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BREAKING

ISP, DOC investigating Monday prison incident

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – State officials are holding information very close to the chest on an incident that took place at Iowa State Penitentiary early Monday afternoon.

LeeComm had dispatched emergency crews to the prison with a

report of a stabbing afternoon on Monday. However Iowa Department of Corrections officials aren't providing any information other than an investigation is underway.

The Des Moines Register reported Tuesday afternoon that two correctional officers were injured in the attack Monday, one had to be taken to the hospital by ambulance. Pen City

Current has been unable to confirm those details with officials at ISP, who declined comment, and the DOC.

“We cannot confirm or deny that something took place. We just know that an investigation is happening at this time, and we can't give out any info until the investigation is com-

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GRHS gives more details on 2025 plans

MEDICARE: Health system cuts out new Medicare plan available in 2025

BY PCC STAFF

WEST BURLINGTON – Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center (SEIRMC) and Henry County Health Center (HCHC) will no longer accept Medicare Advantage plans offered by Aetna, effective October 10, 2024, and Wellpoint (formerly Amerigroup), effective December 31, 2024, for clinic or hospital services. In addition, the new Medicare Advantage plan being offered by Molina for 2025 will not be accepted. All patients, regardless of insurance, will receive emergency care in SEIRMC and HCHC Emergency Departments.

This decision was made after the contract terms Great River Health presented to these carriers were not accepted. The contract terms were reasonable and accepted by other insurance carriers. Negotiations to extend the terms of the Aetna contract to the end of the year were unsuccessful.

Patients with these plans have been notified of this upcoming change by Great River Health. Staff are working with patients to navigate receiving continued care and finding an in-network provider.

The news comes on the heels of a new billing structure at the hospital after changing the health system designation to hospital-provided care billing, which charges patients a facility fee in addition to office visit fees.

Patients wishing to receive healthcare services at SEIRMC or HCHC that are covered by their insurance must enroll in an accepted plan during Medicare Open Enrollment which runs from October 15-December 7, 2024, with a plan effective date of January 1, 2025. Great River Health will continue to accept current Medicare Advantage plans offered by Humana, United Healthcare, and Wellmark

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GOP sets own forum

The three Republican candidates for state office in Lee County have crafted their own legislative forum to be held Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Turnwater Bar and Grill in Fort Madison. The time coincides with the other state candidate forum being held in Montrose.



Courtesy image

REPUBLICANS: Reichman, Rinker, and Graber to meet voters at Turnwater Thursday

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Three candidates for state seats in the upcoming General Election have formed their own forum to discuss legislative issues.

State Sen. Jeff Reichman (R-50th, Montrose), State Rep. Martin Graber (R-100th, Fort Madison), and State Rep. Matt Rinker (R-99th, Burlington) will participate in a moderated forum at Turnwater Bar & Grill Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

The forum was announced Tuesday morning and will be held at the same time as the state candidate forum in Montrose at the Lee County Career Advantage Center. That event will now

feature newcomers Nannette Griffin and Jim Beres, both Democrats. Griffin is challenging Reichman for the 50th Senate District, which includes all of Lee County and southern Des Moines County, to include Burlington.

Beres is challenging Rinker for the 99th Iowa House district which includes the district North of Burlington to south of New London and into Green Bay township to the south in Lee County.

The forum will be open to the public and will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. with questions allowed from the public.

The forum in Montrose is being sponsored by Mississippi Valley Media, Pen City Current, and the League of Women voters.

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WEATHER

WED 25 Sep Patchy fog then sunny, 75° F/ 52° F
 THU 26 Sep Sunny, 77° F/ 57° F
 FRI 27 Sep Partly sunny then chance of showers, 76° F/ 59° F

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DOUBLE PLAY 09/23..... 23 39 57 61 67, Powerball: 10
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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

MATTHEW W. WHITE

Matthew "Matty" Wayne White, 51 of Keokuk, IA passed away Monday, September 23, 2024 at his home.

He was born March 26, 1973 in Rockford, IL the son of Ralph L. Jr., and Vesta R. Todd White. He graduated from Keokuk High School. He was united in marriage to Joyce Boley in Keokuk. She survives.



