. AKERS

Barbara S. Akers, 66, of Burlington, died Thursday, July 4, 2024, in Mediapolis.

Born September 19, 1957, in Burlington, she was the daughter of Douglas Allen and Bonnie Jean Distelhorst Wyss. On February 1, 1977 she married Jerry Akers Sr. He preceded her in death on April 9, 1997. On January 2, 1999 she married Robert Schneider. They later divorced but remained lifelong friends.



AKERS

Barbara worked as the supervisor of housekeeping at the Nauvoo Temple and Ft. Madison hospital.

Barbara was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She enjoyed crocheting, genealogy, traveling, camping with her family, and feeding missionaries. She really loved Eeyore from Winnie the Pooh and had a vast collection of figurines and stuffed animals.

Survivors include two daughters, Rachel (Nick) Kemp of DeForest, WI and Ashley (Josh) Gelsthorpe of Ft. Madison; one step-son, Jerry Akers Jr. of West Point; seven grandchildren, Nathan Kemp, Natalie Kemp, Norah Kemp, Nolan Kemp, Conner Gelsthorpe, Lillian Gelsthorpe, and Leah Gelsthorpe; one sister, Tammy (David) Yotter of Mediapolis; and longtime friend, Robert E. Schneider of Burlington.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and a brother in infancy, Ronald Wyss.

Visitation with the family to receive friends will be from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM Monday, July 8, 2024 at Prugh Funeral Service, 3940 Division Street.

The funeral service for Barbara Akers will be 10:00 AM Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with Bishop Dan Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in Burlington Memorial Park Cemetery. A time of food and fellowship will be held at the church following the burial.

A memorial has been established for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

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 Barbara's obituary at www.prughfuneral.com.

Barbara's family would like to thank all of her caregivers for the wonderful care they had provided to her over the years.

OBITUARIES

DEAN C. WEBER

Dean C. Weber, 78, of Argyle, Iowa, passed away at 7:13 p.m. Monday, July 1, 2024, at his home.

He was born on March 9, 1946, in Keokuk, Iowa, the son of Edward V. and Bernice (Behner) Weber. On July 26, 1975, he married Kathy Mesecher in Argyle, Iowa.



WEBER

He is survived by his wife: Kathy; daughter: Heidi Weber; sons: Jarad (Hollie) Weber, Levi Weber; grandchildren: Aubrey, Kellen, Kristen; siblings: Marilyn Gardner of Keokuk, Gene Weber of Des Moines, Bernie (Loren) Weber - Munson of Stone Mountain, Georgia, Gerri (Ken) Weber - Lane of Rock Island, Illinois; brothers and sisters-in-law: Larry Mesecher, Steven (Patricia) Mesecher, Stanley (Janet) Mesecher and Juliene (Alfred) Spiker. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother: Wes and sister-in-law: June.

Dean was a 1964 graduate of Central Lee High School. He attended Southeastern Community College and Northeast Missouri State University. Dean was a lifelong farmer in the Argyle area. He drove a school bus for Central Lee Schools and retired from Ideal Ready Mix this year, after over thirty-four years. He served in the National Guard, attended and was active at the Cowboy Church in Wayland. Dean enjoyed working on the farm, riding horses, caring for livestock and camping.

A visitation was held from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, July 7, 2024, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson.

The family received friends from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday, July 8, 2024, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, July 8, 2024, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson with Pastor Shelby Whitney officiating, with a flag presentation to follow by the Gillaspay-Moodie Donnellson American Legion Post #474.

Burial will be at a later date at Argyle Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to be established in his memory for the Central Lee Foundation - ACES, Argyle Community Boosters or the Cowboy Church.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

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From the Front

Crusaders advance to Region 6 semis Friday in Busey

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bases after Krogmeier scored.

"I turned around and it was crazy and they were still playing and I was thinking I was the dumbest coach ever at that point. I thought I had the score wrong."

But he didn't, the Crusaders just didn't realize they had won.

HTC trailed 5-1 through the top of the third after Sydney Jarvis scored on a wild pitch in the second. The Wolves put up five in the top of the third in an inning that got away from the Crusaders a bit. Jarvis gave up a walk and a double that went off right fielder Kat DiPrima's glove to put two on. A sacrifice bunt scored one run and another double by Makiah Lower drove in two more for a 3-1 W-MU lead. Kellee Milks added another run with an RBI bunt back to Jarvis. An errant throw allowed Milks to go all the way to third still with no outs. Milks would end up stealing home for the fifth run of the inning before Jarvis would work her way out of the jam.

