Yard incident prompts ISP lock down

Only minor injuries reported
BY PCC STAFF
FORT MADISON – According to statement released on Saturday, the Iowa State Penitentiary was placed on restricted movement Saturday, July 1st 2017 after an incident involving multiple offenders on the yard. Staff responded swiftly and gained immediate control of the situation. While responding to the incident there were no noted injuries to staff. Only minor injuries to offenders were reported, and no weapons were known to be involved. The visiting room will be closed until further notice. This incident remains under investigation and no further information is available at this time.

Donnellson sets July 4th parade schedule
BY PCC STAFF
DONNELSON – Plans have come together for the annual 4th of July parade in Donnellson on Tuesday, July 4th beginning at 6 p.m. This year’s theme is “Soar like an Eagle”.

There will be nine categories including Religious, Patriotic, Children through 7 years, Children Years, Family Unit, Organization, Commercial Advertising, Miscellaneous/Political, and Horses.

A first, second, and third place prize will be given in each category; $20, $15 and $10, respectively. Entries will be judged on creativity, depicting the theme, neatness, and general appearance.

Registration will take place the day of the parade from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the corner of Maple and Oak streets in Donnellson. All entries must be registered by 5:30 p.m. to be eligible for parade competitions.

The parade will commence north on Hwy 218. See PARADE, page 3

State needs to review super majority rule
OF course it’s sour grapes. Of course it is. I’m deeply concerned that we didn’t pass the referendum for a new preK-3rd grade elementary school last week. The Keep Improving District Schools (KIDS) Committee did an unbelievable job at getting voters to the polls for the second attempt at a $27 million facility including two high school ball fields.

There are a lot of educators out there that are taking the high road and looking to the next school year with plans for teaching in dilapidated, inferior schools. And they will do just that. But I’m still irked. Again a campaign, not just of misinformation, but from my perspective, irrelevant information, was waged against the children in our neighborhoods.

Here’s one thing you didn’t see. No one, in all their complaining through social media threads and in area newspapers, cited as their reason for voting against the referendum this - the students don’t need a new school.

I read a TON of comments on our social media threads as to why people were against the issue. Most were based on misinformation, just of misinformation, again.

Again a campaign, not just a lack of education, not just of misinformation, just of misinformation, was waged against the students.

There are a lot of teachers in our neighborhood districts that support these new schools. They’re not just for the students, but for our children in our neighborhood.

So what do we do? We pass the referendum or we lobby the legislature to pass legislation requiring all school districts to pass referendums for new schools. Only one group needs to pass a referendum, we teachers. That’s all we need.

We don’t need the State legislature to review a super majority rule. We don’t need the State legislature to review a super majority rule.
Company put daughter, father on same path

Grace Lane shows off the better boy tomatoes she’s growing in the high-tunnels that are part of Canaan Produce, a Henry County company providing fresh produce to farmer’s markets.

“Nos leveraged our kids against grapes of the past

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on inadequate information. Some, even more frustrating, fixated on the past. Those were wasted votes. You cannot be serious voting against the children of this district because you’re inked at construction issues, or you heard this or heard that, when we had many, many public meetings to inform people. Nothing in the past has anything to do with these kids. We had one person who kept saying we were fake news. I chuckle at the comments as we thought of blocking him, but I refused to do so. It’s an opinion and free speech.

They said we weren’t writing the full story. Our full story was that the youngest students in this district needed a new school. Whether there was a construction flaw in the current building doesn’t matter to me. Show me a building of that scope that didn’t have a construction flaw. If that’s the case, has it been corrected? Then, whatever the reason, I do not care. If there was an issue, it was between the contractor and the district, it’s, or is being, taken care of, that’s all I care about.

It has nothing to do with the needs of our youngest students.

If Superintendent Erin Slater said there were issues with the middle school construction and moving of students. I do not care. It’s been resolved.

If it was an issue of traffic at the new building. I do not care. It’s been resolved. Transportation...playgrounds...all resolved. It’s what school districts do. They are charged with solving problems.

There were not four attempts to pass this legislation, it was the second time. There was an attempt years back to pass a referendum to build the middle school that failed, so the state provided an option to use sales tax for that type of construction. Cool.

But now the state needs to provide another change. The time for the super majority is over. This is a different economy and the minority is blocking progress.

It’s tough enough to get a majority vote. Look at the last few elections. The combined courthouse vote only got 31% approval. The recent vote for a new health department got 45% approval.

It’s tough enough. And enough’s enough. Those defeats were sound, but this recent election was a majority - 55%. The state’s finances are not such that extra money is going to come to the local governments. Our revenues are based on sales tax and property tax. Lots of TIF districts exist that are keeping millions off the tax rolls that weren’t so prevalent in the days where super majority hurdles were more easily cleared.

I’m confident that people a heck of a lot smarter than me are going to get this referendum passed - because our children need it. But I think a serious look needs to be taken at current economic and local government agencies financial constraints. The pressures of property taxes on people are causing them to think it’s ok to just leave everyone in the 1970s, 60s and, geesh, even 40s. We cannot continue to live there.

State Senator Rich Taylor and State Reps. Jerry Kearns and Dave Heaton, I would encourage you to look at an amendment or introduce a bill to remove the super majority law and allow taxing districts a better shot, at a minimum, of progress. But that’s Beside the Point.
Entrants still accepted for parade

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from one block north of Hwy 2. It will run west on Fruit Street past Fairview Housing, then north past the Donnellson Health Center, and travel east to the end of the parade on State Street at the Dept. of Transportation’s state maintenance shed/headquarters.