WHITE

Other survivors include three sons, Dalton White of Keokuk, Michael Axtell of Ottumwa, IA and Corbin White of Kahoka, MO, three daughters, Autumn Dawn of Burlington, IA, Amber Axtell of Keokuk and Kia White.

He was preceded in death by one son, Dylon M.R. White, one daughter, Elizabeth R. White, his parents, maternal and paternal grandparents, one niece, CaLove Sackman and one nephew, Cory White.

Matty was a fighter. He loved fishing, hunting for morel mushrooms and riding four wheelers. Matty was always one to work with his hands, whether it was working on cars in the garage, woodworking, or crafting a perfect BBQ on the grill. He loved sharing his cooking with family, often gathered around the grill with a cold beer in hand. Matty enjoyed tinkering around the house, making repairs. Matty loved nothing more than being a dad and grandpa and cherished the time he spent with his family.

A Gathering of Remembrance with a carry in dinner will be held from 4-6 p.m., Thursday, September 26, 2024 at Bentley's Playground in Keokuk. Memorials may be made to the family.

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

Pen City Current obituary policy

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Lunch Specials
Sept 23-27
11am - 1pm

Monday, September 23
Lasagna, Applesauce, Garlic Bread

Tuesday, September 24
BBQ Pork, Cheese Potatoes, Baked Beans

Wednesday, September 25
Tater Tot Casserole, Green Beans, Blueberry Fluff

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
FRIED CHICKEN DINNERS

Friday, September 27
Grilling on the Sidewalk

OBITUARIES

BONNIE J. WILLDRICK

Bonnie J. Willdrick, 69, of rural Dallas City, Illinois, passed away Friday evening, September 20, 2024 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in West Burlington, Iowa.



WILLDRICK

Bonnie was born November 6, 1954 at the LaHarpe Hospital the daughter of Glenn and Dorothy (Bartlett) Snyder. On June 22, 1974 she married Gene Willdrick at the Burnside United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Willdrick was a 1972 graduate of LaHarpe High School. Shortly after high school she began working at General Electric in Burlington. Once her children were born, she stayed home to raise her family. During this time, she also was a foster parent, volunteered with the Lomax Ambulance for 12 years and drove a school bus for the Dallas City, LaHarpe, Nauvoo, and Fort Madison Schools for over 16 years. Once her children were older, she returned to GE in Burlington. Following her retirement, she remained active working for the Bank of Stronghurst at their Dallas City location. She enjoyed riding motorcycles, traveling, yard work and cutting wood for the winter. Bonnie was a lifelong platelet donor, which she took great pride in.

Survivors include her husband, Gene, three children: Dottie (Kurt) Pfeiff of West Burlington, Iowa, Russell (Natalie) Willdrick of East Peoria, Illinois and Marcus Willdrick of Dallas City; eight grandchildren: Tyler Willdrick, Garet Palmer, Julissa Willdrick, Carter Willdrick, Jaylee Willdrick, Spencer Pfeiff, Parker Pfeiff, and River Pfeiff and seven great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are Bonnie's siblings: Beverly (Steven) Brunk of Danville, Iowa, Barbara (Edward) Burford of Warsaw, Illinois, Betty (Rene) Medina of Denmark, Iowa, Becky (Larry) Flowers of West Burlington, Iowa, Chester (Joyce) Snyder of Colusa, Illinois, Billie Mosher of Ft. Madison, Iowa, Brenda Womack of Ft. Madison, Bea (Alan) Huls of Wataga, Illinois, and Glenn (Terry) Snyder Jr. of Buffalo, Minnesota, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one granddaughter: Mikhaila Palmer and one brother: Dale Snyder.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City, where the family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.

The funeral service for Bonnie will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, September 26, 2024 at Banks & Beals in Dallas City with Joel Schwenker speaking. Burial will follow in Durham Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established for the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Bonnie's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

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For the Record/Iowa News

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

09/23/24 - 9:26 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Robert Alan Ulik, 44, of Fort Madison in the 500 block of 3rd Street on a charge of driving under suspension.