Both teams would go scoreless through the end of the fifth.

With Lower throwing from W-MU in the sixth, Krogmeier worked a walk and stole second to open the bottom half of the fifth. A ground out fielder's choice moved Krogmeier to third and she would come around on DiPrima's triple through short. DiPrima would score on Hellman's single to left to make it 5-3 before the rally ended with a strikeout and a ground out.

Jarvis would get the Wolves 1-2-3 in the top of the sixth and the Crusaders went to work for four runs in the bottom half of the frame with Todd and Hellman both collecting RBI singles for a 7-5 HTC lead.

Winfield would respond with two in the top of the seventh highlighted by Lower's triple and Lilly Heckethorn's double to tie things up at 7.

HTC loaded the bases in bottom of the seventh with two outs when Winfield decided to intentionally walk Jarvis and Krogmeier. Todd would then hit a sharp line drive to right that was caught to force extra innings.

Neither team would score in the eighth inning despite having runners on. Winfield would strike first in the ninth when Miller stroked an RBI double to center with no outs. Jarvis would get a strikeout for the first out but Heckethorn would drive in another run with her one-out fielder's choice. An infield ground out would get the Crusaders out of trouble.

Then a walk to Kara Lake set the tone for the bottom of the ninth. Ross would follow with a double off the fence in right to put both runners in scor-

ing position. Jarvis hit a rocket to center that was caught, but allowed Lake to score on the tag. Krogmeier would work a full count walk and Todd would single on a grounder to short that moved Ross and Krogmeier up.

Then DiPrima hit an RBI single to second scoring Ross to tie things back up a 9 before Hellman rattled a 1-1 pitch into center for the game winner setting off a celebration that HTC hasn't seen in decades.

Menke through his hat into the air and temporarily lost it before someone retrieved it off the top of the Crusader dugout.

Hellman, just a freshman, said the win was "awesome".

"You gotta just keep pushing and we did that," she said. "We kept on rallying even when they got two runs in the night. We came back and that awesome."

Hellman said the end of the season had crossed her mind when the Lady Crusaders trailed by 5.

"The thought crossed my mind for a little bit but then we just kept talking to each other and saying we could do this," she said.

"It feels amazing. We put in a ton of work this season and to get it for not only our coaches but for ourselves by pushing is awesome.

Menke said the girls have exceeded all his expectations no matter what happens going forward.

"They just believe in themselves. They think they can beat anybody. They've exceeded my expectations and they are just a fun group to be around," he said.

"The believe they can do it. We're not a hard-hitting team we just have to keep putting the ball in play and see what happens."

This is the first time the Crusaders have won two games to start the post-season since the Crusader's restart of the softball program six years ago.

Hellman went 4-for-5 with three RBI to lead the Lady Crusader's on offense. She also kept things under control behind the plate for HTC. Ross was 3-of-5 as was DiPrima who also had three RBI. Jarvis and Todd both had multi-hit games.

Jarvis went the distance throwing 149 pitches. She gave up nine runs through the nine innings and struck out a season-high 12 hitters while walking four.

"I'm proud of the girls and I'm happy we got the win. It's something for us to build on," Menke said.

The Crusaders (8-11) now travel to Busey to take on Twin Cedars (14-11) on Friday in the Region 6 semifinals.



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Fort Madison Police Report
 06/30/24 - 3:30 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1200 block of Avenue H.
 06/30/24 - 5:20 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism made at the police department.
 06/30/24 - 6:22 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 600 block of 3rd Street.
 07/01/24 - 12:49 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Michael Eugene Cochran, 41, of Fort Madison, in the 1900 block of Avenue G, on a charge of assault, and violation of a no-contact order. He was held at Lee County Jail.
 07/02/24 - 1:35 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Taylor Ross Sorce, 38, of Fort Madison, in the 4900 block of Avenue O, on a warrant for 5th-degree theft.
 07/02/24 - 2:01 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2600 block of Avenue H.
 07/03/24 - 9:59 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1400 block of Avenue H.
 07/03/24 - 10:17 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3400 block of Avenue L.
 07/03/24 - noon - Fort Madison Police arrested Jak Phillip Hand-Hanson, 18, of Fort Madison, in the 600 block of Avenue H, on charges of 2nd-degree arson, possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver, drug stamp violations. He was held at Lee County Jail.
 07/03/24 - 1:09 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 4800 block of Avenue O.
 07/03/24 - 4:42 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft on Oak Drive.
 07/03/24 - 8:49 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Timothy Allen Regan, 28, of Fort Madison at the intersection of 22nd Street and Avenue J, on a charge of OWI. He was held at Lee County Jail.
 07/04/24 - 6:19 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1200 block of Avenue H.
 07/05/24 - 6:27 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1700 block of 35th Street.
 07/05/24 - 2:15 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 800 block of 30th Street.
 07/05/24 - 2:26 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1900 block of Avenue M.
 07/05/24 - 6:43 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of Avenue E.
 07/05/24 - 8:54 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3400 block of Avenue N.
 07/05/24 - 11:07 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Jaida Sue Corral, 19, of Fort Madison, in the 1800 block of Avenue J, on a charge of possession of marijuana.
 07/05/24 - 11:57 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 3400 block of Avenue L.
 07/06/24 - 1:07 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3400 block of Avenue N.
 07/06/24 - 9:22 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1900 block

