PORT’s Boo-Athalon this Saturday

BY PCC STAFF

PORT (Promoting Outdoor Recreational Trails) of Fort Madison will be holding their fourth annual Spooktakular Boo-athlon fundraiser for recreational trails in Fort Madison. The Spooktakular Boo-athlon will be held on Saturday, October 21st starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Baxter Sports Complex. There is still time to register to take part in this fun, family event; day-of registrations also available starting at 7 a.m. There will be fun kids activities including a bounce house and plenty of treats.

The PORT of Fort Madison committee is pleased to announce that this year’s event will not only incorporate the Phase I trail that runs from Ivanhoe Park to Bluff Road but also the newly completed Phase II trail that intersects Phase I and connects to 48th Street. Registration and the start of each race will take place at the Baxter Sports Complex. This multi-faceted event is sure to bring out all the ghosts and goblins who run, bike or both. Events include: Kid’s Race—race for children up to the age of 6 and a one mile fun run for children 6 and over; 5K Run/Walk; 10 mile Bike Race; Duathlon (Run/Bike Event). There will be kid’s games, prizes, refreshments, and fun. Participants are encouraged to wear costumes. Registration forms can be found online at www.portmad.iania.com under the Community tab/PORT here; on the PORT of Fort Madison Facebook page or by calling Kathy Wagner.

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High speed chase ends in Lee County
Deputies had to disable vehicle to get suspect to stop

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

LEE COUNTY - About six law enforcement agencies were involved in a arrest of a homeless man who was trying to elude authorities early Monday afternoon in his vehicle.

The chase ended without injury at about 1:20 p.m. Monday on Hwy 218 near Donnellson and resulted in the arrest of Wade Garret Wagner, 23, listed at homeless on the sheriff’s report.

The chase which began for the Lee County deputies on Hwy 27, just across the Missouri border ended when deputies had to wreck the vehicle that was clocked at close to 127 mph going north on the wrong lane of Hwy 27.

“We had to wreck it or he could have killed someone,” said Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber, who at one point was right behind Wagner.

Agencies involved in the chase included, Lee County Sheriff, Henry County Sheriff, Van Buren County sheriff, Iowa State Patrol, West Point/Donnellson police and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Weber said Law Enforcement was instrumental in coordinating the joint effort while all the different agencies

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Board to consider beefing up jail staff

Sheriff said a minimum 5 additional staff is needed

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

MONTROSE - The Lee County Board of Supervisors will soon be looking at the costs of expanding the staff at the county sheriff’s department.

Lee County Sheriff, Stacy Weber approached the board at the workshop portion of the weekly superviso’s meeting and showed the board statistics on jail occupancy compared to other counties in southeast Iowa. He said the South Iowa Area Crime Commission has indicated the jail is short five full-time positions and Weber said he’s looking to add five to possibly 12. The county safety team met immediately after the workshop to discuss safety and security issues as part of a scheduled meeting.

A report from SIACC indicated Lee county should have 19 full time correctional officers for the three shifts and one Jail Captain. Lee County has a Jail Administration, John Canida, that fills that post and they have 14 full-time correctional officers and five part-time. The part-time officers are being utilized to fill the schedule and keep a minimum staffing level in place. By adding the additional five full time, the SIACC report indicated the part-time position could be used exclusively for unforeseen or emergency situations.

Weber said the additional staff should be used to have a bigger presence in county buildings.

“I recognized the need. I’ve been approached by people in the county office buildings and courthouses about the security of those buildings,” Weber said.

“I know our jail is not adequately staffed. I figured today with the safety meeting right after the board meeting, it would be a perfect time to bring this up. It’s taken me awhile to put it all together and I wanted to see if the trend of inmates would move back down. But it’s not moving, it’s stayed in the 90s. I just thought this would be the perfect time to address it and give the board an opportunity to hear where we’re at.”

Right now Iowa Department of Natural Resources on staff for each of the two day shifts and two, one male and one female on the overnight shift.