09/23/24 - 3:45 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1500 block of 18th Street.

09/23/24 - 5:08 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Kenneth Jackson Wood, 65, of Fort Madison, in the 3000 block of Avenue N, on a charge of dog running at large.

09/23/24 - 6:09 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue D.

Keokuk Police Report

09/20/24 - 5:20 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident in the 2400 block of Main Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Dawn P. Suter, 60, of Hamilton, was turning onto Main Street and made a wide turn and struck a vehicle driven by Laura Lee Taylor, 56, of Hamilton. Suter was cited for improper lane usage. No injuries were reported.

09/21/24 - 5:03 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident in the 200 block of N. 4th Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Amber Jade Schmidt, 19, of Keokuk was west bound and made a left turn without yielding striking a vehicle driven by Shonta Renee Michelle Sherrill, 23, of Keokuk. Schmidt was cited for failure to yield. No injuries were reported.

09/23/24 - 3:45 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1900 block of Timea

Street.

09/23/24 - 10:12 a.m. - Keokuk police arrested Aidan Angalia Mason, 21, of Keokuk, in the 700 block of Main Street, on a charge of domestic assault. She was held in Lee County Jail.

09/23/24 - 12:57 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Keith Michael Boyle, 34, of Keokuk, in the 400 block of Mississippi River Drive, on charges of eluding and driving under suspension. He was held in Lee County Jail.

09/23/24 - 8:45 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 300 block of N. Park Drive.

09/24/24 - 12:47 a.m. - Keokuk police cited Joshua Alan Eaton, 47, of Keokuk in the 600 block of High Street on a charge of driving under suspension.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

09/23/24 - 10:19 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Dakota William Bur Gund, 34, of Fort Madison, in the 2700 block of Avenue K, on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was held in Lee County Jail.

09/23/24 - 10:24 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Daniel Russell Philp, 40, of Fort Madison, in the 700 block of Avenue F, on a warrant for violation of probation. He was held in Lee County Jail.

09/23/24 - 3:14 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Preston Michael Smith, 28, of Lomax, at the sheriff's office, on an arrest affidavit. He was held in Lee County Jail.

Those listed above should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Reynolds back after 10-day India swing

DES MOINES— Gov. Kim Reynolds has returned from her 10-day trade mission to India.

Over the course of the trip, Gov. Reynolds met with U.S. Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti, Indian Minister for Food Processing Chirag Paswan, Indian Minister of Commerce Piyush Goyal, and Indian Secretary of Agriculture Dr. Devesh Chaturvedi to discuss future partnerships with Iowa's world-renowned agriculture and food processing industries.

She also met with Indian Minister of Women and Child Development Annpurna Devi.

Gov. Reynolds delivered the keynote address at the U.S. India Business Council's India Ideas Summit and spoke with the USIBC Board in Delhi. Gov. Reynolds also hosted two business summits in Delhi and Mumbai showcasing Iowa's value in the global marketplace.

Additionally, Gov. Reynolds participated in roundtables with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), United States Grains Council (USGC), U.S. Soybean Export Council (USSEC), and US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF).

"Sixty years after Dr. Norman Borlaug worked with Indian scientists to bring the Green Revolution to the region, Iowa remains ideally suited to helping India

See TRIP, page 7



Courtesy photo

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds returned this week from a 10-day trip to India to discuss a myriad of topics. She also was the keynote speaker at the U.S. India Business Council's India Ideas Summit.

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From the Front

Supervisors set for big forum next Thursday at CAC

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It will be moderated by RadioKeokuk. A zoom link for the forums has been set up and can be reached through the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88931285132>.

Rinker, Reichman, and Graber were all invited to the Montrose forum. Reichman and Graber declined and Rinker agreed to participate before eventually deciding to participate in the Republican forum and forego the Montrose event.

