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**AMANDA EILNOR MOORE**

Amanda Eilnor Moore, 98, of Keokuk, Iowa passed away at 3:11 p.m. Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at Unity Point Health - Keokuk.

Born March 27, 1918 in Denmark, Iowa the daughter of John Daniel and Addie Mae (Seager) Sherwood. She married George James Fuget. He preceded her in death on April of 1949. She then married Joseph Moore, they later divorced. Survivors include her four children: Anita (Roland) Wagner of Donnellson, Iowa, Carole (Ronald) McCannon of Keokuk, Iowa, Joseph (Rose) Moore of Donnellson, Iowa and Barbara Jean (Mike) Thompson of Argyle, Iowa; thirteen grandchildren; one sister: Eva Stansbury of Boone, Iowa; several great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: George; ex-husband: Joseph; one grandchild; six sisters: Marie Sherwood, Grace Andrews, Barbara Pieper, Rosie Thomas, Cecilia Hymes and Regina Sherwood (in infancy); five brothers: Francis Sherwood, Joe Sherwood, Charlie Sherwood, Hank Sherwood and Dan Sherwood. Amanda worked at the Iowa Ordnance Plant and Sheller Pen Company. She enjoyed gambling at the casinos, farming, animals (especially horses), baking cookies, pies and birthday cakes for her children and spending time with her grand-puppy “Rusty.”

The family will receive friends from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, October 15, 2017 at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson, Iowa. A Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, October 16, 2017 at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson with Dawn Butler officiating. Burial will be at the Oakland Cemetery in Fort Madison, Iowa. A memorial has been established in her memory to Keokuk Animal Services. Schmitz Funeral Home Donnellson is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online Condolences may be sent to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

**MATTHEW “MATT” MERLE HUTSON**

Matthew “Matt” Merle Hutson, 41, of Nauvoo, Illinois, passed away at 12:56 a.m. Thursday, October 12, 2017 in the emergency room at the Fort Madison Community Hospital in Fort Madison, Iowa.


He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Floyd and Kay Hutson; maternal grandfather, Don Gnann; and one uncle, Stan Hutson.

Matt was a member of St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo. He was also a member of Hancock County Farm Bureau, and he served as a past Trustee of Appanoose Township. Matt was a 1994 graduate of Dallas City High School. Matt enjoyed farming with his dad and playing with his boys. He also enjoyed motocross, riding jet skis, going to the Lake of the Ozarks, and collecting Case International tractors. He was a member of Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo. He was also a member of Hancock County Farm Bureau, and he served as a past Trustee of Appanoose Township. Matt was a 1994 graduate of Dallas City High School. Matt enjoyed farming with his dad and playing with his boys. He also enjoyed motocross, riding jet skis, going to the Lake of the Ozarks, and collecting Case International tractors.

Friends may call and meet with family from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, October 15, 2017 at St. John’s Hospital in Springfield, Illinois. Services are pending at Schmitz Funeral Home Donnellson. Following the funeral service, his body will be cremated. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in his memory. The Schmitz Funeral Homes are assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.
For the Record

10/11/17 - 7:00 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in progress in the 2100 block of Avenue I.

10/11/17 - 5:24 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 4800 block of Avenue O.

10/10/17 - 5:06 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in Blackhawk Heights.

10/10/17 - 1:24 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit and run in 20th Street and Avenue E.

10/10/17 - 8:10 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2000 block of Avenue B.

10/09/17 - 5:07 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 4500 block of Avenue O.

10/09/17 - 2:26 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 5000 block of River Valley Road.

10/09/17 - 1:05 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a property damage accident in the 3400 block of Bluff Road.

10/09/17 - 8:08 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 3400 block of Bluff Road.

For the Record/Lottery Numbers

IOWA LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS

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FMHS preps for tussle with Keokuk

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - After a disappointing loss on Friday to Fairfield, head coach Tony Shiffman has his sights squarely set on Keokuk on the road this week.

The Bloodhounds are coming off a three-game losing skid including two losses to Mt. Pleasant and Fairfield that the Hounds may have been hoping would go in the win column.

"I still firmly believe this team should have won six or seven games. We'll look back at Fairfield and Mount Pleasant as games we should have and could have won. Osky was too much for us and good games we should have and could have back at Fairfield and Mount Pleasant as we have won six or seven games. We'll look back and think this will be the 1978 and the 1979 season and we were without a couple of guys that could have helped and they won. That's a mindset and mentality and that's good. We're trying to get them, "Shiffman said.

"They're gritty and they're tough and it's gonna be a ballgame if we let it be a ballgame. If we come out and play to our top potential who knows what will happen, but if we let them stay in it they will."

Gully, who didn't run last week, has 768 yards on the season and 10 touchdowns.

The Hounds suffered a few setbacks on Friday and will be without a couple players. Starting inside linebacker Diego Lozano's status is up in the air with a shoulder injury he suffered trying to block an extra point. Shiffman said currently two players are out, one battling a shoulder injury and the other has a shoulder injury. Shiffman said they could get it done, but that's all part of changing the culture and building a ballgame. "I don't want you guys to have that mentality that it's OK to lose. You have to want to give 100% and play your best, "Shiffman said.

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The Fort Madison Bloodhounds are looking for their 4th win of the season this Friday night at Keokuk. Game time is 7 p.m, not 7:30 as usual.

The Chiefs are in the middle of a rough year as well, yet to find their first win. Keokuk starts freshman quarterback Corey Skinner who's 28 of 93 through the air for 381 yards, one touchdown, and five interceptions. He also leads the team in rushing with 72 carries for 768 yards on the season and 10 touchdowns.