Weber brought in comparisons of jail occupancy to

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For the Record

**Fort Madison Police report**
10/13/17 - 2:01 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 5400 block of Avenue O.
10/13/17 - 4:30 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2000 block of Avenue B.
10/13/17 - 5:41 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2000 block of Avenue K.
10/14/17 - 10:26 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1900 block of Avenue F.
10/14/17 - 8:01 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1200 block of Avenue H.
10/14/17 - 9:29 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2300 block of Avenue C.
10/14/17 - 10:26 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a vandalism in the 1900 block of Avenue D.
10/14/17 - 12:12 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1700 block of Avenue H.
10/14/17 - 2:54 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 5400 block of Avenue O.
10/14/17 - 2:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 300 block of Avenue G.

**1700 block of Avenue H.**
10/14/17 - 9:14 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1700 block of Avenue H.
10/15/17 - 2:01 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 600 block of Avenue H.
10/16/17 - 1:57 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 600 block of Avenue H.
10/16/17 - 3:36 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue L.
10/16/17 - 4:07 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2000 block of Avenue L.
10/16/17 - 8:17 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3200 block of Avenue K.

**10/15/17 - 11:34 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 600 block of Avenue O.**
10/15/17 - 23:57 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Wade Garrett Wagner, 23, homeless, in the area of Hwy 218 near Donnellson, on two charges of reckless driving and eluding/speeding more than 25 mph over the speed limit. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
10/17/17 - 3:43 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Melissa Marie Senn, 36, of Sperry in the 6000 block of Avenue O in Fort Madison on charges of assault, 5th degree criminal mischief, possession of drug paraphernalia and manufacture/delivery/provision of a controlled substance. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
10/16/17 - 3:36 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue L.
10/16/17 - 11:53 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1300 block of 10th Street.
10/16/17 - 8:14 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 300 block of Avenue E.
10/15/17 - 11:52 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 200 block of Avenue G.
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10/15/17 - 8:25 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue D.
10/15/17 - 9:43 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a alcohol and drug violation in the 600 block of Avenue O.
10/15/17 - 1:20 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 300 block of Avenue G.
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10/15/17 - 9:10 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1300 block of 27th Street.
10/15/17 - 8:19 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 200 block of Avenue L.
10/15/17 - 2:01 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1300 block of 27th Street.

**Lee County Sheriff's report**
10/14/17 - 9:45 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Dominic Louis Guzman, 42, of Burlington, was arrested at the Wal-Mart in Burlington on a warrant for contempt for resisting a court order. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
10/15/17 - 23:57 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident at the intersection of Hwy. 103 and 218. A semi-tractor driven by James Ray Noah, 61, of Crowley, Tx, swerved to miss a deer and overcorrected striking a stop sign and coming to rest on its side after crossing the median northbound. Both the driver and Tammia Renee Noah, 57, of Crowley, Tx were transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries. James Noah was cited for failure to maintain control.
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**For the Record/Local News**

FOR FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Partners along with the Fort Madison Daily Democrat will be host- ing a candidate forum on Wednesday, Oct. 25th in the council chambers. The Forum is scheduled to begin at 5:30, ending no later than 7:00 p.m.

A moderator will be asking questions and keep track of time, some of which will come from the hosting organizations and others from the audience. All candidates will have an opportunity to answer the questions as they pertain to that particular seat. For example, if a question is directed at the mayoral candidates only those two will answer, etc. As councilmen Rusty Andrews and Mark Lair are running unopposed, the focus may end up being on the Mayor and Second Ward race.

Fort Madison Partners Executive Director Tim Gob ble said he is hoping to have the forum televised over the city web page, but that is still being worked out.

Goble also said none of the candidates will receive questions prior to the forum. Audience members will have the opportunity to write their questions out upon arrival and have their questions as asked, as time allows, but all questions will be evaluated and asked by the moderator during the forum's scheduled time.

“We look forward to helping inform the general public on who is running and help them make an informed decision when it comes to voting for the leaders of our community,” Goble said.

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**Pen City Current, Democrat team up for election forum Oct. 25**

By PCC Staff

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LCHD to hold open house Thursday at new location

Event set for 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at old ISP administration site

FORT MADISON - Lee County Health Department will have an open house for the public at its new location at #3 John Bennett Drive in Fort Madison from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19.