Another forum for Lee County Supervisors will be held next Thursday starting at 6 p.m. at the Lee County

Career Advantage Center in Montrose. The following Thursday, Oct. 10, will feature Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber and Lee County Auditor candidates Roslyn Garcia and Sherry Yasenoch. Elliott Vandenberg, Weber's opponent for sheriff, has declined to participate in the Montrose event citing a conflict with the terms of the forum, but has said he's willing to debate Weber in an open floor format with a neutral moderator. No information about a future debate on those terms is available.

DOC issues statement in response to AFSCME

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plete," a DOC spokesperson wrote in an email to Pen City Current Tuesday morning.

Tuesday afternoon, the DOC issued another statement in response to information put out by AFSCME, the union representing prison staff in Fort Madison.

The AFSCME statement wasn't received by Pen City Current and wasn't posted on the AFSCME website as of 5 p.m. Tuesday.

"The Iowa Department of Corrections has been made aware of a statement made by AFSCME in regards to an assault at Iowa State Penitentiary. While we don't comment on open investigations, the safety of our correctional officers and inmates is of top importance. We are committed to implementing best practices in security, training, and compliance to create an environment where all individuals can feel safe. This includes:

1. **Comprehensive Training:** All correctional staff undergo extensive training that equips them to handle challenging situations, de-escalate conflicts, and ensure the safety of themselves and inmates in their care.
2. **Compliance Office:** This consists of regular security checks, security audits of each prison, and vulnerability assessments.
3. **Enhanced Security Measures:** We continuously assess and upgrade our security protocols, including surveillance technology and staffing levels, to effectively manage risks within our facilities."



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FORUM 1

Thursday, Sept 26, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

State Candidates

Nannette Griffin, Jeff Reichman, Nicholas Atwood, Martin Graber, Jim Beres and Matt Rinker



Nannette Griffin



Jeff Reichman



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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING NOTICE
MOUNT PLEASANT
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2024
5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL
307 E. MONROE ST.
SECOND FLOOR
MEETING ROOM**

The Mount Pleasant City Council will meet in Regular Session on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at City Hall, 307 E. Monroe Street, second-floor meeting room at 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call.
2. Consent Agenda: To the Public -All items with an asterisk(*) are routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion and a roll call of the Councilmembers. There will be no separate discussion of items unless the Mayor, a Councilmember or citizen so request, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.
3. Receive & file communications. Domestic Violence Proclamation.
4. Approve agenda.
- *5. Approve minutes of previous meetings.
- *6. Approve payment of bills.

- *7. Receive report of Officers.
8. Old Business
 - *a) Renewal of a Class B Retail Alcohol License for Aldi Inc. at 1309 E. Washington Street.
 - *b) Renewal of a Class C Retail Alcohol License for Iris Bowling Center at 300 S Iris Street.
9. New Business
 - a) Accept retirement/resignation letter from Public Works Director.
 - b) Resolution hiring Drew Schumacher for the position of Public Works Director.
 - c) Resolution hiring Tyler Robertson for the position of Lead Parks Worker.
 - d) Approve the FYE24 Road Use Tax Report.
 - e) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign an agreement with Iowa Department of Transportation accepting a grant to construct the Airport Taxiway/ Aprons for Hangar.
 - f) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign an agreement with Iowa Department of Transportation accepting a grant for the Airport Hangar Structural Improvement Project.
 - g) Approve mayoral appointment to the Community Development

Committee.
10. Public Forum.
11. Adjourn to meet in regular session on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

hold a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 26, 2024, at Heartland Co-op, east of Wever.

7:00 P.M.

The Green Bay Levee & Drainage District met at the regular meeting on Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Heartland Co-op, Wever. Present were trustees Rick Kuntz, Mike Walker and Brandon Bonar and clerk, Kimberly Spear. Also present were other

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING NOTICE**

The Green Bay Levee & Drainage District will

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING MINUTES
GREEN BAY LEVEE
& DRAINAGE DISTRICT
THURSDAY,
JULY 25, 2024**