Senior Shance Redd-Donald is in the mix this season and Shiffman said he wants to give the community a winning season. "We had such great success in weeks 1 and 2, but we just couldn't keep it going. It's still success and it's still things we can build on, but I just don't like to lose. I tell the kids, 'I don't want you guys to have that mentality that it's OK to lose. You have to want to give 100% and play your hardest', "Shiffman said.

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**FORT MADISON -** The Holy Trinity Catholic Lady Crusaders are hitting their stride at the right time.

HTC’s 7th-ranked volleyball team has won eight matches in a row including a three-set win over Burlington Notre-Dame Tuesday night at Shottenkirk Gymnasium, 25-12, 25-21, 25-12.

The last set the Crusaders lost was on Thursday when they knocked off 5th-ranked New London 3-1.

Junior Emily Box led HTC at the net hitting 38-40 with 26 kills on the night. She also had 16 digs to lead the Blue in that stat as well. Senior Maya Rashid had 34 assists and 14 digs for HTC. She was also a perfect 13 of 13 serving with three aces. Eryn Anderson was 16-17 at the net with eight kills.

Taylor Boeding was 24 of 28 attacking with six kills and had five aces on 10-of-10 serving. Elyse Pothitakis was 15-of-15 serving and Samantha Hoening was 10 of 10 serving as well.

The Crusaders are 30-5 on the season and take part in the Mediapolis Tournament Thursday night with games beginning at 5 p.m. Regional play will begin on Tuesday, Oct. 17 with game sites to be announced.
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Protestors say workers under attack

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your hard work and your investment collectively, your unemployment rate has dropped from over 11% to 6.3%. We still have work to do but it demonstrates the progress that you're making. Since Jan. 2009 unemployed Lee County residents has dropped from 2,000 to 1,051."

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**Local News News/Weather**

**FM Youth Basketball signup underway**

FORT MADISON - Sign up is currently underway for the 2017 Fort Madison Youth Basketball League. This year the league will be combined with Central Lee and Harmony/Van Buren to make the league more competitive. Boys in grades 3rd-6th are eligible to participate with a camp being held Oct. 16-19th at Fort Madison High School from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Practices are at the Fort Madison Middle School on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Games will vary between the middle school, Central Lee and Harmony/Van Buren schools.

Cost is $30.

**5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST**

**FRI 13 Oct**
- Clear Skies
- High – 71.4º F | Low – 67.1º F

**SAT 14 Oct**
- Moderate Rain
- High – 75.7º F | Low – 67.2º F

**SUN 15 Oct**
- Heavy Intensity Rain
- High – 54.9º F | Low – 43.3º F

**MON 16 Oct**
- Clear Skies
- High – 54.8º F | Low – 45.7º F

**TUE 17 Oct**
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- High – 63.5º F | Low – 47.8º F

**Lee County Health Department - 2017 FLU CLINIC SCHEDULE**

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**FORT MADISON - Beta Sigma Phi presented PORT (Promoting Outdoor Recreation Trails) of Fort Madison with their second donation of $500. They made a five year pledge to support the building of trails in Fort Madison. PORT has completed two Phases of their initial three phase plan. The annual PORT Spooktacular Boo-athon fundraising event will be held on Saturday, October 21st starting at 9 a.m. at the Baxter Sports Complex.**

**Pictured above from left to right are: Deb Sylvester, Dawn Kempker, Chuck Osmanski, Jean Neuweg, Julie Moon**

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FORT MADISON - Fort Madison Community Hospital recognized Amber Lawson as their August Employee of the Month. Lawson is a Physical Therapy Assistant in the Outpatient Rehabilitation Services department at FMCH. She has been with FMCH for eight years. Lawson was recognized with this nomination:

This employee has made a career out of her job by developing her skills in so many areas. First, let me say that she is extremely bright both socially and intellectually. She amazes me how she looks at our staff concerns and processes and comes up with solutions to please everyone. This could be in the form of making a creative treatment plan for a difficult patient or figuring out where to put a machine so it is efficient for our team. She is socially aware and grounds the rest of the staff when it comes to serving the community, going the extra mile and being a terrific teammate. She is very thoughtful and makes sure our projects will improve processes for the staff and our patients. She never has to be reminded to input her quality data and always has data available upon the director’s request. This employee REALLY cares about FMCH. She is very aware of her surroundings and frequently brings maintenance issues to the director to make sure the staff and patients are safe. She and her husband came in on a Sunday to re-upholster a piece of furniture because we were having a hard time finding a business to do it for us. She is awesome at her job also. She goes above and beyond for her patients, taking the time to educate. As I look back at this nomination, I think the reason she is a valuable employee is because she truly lives by the standards of behavior we have all agreed to embrace. She is a standard superstar.

Lawson expressed this about working at FMCH, “I work with an amazing group of therapists who possess a ton of knowledge and we all pull information and skill from each other all the time. Jane (Wentzien) as my supervisor has given me constant encouragement, coaching, and support as I work through life and career. Your peers are the key to longevity in any career; good decisions on her part in forming our department has created the consistency of staff to keep us moving in the right direction.”

Lawson enjoys spending time with her husband and their daughters on their hobby farm, partaking in outdoor activities. The Employee of the Month is an initiative developed by the Reward & Recognition team. Each month a FMCH employee is honored for going above and beyond for the good of the patient, their co-workers and the organization.

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FMCH announces employee of the month

Pictured are Jeremy Alexander, Interim President/CEO; Amber Lawson; Jane Wentzien, Director of Rehab Services.

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