of Avenue L.
 07/06/24 - 9:32 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3000 block of Avenue P.
 07/07/24 - 6:47 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2800 block of Avenue K.
 07/07/24 - 8:24 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Briana LaShae Epps, 19, of Fort Madison, in the 5100 block of Avenue O, on a charge of disorderly conduct.
 07/07/24 - 1:39 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Deborah Kaye McWhortor, 70, of Fort Madison, in the 600 block of 34th Street on a charge of no pet tags.
 07/08/24 - 8:13 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 200 block of 26th Street.
 07/07/24 - 8:44 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 4500 block of Avenue O.
 07/08/24 - 8:13 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 200 block of 26th Street.
 07/08/24 - 2:15 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 800 block of Avenue E.
 07/08/24 - 3:05 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Michael Eugene Cochran, Jr., 41, of Fort Madison in the 800 block of Avenue G, on an active warrant. He was held at Lee County Jail.
 07/08/24 - 10:50 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 3300 block of Avenue G.
Keokuk Police Report
 06/04/24 - 1:51 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 3300 block of Main Street. According to the report, a motorcycle driven by Drake Joseph Fosdyck, 23, of Keokuk was eastbound on Main Street when it had to crash to avoid striking an unidentified red SUV that turned left from Main Street onto N. Park Drive. Fosdyck was transported to SEI Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison for injuries.
 06/28/24 - 10:07 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3000 block of Main Street.
 06/28/24 - 6:36 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Joshua John Daniel, 38, of Keokuk, in the 300 block of Park Drive on charges of sexual abuse enticing a minor under the age of 16. He was held at Lee County Jail.
 06/28/24 - 11:48 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Randall William Jay Johnston, 21, of Dallas City, in the 100 block of N. 5th Street, on charges of OWI and having an open container. He was held at Lee County Jail.
 06/29/24 - 1:29 a.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Charles Heston Smith, Jr., 43, of Keokuk, on charges of violation of a no-contact order and providing false identification. He was held at Lee County Jail.
 06/29/24 - 1:41 a.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Heather Marie Koita, 45, of Keokuk, in the 100 block of Water Street, on a charge of violating a no-contact order. She was held at Lee County Jail.
 06/29/24 - 3:11 a.m. - Keokuk Police arrested a 17-year-old female juvenile in the 200 block of N. 3rd Street on a charge of OWI. He was released to a guardian.
 06/29/24 - 9:18 a.m. - Keokuk Po-

lice responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 300 block of N. Park Drive.
 06/29/24 - 9:28 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1200 block of Johnson Street Rd.
 06/29/24 - 2:28 p.m. - Keokuk Police cited Chase Logan Steele, 18, of Keokuk, in the 500 block of Hawthorne Place on a charge of reckless use of fire/explosives.
 06/29/24 - 6:10 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1400 block of Bank Street.
 06/29/24 - 7:47 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Ryan Matthew Hanes, 24, of Keokuk in the 100 block of Water Street on warrants for 1st-degree burglary and assault with bodily injury. He was held at Lee County Jail.
 06/29/24 - 9:26 p.m. - Keokuk Police cited David Gerard Baum, 61, of Keokuk, in the 700 block of Main Street, on a charge of assault with bodily injury.
 06/30/24 - 3:06 a.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Lucky Shania Ackley-King, 27, of Keokuk, on charges of eluding, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving under suspension. He was held at Lee County Jail.
 06/30/24 - 9:33 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 200 block of Hwy. 61 bypass.
 06/30/24 - 10:45 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 500 block of Morgan Street.
 06/30/24 - 11:49 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3400 block of Main Street.
 06/30/24 - 12:22 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 800 block of Blondeau.
 06/30/24 - 11:06 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested a 15-year-old male juvenile in the 100 block of S. 16th Street on charge of illegal fireworks. He was released to a guardian.
 06/30/24 - 11:06 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested 17-year-old male in the 100 block, on a charge of illegal fireworks. He was released to a guardian.
 06/30/24 - 10:45 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 500 block of Morgan Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Tiffany Christine Ritchey, 31, of Keokuk was backing from a stall and struck a vehicle driven by Deahjae Devveyon Seay, 23, of Keokuk. No injuries were reported and Ritchey was cited for failure to provide insurance and failure to yield.
 06/30/24 - 11:48 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a two-vehicle accident at 35th Street and Main Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Richard Earl Varner, 37, of Keokuk turned onto 35th Street facing north from Main and struck a vehicle driven by Kevin Michael McCrea, 37, of Montrose. Varner was cited for failure to