The newly occupied building has four floors available for 33 employee work stations, meeting and conference rooms, an immunization and TB clinic, volunteer stations, and adequate storage for program supplies and materials. The entrance, as well as each floor, is handicap accessible for employees and consumers.

“We are inviting the public and all of our community partners to come celebrate with us. We hope everyone who is interested will come tour our new facility, greet our staff, and learn more about all of the services Lee County Health Department provides to the community,” said Julie Schilling, LCHD Administrator.

The new address for Lee County Health Department is: #3 John Bennett Drive, PO Box 1426, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627.

The phone number (319) 372-5225 and fax 319-372-4734 remain the same as well as the LCHD website at: www.leecountyhd.org

Gov. to speak at Steffensmeier event

PILOT GROVE - Steffensmeier Welding and Manufacturing, Inc. is proud to announce they will be celebrating 35 years in business with an open house on Oct. 27, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The company is honored to have keynote speaker, Iowa Governor, Kim Reynolds.

The event will include drinks, hors d’oeuvres and tours of the Steffensmeier Welding and Manufacturing, Inc. facility.

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Herdrich turns 90

Herald “Shorty” Herdrich will be celebrating his 90th birthday on November 1. A celebration will be held Oct. 28 at 4 p.m. at the Pilot Grove Community Center in Donnellson. Come enjoy time with Shorty along with sandwiches, cake, and drinks.

Cards may be sent to him at 3091 175th Ave. Argyle, IA 52619.
Sports

**HTC serves up 3-set win to start regionals**

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - If teamwork cresting at the end of the season is an indication of how a team will do in the playoffs, the 5th-ranked HTC girls got off to a very good start on Tuesday night in first round regional Class 1A volleyball action.

The Lady Crusaders swept Burlington Notre Dame in three quick games 25-5, 25-14, 25-10 with the only real threat coming in the second game when the Nikes kept a lead until Eryn Anderson recorded a kill to tie the game at 13. Samantha Hoenig had a kill from the right side to give Holy Trinity a 14-13 lead and the Crusaders cruised the rest of the night.

Eryn Anderson was on a tear from the service line all night having two-9-point runs in both the first and second games. Her serving in the first game came at 2-1 HTC leading. Benefitting from four Emily Box kills in the run, Eryn Anderson moved the Crusaders to an 11-1 lead capped off by a great save on hit three by Samantha Hoenig who was almost under the net and got the ball to spin back over the top.

“I’ve been struggling the last couple of tournaments. The last couple practices I just took my time and focused on keeping the ball in play. I tried to focus on the little things and not overdo anything,” Anderson said after the game.

“I was just happy with the win. I think we really trusted each other tonight and played really well,” Head coach Melissa Freesmeier said Anderson regularly packs a good serve and tonight used it well.

“She’s got a great serve. She’s getting stronger and she’s got that serve that can just-whoop-drop on you,” Freesmeier said. “She did a great job and got us some points and good runs a couple different times. Our serving has been strong all year and we hope to use that to our advantage down the stretch.”

A kill by Hope Ward ended Anderson’s service run, but then Hoenig took over the serving and reeled off six straight points aided by kills from Anderson and Taylor Boeding to push the lead to 17-3. The Nikes couldn’t get anything going in the first game at all and senior Maya Rashid stepped to the service line and capped the game 25-5 with an ace to win the set.

The second game saw the Crusaders trailing halfway through the set, but most of the points were errors on HTC’s side of the net before they could regroup at 13s. A kill by Box put HTC up 16-14 and Anderson stepped to the line and smoked 9 more straight points including back-to-back aces at points 19 and 20. She decided to repeat the feat at points 24 and 25 to seal the win.

Freesmeier said she calls the serves but tries to use each girl’s abilities when calling the serve.

“I try to use my players’ strengths, so I try to keep that in mind and tonight it worked,” she said.

