Current launches new app, gallery

Easily downloadable app puts news at your fingertips

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - In an effort to continue to maximize its digital information presence in north Lee County, the Pen City Current announced Tuesday the launch of a new digital app.

The app is now available on the Google Play Store for Android-based devices. The app will be available for Apple-based devices in the next two weeks out of the Apple Store.

Company President Lee Vandenberg said the company has been working toward the goal of having an app for its customer base since the beginning of the year.

“We watched what our readers and customers were doing and how our website was being used by visitors and we think we’ve come up with something that is extremely user friendly. We’re very excited to have this option and we’re hoping to have it for all devices in the next 10 days or so,” she said.

To get the application, she said just go to the Google Play Store in your devices application folder and type in “Pen City Current”. Vandenberg said you may have to scroll down a little and then just install like you would any other app. A white icon with the company’s signature ink-blot logo will be installed on your home page. As all devices are a bit different, Vandenberg said if you have trouble locating the app, which you shouldn’t, you can do a Google Search for Pen City Current App or click the link here https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=hr.apps.n022f4540i.

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 Supervisors table animal ordinance again

Final draft should be ready by June 13th meeting

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MONTROSE - A move to give local law enforcement more tools to deal with aggressive animals, has been tabled for a second time by county officials.

At Tuesday’s regular meeting of the Lee County Board of Supervisors, an ordinance was presented that would give more latitude to the county sheriff’s department in dealing with what is defined in the ordinance as “out of control animals”. Supervisor Ron Fedler asked the ordinance be tabled for the first reading until Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber and Lee County Attorney Clinton Boddicker can iron out a few of the details in the new ordinance. Weber and Boddicker both agreed that just a couple of sentences needed to be changed and then the ordinance could move forward.

“I just want to make sure we get this right the first time,” Fedler said after the meeting. “Sometimes it’s just a matter of one word that can cause a problem.”

Boddicker said the purpose of the ordinance is to re-place the original version. He said he took all language out that referred to an “animal control officer” and replaced it with the authority of the Lee County Sheriff or its designee and added language in the ordinance that makes it illegal for owners to “allow dogs or companion cats to attack persons or domestic animals or to destroy property, or to allow such dogs or cats to place persons in reasonable fear of attack or injury.”

The ordinance would allow the sheriff to impound any animal in violation of the code. “This is similar to Keokuk’s code and I spoke with Tom Crew, the animal control officer, and he said this is a very important part. This does give the sheriff in section

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Sports: Lee K. Vandenberg, PCC President

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PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Well, the story was supposed to be that the Fort Madison Bloodhound softball team 12-runned the No. 4 team in the state in the first game of a doubleheader Monday night in Fort Madison.

But then Chase Lowney hit a ball about 220 feet into the night for a walkoff game winning home run in the bottom of the 10th inning to give the Hounds a sweep of the No. 4 Class 4A team in the state.

Oh...and she struck out the last batter in the final three innings of work to get the win on the mound, too.

When asked what was going through her mind as she worked the mound in the extra innings she answers with a chuckle. “Honestly, nothing at all was on my mind. I just wanted to keep my team in the game.”

Mission accomplished. In a night cap that saw what head coach Stan Schmidt called “a new found confidence in our hitters’ eyes” Lowney, who was the Hounds lead-off hitter, went 3 for 6 with two doubles and the home run.

In the Burlington half of the 1st, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th Lowney fanned hitters for the final out of the inning.

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Bats come alive in sweep

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The Grayhounds jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead in the first inning when Mia Ruther and Bryanna Me- haffy came around to score on Emily Bloomer’s single to center that got under a charging Teryn Parsons’ glove. Heather Geiger sacrificed Bloomer home before Lowney slammed the door shut striking out Ali Bivens, the 8th batter of the inning.

FMHS answered in the bottom half with four runs of their own. Lowney started with a double to dead center, followed by Olivia Williams’ single to left that scored Lowney. Kylee Cashman came in as a courtesy runner and advanced when Lexi on an error by Wondra. Wondra scored on a wild pitch and then Williams ripped a line drive to right center scoring two. Schmidt then followed with a single, Bailey walked, and Jada Lamm lined out to center, again not deep enough to score Williams. But Smithburg cleaned up the bases with a bloop double to right that fell just inside the foul line between the charging right fielder and 1st baseman scoring two more. Wondra than flew to deep left cen- ter to end the inning with the Hounds up 1-2.

“Time was an issue with her walk-off home run that nailed down the sweep of No. 4 Burl- ington on Tuesday night.

From the Front

Senior Chase Lowney approaches home to a mob of Lady Hounds after her walk-off home run that nailed down the sweep of No. 4 Burl- ington on Tuesday night.

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For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report
06/05/17 - 12:56 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2100 block of 33rd Avenue. 06/05/17 - 3:11 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 200 block of Avenue L. 06/05/17 - 5:53 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 400 block of 34th Place. 06/05/17 - 9:52 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Monica Johanna Lino, 29, of Fort Madison, on a charge of probation violation, in the 1200 block of Avenue H. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 06/05/17 - 10:14 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1000 block of Avenue G.

Lee County Sheriff's Report
06/05/17 - 10:11 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Steven Wayne Blaise, 52 of Keokuk, no location given, on a court ordered hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail. 06/05/17 - 3:54 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on Hwy 61 just south of Mississippi River Road. A vehicle driven by Jack E. Gilpin, 79 of Carthage, Ill., and a vehicle driven by Kimberly Lynn Shermerwill, 25 of Keokuk collided. According to the report Gilpin failed to yield and pulled out in front of Shermerwill at Mississippi River Road and the two vehicles collided. Both drivers complained of minor pain. Gilpin was cited for failure to yield upon entering through highway. 06/05/17 - 7:17 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Rae Anne Twaddle, 60, of Salem on a charge of public intoxication in the 2800 block of Hwy 16. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 06/05/17 - 7:35 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Toni Charlene Skinner, 21 of Keokuk, on a court order. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

L. VANDENBERG
Monday Sports

Fairfield takes two from Lady Hounds

BY PCC STAFF

Fairfield - Southeast Iowa conference leader Fairfield came into Fort Madison and lived up to it's 10-1 record Monday night handing the Bloodhounds two losses, 11-1 and 7-2.

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HTC boys snap four game losing streak

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FM sends four to co-ed state tourney

By PCC Staff

DES MOINES - Fort Madison High School entered two doubles teams in the Iowa Co-Ed State Tennis Tournament Tuesday at Waveland Tennis Courts in Des Moines.

Fort Madison head girls tennis coach Amy Doherty took Sam Avery, Katie Larson, Austin Krueger, and Hope Gray to Des Moines.

Avery and Larson teamed up and Krueger and Gray were partnered for the event.

Krueger and Gray were eliminated in their first match of the day by a team from Ballard 3-6, 2-6 in the best two of three sets. The two then played in an exhibition match against a team from Saydel and won the best two of three sets. The two then played in an exhibition match of the day by a team from Ballard 3-6, 2-6 in the best two of three sets.

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"It was a good experience to play with Katie and I hope we can do it again next year," Avery said. "It was good exposure to play against people we don't usually see."

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