yield. No injuries were reported.
 07/01/24 - 9:14 a.m. - Keokuk Police cited Baltazar Grant Alvarez, 43, of Keokuk in the 500 block of Blondeau Street, on a charge of assault with bodily injury.
 07/01/24 - 10:12 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 200 block of N. Park Drive.
 07/01/24 - 7:20 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Ronald Dickie Mason, 74, Keokuk, in the 700 block of Twin Rivers Drive on a charge of drug trafficking. He was held at Lee County Jail.
 07/01/24 - 11:19 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested David Alan Londrie, 61, of Keokuk in the 600 block of S. 7th Street, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, drug tax stamp violations and drug trafficking. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 07/02/24 - 11:49 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 300 block of N. Park Dr.
 07/02/24 - 1:36 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3100 block of Main Street.
 07/02/24 - 1:48 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 600 block of Mississippi Drive.
 07/02/24 - 3:52 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 400 block of Main Street.
 07/03/24 - 3:11 a.m. - Keokuk Police cited Brianna Raeann Bell, 18, of Keokuk, in the 3400 block of Main Street on charges of tobacco use by a minor and possession of alcohol by a minor.
 07/05/24 - 3:32 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 300 block of Main Street.
 07/05/24 - 9:33 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of vandalism at Hawkeye Village.
 07/05/24 - 10:15 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 900 block of Johnson Street Rd.
 07/05/24 - 10:17 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Johnson Street and South 9th Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Marjorie May Helwig, 88, of Keokuk failed to yield right of way to a vehicle driven by Tammy F. Varner, 61, of Burnside, Ill., who was traveling westbound in the 800 block of Johnson Street. Both vehicles were towed from the scene and Helwig was cited for failure to yield.
 07/05/24 - 11:23 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1300 block of Carroll Street.
 07/05/24 - 2:12 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 600 block of Palean Street.
 07/05/24 - 3:02 p.m. - Keokuk Police cited Samantha Destini Biddensadt, 21, of Keokuk, in the 2900 block of Plank Road on a charge of possession of marijuana.

07/05/24 - 5:22 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Lonnie Emmanuel Braggs, Sr., 50, of Keokuk, in the 200 block of Main Street, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was held at Lee County Jail.
 07/05/24 - 8:59 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1500 block of Blondeau St.
 07/05/24 - 11:43 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of High Street.
 07/05/24 - 9:08 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Cole Michael Geltz, 27, of Keokuk in the 100 block of 14th Street on a warrant for failure to appear. He was held at Lee County Jail.
 07/06/24 - 1:40 a.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Michael James Hubbard, 36, of Galesburg in the 100 block of 17th Street, on a charge of violating a no-contact order. He was held at Lee County Jail.
 07/06/24 - 1:40 a.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Kelsey Joan Levandowski, 18 of Keokuk, in the 100 block of N. 17th Street on a charge of violating a no-contact order. He was held at Lee County Jail.
 07/06/24 - 4:18 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft at Hawkeye Village.
 07/07/24 - 6:39 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 700 block of Bank Street.
 07/07/24 - 10:36 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of Main Street.
 07/07/24 - 8:06 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Michael Harold Davis, 68, in the 100 block of S. 8th Street, on a warrant for voluntary absence from custody and a charge of driving while license revoked. He was held at Lee County Jail.
 07/08/24 - 6:28 a.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Thomas Christopher Dodge, 57, of Keokuk, in the 3000 block of Main Street on a warrant for failure to appear. He was held at Lee County Jail.
 07/08/24 - 12:04 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested a 17-year-old male juvenile on a charge of driving under suspension. He was released to a parent.