Game three was also won quickly by the Crusaders. After Box hit a kill at 2-2, Holy Trinity cruised on a 10-2 run with Box recording three more kills in the run and Anderson and Hoenig serving. After a Notre Dame time out, Box went to the line and stayed for nine points of her own including three aces at points 14-16 and HTC had an 11-point lead they would never relinquish.

“This was all around our best hitting night for everyone for the year. We hit the spots, we stayed loose but focused, and just did a lot of really good things tonight,” Freesmeier said. “Notre Dame is a good team, we were just really on tonight.”

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Rashid said the Nikes force HTC to focus on not making mistakes.

“Notre Dame makes us crack down, we can’t give them any less credit. We started out high and slow which definitely helped but we definitely let them get on a run, but we got back together and played well as a team and covered up for each other.”

The Crusaders will now face Seymour in a 7 p.m. match Monday. Seymour downed Twin Cedars 16, 17, 10 in straight sets.


The regional semifinals are played Oct. 26th at New London and Afton, with the regional championship on Oct. 31 at a location to be determined.

Eryn Anderson goes up for an attack in Tuesday night’s action against Notre Dame. The Crusaders won in three sets to advance to regional semifinals on Monday night. Photo by Chuck Vandenber/PCC.

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Benda at 319-470-7848. The Spooktakular Boo-athlon is a community focused fundraising event. Matt’s Greenhouse will once again be the exclusive sponsor of the Kid’s Runs. Ann Menke & Co. and Steffensmeier Welding will be the chip timing sponsors.

PORT of Fort Madison operates as a subcommittee under the Parks & Recreation Department of the City of Fort Madison with the mission to improve and promote the walkability, run-ability and bike-ability of Fort Madison. For more information, contact Rachel Benda at 319-373-5804.

Weber says crime commission recommends five more full-time C.O.s

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staff and showed the most other jails with markedly smaller populations have higher staff than Lee County.

Des Moines County in particular has a capacity of 68 but has an additional full-time person on each shift including the graveyard shift. Lee County is currently holding 10 inmates for that county because of overflow. He also brought in comparisons from Wapello County, Washington and Henry County, all of whom were at equal staffing or had higher numbers than Lee County, but all with much smaller jails, including the Washington County which can house 75 offenders. That county has five staffers on the two regular shifts but has three full-time on the overnight shift.

“We currently have two folks being held on murder charges in our jail. If there’s anyone we want handled safely and securely, it’s them,” Weber told the board.

“Been in the 90s every day this month. There’s 92 this morning and we have a maximum capacity of 132 and that’s uncomfortably. It’s really just a number, it’s not an realistic figure I don’t believe. We have a great staff. They do more with less but they’ve been grinding it out.”

“We’ve seen some violent crimes out there. We read the papers and we seen all the stuff that’s going on there.

I’m letting you know today, we need to beef this up. We’ve beefed up our patrol and our detectives. We’ve never been stronger. We came out of the gates wanting one dog and we got two, the second of which will be on the streets in December.”

Weber said he’d like to add the staff and then cross-train them so if and when jail population is lower, those officers can be moved out into the public and around into the county buildings. The new hires wouldn’t be deputies, but would be assigned at correctional officers.

“We would make them go through some pretty vigorous training so they are lawful to carry firearms on duty. These folks would be responsible for keeping the peace. We’re not asking them to serve warrants, chase down cars, nothing like that, but to maintain security in whatever position they are on a day to day basis.”

Don Hunold. I’d like to know the costs and talk to cindy and see what carrier is and see if we can make something work. I’m very uncomfortable with the staff they have there overnight. Someone’s gonna get hurt,” said Supervisor Don Hunold.

Supervisor Ron Fedler said it’s a misconception the public deal with that these positions are safe positions because they are officers, but that’s not always the case.

“I considered (former ISP) Warden Nix one of the best wardens ever at ISP and he told me once, because of the nature of the people we deal with, every day you’re farther away from your last riot and one day closer to the next. These people are here because they don’t obey the laws,” Fedler said.

The board asked Weber to put together some costs associated with his request and bring them back to the board so they can see those figures and have a conversation before moving forward.

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