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**LEE COUNTY SECONDARY ROADS
MECHANIC CLASS II**

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HELP WANTED

**LEE COUNTY SECONDARY ROADS
ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN**

Lee County is accepting applications for an Engineering Technician to work out of our Fort Madison Office. Duties will include surveying, inspection and testing of materials, computer aided drafting, the ability to become IDOT certified in inspection and other related work duties. The successful candidate will be classified as an Engineering Technician IE, IIE or IIIE depending on their qualifications. The starting wage range is \$26.40 to \$28.51. Pay rates after 3 years of employment range from \$32.01 to \$34.90. Lee County provides equal opportunity in employment to all persons regardless of age, race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion, or disability. For a job description, a list of qualifications, and to apply, download an application from our county's website, www.leecounty.org/employment.aspx and turn it into the County Engineer Office or email it to engineer@leecountyiowa.gov along with a resume. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. If you have any questions, please contact Lee County Engineer Office at (319) 372-2541 or email them to engineer@leecountyiowa.gov.

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GENERAL OPERATOR

GENERAL PURPOSE
Performs a variety of unskilled or semi-skilled maintenance work, operates a variety of equipment in the construction, operation, repair, maintenance and replacement of City streets, sanitary and storm drainage facilities and systems.

- DESIRED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**
- Education and Experience:
- Graduation from high school education or GED equivalent and
 - Two (2) years of experience relating to construction, maintenance, or repair. or
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 - Ability to perform heavy manual tasks for extended periods of time; ability to work safely; ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with employees, other departments and the public; ability to understand and carry out written and oral instructions.

Submit applications to Mark Bousselot at City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, IA 52627 or via email at mbousselot@fortmadison-ia.com by 4:30pm on Friday, October 4th, 2024.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

members of the community.

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Spear read the minutes from the regular meeting held on June 27, 2024. Moved by Kuntz, seconded by Walker, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Pat Kaltefleiter gave the Pump Master report. The river stage was 16 feet. The megger and vibration tests were completed and passed. Moved by Bonar, seconded by Kuntz, to accept the Pump Master Report as presented. Motion carried.

Representatives from SEIRPC, Iowa DNR and FEMA were present to discuss flood insurance and requirements. FEMA has issued preliminary flood maps changing the drainage district from a Zone X to a Zone AE. Doing so will change the flood plain from a 100 year to a 50 year. Homeowners, in the district with a home mortgage will be required to carry flood

insurance. Any new structures would be required to be elevated above flood level. These maps will become effective mid to late 2025. GBLDD with assistance from Klinger is in the process of appealing these maps and will be sending the appeal this week. If the appeal is approved, FEMA maps will be redone.

Moved by Kuntz, seconded by Walker to approve collecting drainage tax once per year in the fall. Motion carried.

Kuntz led a discussion regarding the high water. Everything proceeded as planned and all went well.

Moved by Kuntz, seconded by Bonar to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried. Current balances are \$204,162.40 in the Operating Fund.

At 8:16 p.m. Kuntz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bonar. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Drainage District will be Thursday, August 29 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly Spear, Lee County Auditor's Office.

PUBLIC NOTICE MINUTES OF THE BURLINGTON, IOWA CITY COUNCIL INFORMAL WORK SESSION July 29, 2024

The Burlington City Council met in an informal work session at 4:30 p.m. in the Thomas J. Smith Council Chambers, City Hall with Mayor Billups, Council Members Bailey, Graham-Murray, Scott and Weiss present.

Items discussed at the informal work session are listed on the work session agenda on file in the office of the City Clerk. No action was taken.

Adjournment: 5:33 p.m. Approved: August 5, 2024

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Agriculture talks part of India trip

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feed its growing population and fuel its rapidly expanding economy, while also offering a business-friendly environment for the most innovative Indian companies to invest and expand,” Gov. Reynolds said. “Our trade mission was all about building on this rich history of working together by fostering stronger commercial ties—and I’m confident it will pay off for many years to come.”

“By merging Iowa’s agricultural strengths with India’s sizable population and rapidly expanding economy, we unlock an exciting opportunity to enhance our partnership,” said Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig who joined Gov. Reynolds on the trade mission. “This recent trade mission not only strengthens our relationship with India but also paves the way for new and larger market opportunities for Iowa farms and businesses. I extend my gratitude to the Governor for her leadership and to our delegation of Iowans for effectively showcasing the best of Iowa.”