2700 block of 340th Street, on a charge of simple assault. He was held at Lee County Jail.
 07/02/24 - 11:55 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Benjamin Isaiah Mitchell, 40, of Fort Madison, in the 2800 block of Avenue N, on charges of driving while suspended, no proof of insurance, drug stamp violations, drug trafficking, possession of drug paraphernalia, and a warrant for violating a no-contact order. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 07/04/24 - 2:06 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Susan Renee Derr, 63, of Keokuk, at Skyview Trailer Park, on a charge of disorderly conduct. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear.
 07/04/24 - 2:06 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Lynn Ann Derr, 57, of Keokuk, at Skyview Trailer Park, on a charge of disorderly conduct. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear.
 07/04/24 - 2:44 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Danny Ray Derr, 60, of Keokuk, in the 2400 block of 320th Street, on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear.
 07/04/24 - 3:39 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Christopher Dean Derr, 36, of Keokuk, in the 2400 block of 320th Street, on a charge of simple assault. He was held at Lee County Jail.
 07/05/24 - 1:30 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested James Carl Andries, 56, of Burlington, at N. Lee County Courthouse on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on his recognition.
 07/06/24 - 5:53 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Benjamin Isaiah Mitchell, 40, of Fort Madison, at N. Lee County Courthouse, on warrants for violation of probation. He was held at Lee County Jail.
 07/07/24 - 8:57 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michael Harold Davis, 68, of Keokuk, at N. Lee County Courthouse on a warrant for a judgment hold. He was held at Lee County Jail.
 07/06/24 - 1:32 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at Peach Orchard Road and Hwy. 61. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Tiffany P. McCormick, 42, of Chicago failed to yield crossing 61 at Peach Orchard Road and was struck by a semi driven by Robert J. Allard, 62, of Waterloo. Both drivers refused medical treatment. McCormick was cited for failure to yield and both vehicles were towed from the scene.
 Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

06/29/24 - 10:57 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to one-vehicle accident in the 2200 block of 265th Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Duane Edward Pickard, 84, of Fort Madison had slid off the side of a bridge and into a creek bed coming to rest on its side. No injuries or citations were reported.
 07/01/24 - 3:20 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Donald James Hillman, 46, of Fort Madison at the sheriff's office on active warrants for voluntary absence from custody and judgment holds. He was held at Lee County Jail.
 07/01/24 - 11:12 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Nicholas Daniel Wyse, 18, of Keokuk, in the



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Veteran gets honored by Bees players

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and general handyman.

Growing up on the farm, Vern went to live with his father when he was 12. He attended Taylor #2 Country School until the eighth grade, then transferred to Stockport for high school. Vern walked to the country school, as did the teacher. She lived close to the school so that she could walk. There were no snow days in those days.

Upon graduation from high school, Uncle Sam was waiting. The Navy took Vern, and he was off to boot training in Idaho. After boot camp, he was assigned to the USS Marshall, a Fletcher Class Destroyer based out of San Diego. However, the war was winding down, and the Marshall sailed to New Orleans and Vern went to Guam. After a leave for his grandmother's funeral, it was back to California and then Olathe, Kansas where he was discharged. Vern and a friend hitchhiked across Missouri dragging their sea bags. He eventually made his way to Fairfield.

Vern knew a young lady in Birmingham. He asked her for a date. She said she already had one, but would tell the guy she was sick. They went to

a movie in Fairfield, and the first person they ran into was the other guy.

Vern and Carolyn bought a farm, were married 74 years, and had two children, Joy and RV (Robert Vern). Joy actually attended the same country school, Taylor #2, as did Vern. Vern, and Carolyn's brother built a house for Vern and Carolyn at 300 N. Jackson St. in Mt. Pleasant, where they lived until moving into Arbor Court Retirement Home.

Carolyn recently passed away on March 10. In June they would have been married 75 years. The staff at Arbor Court were going to have a ceremony where Carolyn and Vern renewed their wedding vows. Vern was going to wear a tux. Carolyn would have liked that.

Vern's dad lived to be 101, and Carolyn's dad also lived to 101. Vern's goal is to catch'm and maybe surpass'm.

At the Bees' game, the players formed a tunnel with their arms, and Vern passed through it. He thinks he'd like to throw out the first pitch at least one more year.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526 or email him a curtswarm@yahoo.com. Curt is available for public speaking.