The throwing of candy is not prohibited, but from past experience it has been overly abundant. Entrants wishing to delight parade watchers might consider another type of treat such as a small American flag, helium-filled balloons, patriotic streamers, whistles or pencils, etc. This is an opportune time for organizations or individuals to hand out flyers for their own publicity.

Anyone interested in publicizing their organization or business with a float or decorated pick-up, car, tractor, antique vehicle or just for the fun of being in a parade, are all welcome to take part. All entries should be decorated in some manner. Also, any musical groups or small bands are encouraged to participate.

The Donnellson Lions and TTT Chapter OK will again be sponsoring an ice cream social following the parade at the Pilot Grove Savings Bank Community Room. Sandwiches, homemade pie, ice cream, and drinks will be available.

Boy Scout Troop #433 and Pack #53 are sponsoring the parade this year.

For further information, contact one of the following: Barb Moeller, 319-835-3311, Tom Kruse at 319-371-6748 or Chris Kears, 319-470-5429.

OBITUARIES

Perry T. Schneider

Perry T. Schneider, 92, of Ft. Madison, passed away on Saturday, July 1, 2017 at 5:40 AM at The Madison.

He was born on December 12, 1924 in Ft. Madison to George and Josephine Volkert Schneider. On October 24, 1959 he married Carol Sporkman in Ft. Madison. He was a lifelong farmer. Perry was a member of Sacred Heart Church. He loved going coon hunting and telling a good joke. He and Carol also enjoyed eating at the Cottage Café, Fort Colony and the Parthenon and spending time with their family.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Schneider of Ft. Madison; two sons, Bernie (Heidi) Schneider of Ft. Madison and Greg (Tammy) Schneider of Lorton, VA; five daughters, Maxine (Silas) Geerdes of West Point, Sherry (Jay) Blanchard of Waver, Debbie (Tim) Miller of Montrose, Kim (Tim) Reinhardt of Nauvoo, IL and Lisa (John Kieffer) Schneider of Waukesha, WI; fourteen grandchildren; ten great grandchildren and one sister, Henrietta Blaise of Chicago. He was preceded in death by his parents and ten brothers and sisters.

The funeral service will be held on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 12:00 PM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. Rev. Mark P. Spring will officiate. The family will meet with friends from 10 AM until the time of the service at noon. Burial will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A memorial has been established in his memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

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- Buy durable goods & products in bulk
- Avoid over-packaged & disposable goods
- Use cloth napkins/towels instead of paper napkins/towels
- Make 2-sided copies whenever possible
- Maintain central files for multiple individuals
- Use electronic mail/communications or a central bulletin board

**REUSE**
*Reuse products for the same purpose or for a different purpose*
It makes economic & environmental sense to reuse products. Sometimes it takes a creative mind to do so.
- Sell or Donate old clothes, appliances, toys & furniture
- Use resealable containers rather than plastic wrap
- Reuse grocery bags or bring your own cloth bags to the store

**RECYCLE**
*Recycle/convert common waste into reusable material*
Recycling is a series of steps that takes a used material and processes, re-manufactures and sells it as a new product. Begin recycling at home and work.
- Recycle all acceptable products at our recycling bins, stations & trailers (see www.grrwa.com for a complete list of locations)
- Check for curbside recycling acceptable items & schedules on your local city websites
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Lady Hounds take title at Goose Lake

GOOSELAKE - The FMHS Lady Hounds took first-place at Saturday’s tournament at Northeast High School in Goose Lake.

Lexi Schmidt came off a 10-0 loss to Ottumwa on Thursday to knock off Bellevue 10-2 in the first game of the day Saturday. Schmidt gave up just two runs, one earned, and struck out nine batters, and allowed five hits. She was also 2-of-4 from the plate with two doubles and a run scored.

Chayse Lowney went 2-of-5 with two doubles, an rbi, and run scored. Kylee Cashman also had two hits. Kamryn Bailey had a double for the FM team. HS jumped out to a three-run lead over Bellevue.

FMHS Head girls softball coach Stan Schmidt gives some instruction to Dalyn Wondra (25) and Teryn Parsons (20) between games Thursday. Vanessa Golowach (5) is at left. The Hounds won three games on Saturday to take the title at Northeast High School.

Advancing to the championship bracket, the Hounds faced host Northeast in their second game. The Lady Hounds again jumped out to some early scoring putting up two runs in the second and three in the third and that’s all they would need as Lowney allowed only one run earned on eight hits and struck out three. Smithsburg went 2-of-3 with an RBI to lead FMHS at the plate. Bailey went 1-of-3 with another double and an RBI and run scored. Lowney, Schmidt, Farmer, and Jada Lamm also had hits for Fort Madison. Lamm scored twice, and Schmidt and Lowery each tallied a run in the win that sent FMHS into the championship game against Maquoketa.

Maquoketa came back with a run in the bottom of the sixth to tie the score at 3. Neither FM nor Maquoketa could muster heroics in the seventh inning but Fort Madison came up with two runs in the top of the eighth, where Schmidt gave up one run in the bottom half before the Hounds slammed the door.

Bailey went 3-of-4 at the plate with two runs scored and a couple of stolen bases to lead the Hounds. Lowney was 2-of-4 with a double, an RBI, a stolen base, and a run scored. Vanessa Golowach went 2-of-3 with a run scored. Schmidt, Smithburg, Cashman, and Williams all had singles for FMHS. Schmidt and Smithburg also scored runs.

The Hounds (10-24) host Keokuk in the regular season finale on Monday at home, before post season play begins Thursday against Keokuk on the road.