Gov. Reynolds witnessed memorandums of understanding (MOU) signed with the Compound Feed Manufacturers Association, Confederation of Indian Industry, and The Energies and Resources Institute (TERI). PowerPollen, an Iowa-based technological leader in agriculture, signed a letter of intent (LOI) with VNR Seed of India.

Area SHIIP program helps seniors find plans

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Lady Hounds take MP Invitational

TRIPP LEADS HOUNDS: Avery Rump, Riley Tripp lead Bloodhounds, Humes finishes first for Hawks

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MOUNT PLEASANT – The Fort Madison girls are on their best team pace in many years as they took 1st place again Tuesday night at the Mt. Pleasant Invitational.

The Lady Hounds finished with 32 total points, 11 ahead of second-place Washington. The girls won the Timm Lamb Invitational last week in Fort Madison at Rodeo Park and are hitting the right stride at the right time.

Fort Madison captured 3rd, 5th, 6th, and 7th place and then rounded out the scoring runners with an 11th place for 32 points. Avery Rump took 3rd with 20:28.37. Keokuk’s Hannah Karre got in the middle of sweep there for the Bloodhounds, and then Ellie Hellman, Addison Rump, and Jordyn Marshall all followed each other in with 20:37.71, 20:43.45, and 20:45.20. McKayla Schin-stock wrapped up the scoring runners with a 21:31.20.

Ellie Huebner ran a 23:15.31 for 21st place overall.

The Fort Madison boys captured second place as they continue to finish toward the tops of team scoring boards.

The Hounds slipped into second with 50 points, with Washington winning the 3A/4A event with 27 points. Keokuk was 6th with 165 points. In the 1A/2A run, Central Lee was 6th with 180 points and Holy Trinity was 8th with 235.

Riley Tripp led Fort Madison this time with a 5th place 17:23.98 with Jacob Shottenkirk about 10 seconds behind at 17:32.72 for 6th in the 3A/4A. Mason McLey and Peyton Lambert ran together around the three-mile track finishing 12th and 13th with a 17:57.48 and an 18:00.17. Hunter Wiegand rounded out the scoring runners for Fort Madison with an 18:06.47 (14th).

Other runners for the Hounds were Calvin Johnson 18:27.42 (18th), Jacob Walker 18:41.23 (21st), Noah

Schin-stock 19:40.48, and Jake Haessig 23:09.61.

Back over on the girls’ side, Central Lee was 5th with 122 points. Their top five included Evelyn Adkins at 22:24.20 (11th in 1A/2A), Macy Anderson 23:17.76 (20th), Aubree Bunnell 24:14.83 (24th), Charlee Clay 25:30.96 (30th), and Gabby Maynes 26:10.46 (37th).

Other runners included Afton Maynes 26:14.53 (38th). Also running for the Hawks was Sapphire Cummings 29:40.65 (43rd).

The Hawks’ boys were led by Kaiden Humes who surpassed Leo Thomas for the first time this season. Humes ran a 20:04.74 (33rd) followed by Thomas with a 20:08.86 (34th). Caedon Newton also scored for the Hawks with a 36th place 20:25.48. Austin Fogarty and Caden Crozier rounded out the boys’ top 5 for Central Lee with a 38th and 39th place finish. Fogarty ran a 20:26.943 and Crozier ran a 20:27.14.

Other runners for Central Lee were Jovan Rule 20:37.74, Ayden Kent 20:57.98, Keegan Westball 22:41.71, Beau Boyd 23:04.30, Mason Sanders with a 24:59.99, and Riley Salter-Rickman 25:02.44.

Holy Trinity’s top five were Tanner Williams with a 21:06.67 (50th), Jay Ellison 21:16.92 (51st), Adam Sobczak 23:40.91 (53rd), Layne Rung 23:41.49 (54th), Tate Green 23:42.99 (55th). Also competing were Luke Hellige 25:27.83 and Jacob Baker 26:48.09.

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