Task force gets Lee County men

LEE COUNTY - The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrests of two Lee County men on felony and misdemeanor drug charges.

David Alan Londrie, age 61, of Keokuk is charged with: Possession with the intent to deliver more than 5 grams of methamphetamine, a class B felony; Iowa drug tax stamp violation, a class D felony; and Possession of drug paraphernalia, a simple misdemeanor.

The charges came after a traffic stop was conducted by the Keokuk Police Department. Officers then found Londrie to be in possession of methamphetamine.

Benjamin Isaiah Mitchell, age 40 of Fort Madison is charged with: Possession with the intent to deliver more than 5 grams of methamphetamine, a class B felony; Iowa drug tax stamp violation, a class D felony; and Possession of drug paraphernalia, a simple misdemeanor.

The charges came after a traffic stop that was conducted by the Lee County Sheriff's Office. Mitchell was taken into custody on other non-related criminal charges and found to be in possession of methamphetamine during the arrest.

The Lee County Narcotics Task Force were assisted by the Keokuk Police Department and the Lee County Attorney's Office.

The defendant in this case is presumed innocent until 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.

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MYTH #1: Sciatica (pain down your leg) is always caused by a herniated disc!

No way...even though most doctors will sell you a \$3,000 MRI at the first sign of leg pain. But they don't tell you about a 5-inch muscle in the hip that can squeeze the sciatic nerve. And it feels EXACTLY like you've got the worst slipped disc on earth. It's a major discovery and...



The good news is that it can be easy and inexpensive to correct! How? Just keep reading! But first, here's a picture to show you where the pain comes from:

MYTH #2: Stiffness from Arthritis means you're getting old...and it must be the reason for all your pain and stiffness!

Not true, because thousands of folks with arthritis in their backs have absolutely NO PAIN! Then why do YOU feel like your back will snap if you bend forward or twist too fast? Because the truth is:

Your stiffness may be caused by a hidden, even more dangerous problem than arthritis, and it can lead to a hip replacement!

You see, most folks believe that something mysterious (like maybe an "arthritis fairy"?) waved a wand over them, and they're cursed... doomed to suffer forever.

But did you know that many arthritis problems are CAUSED by a combination of unseen imbalances in the spine and surrounding muscles? It's the most common cause of hip replacements but not that hard to correct if we catch it in time. It's like the tires on your car...

If the alignment is off just a teeny-weeny bit, at first you don't notice, but over a few thousand miles you start to see signs of wear...that is, if you're lucky enough to catch it before a flat on the freeway ruins your day. In your spine, you're lucky if you catch untreated imbalances before they ruin your spine! How to fix them? Just look at Myth #3.

MYTH #3: Your Back is "Out"!

Sure, that's exactly how it feels. But guess what, we found that's usually not the case. It sounds good, but we now know better. You see, there are 7 different reasons for that painful, locked-up and stuck feeling that causes so much misery:

- low-grade spasm
- pelvis torque and tension
- imbalance of hips

- fallen or dropped arches
- stiff vertebra joint
- adhesions in leg muscle
- pinched nerve

It's NOT just your spine, and it's NOT just your muscles. As a matter of fact, if one of the major muscles that stabilize the spine is partly spasmed, a "2nd stringer" will have to carry the load. But this is a serious problem...

It's like having your plumber doing all the dangerous electrical work!

Sure, he may get it done, and it may work at first, but how long until there's a fire? Or your back locks up? Which leads me to our next myth:

MYTH #4: "It's Only a Muscle!"

Boy, it's scary how many people think muscle problems are no big deal. Unfortunately, tight, bound-up, and spasmed or tight muscles can wear out joints faster than you can say, "Charley Horse!"

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MYTH #5: "Muscle Relaxants" will help your muscles heal! Good grief, NO!

Your muscles tighten up for a reason, and muscle relaxants are like turning back the clock on a time bomb...you know it's still going to blow up! Sure, you may feel better now, but you'll pay later...and pay "in spades"! So don't fall for these lies about your low back. They'll keep you hurting, frustrated and exhausted forever!

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- Traitor...can't trust your back and what it's going to do—or when!
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- Shooting...vicious but short-lived
- Lumbago...hard to pin it down—just seems to hurt all the time, but it's hard to say where
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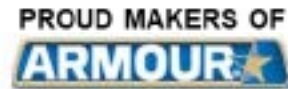
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