Halloween on 19th Street was back this year thanks to Kempker’s True Value Rental, Fareway Grocery, Halls Ice Cream, and 10th Street Station. Goblins and ghouls were able to get candy, a drink, and a hot dog with the side street between Fareway and Kempker’s blocked off for a safe trick or treating experience.

One of the other growing traditions in Fort Madison on Halloween is the Old Settlers Park safe trick or treat. Fraise Auction and Real Estate provided a hot dog and drink and vendors lined the park with goodies for trick or treaters.

*Cuuu--ssshhht* Darth Vader leads a group of Star Wars characters east on Avenue G as businesses had goodies for youngsters and adults alike in the Main Street Downtown Safe Trick or Treat Tuesday night in Fort Madison.

**CRUSADERS STATE BOUND!**

**HTC spikers tournament bound again**

**Crusader offense too much for Warhawks in regional final**

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**

**PCC EDITOR**

OTTUMWA - The cylinders were all firing and so was junior Emily Box Tuesday night as Holy Trinity advanced to the state volleyball tournament with a three-game win over Southeast Warren-Liberty Center in Class 1A Region 8 finals.

Box finished with 47-49 hitting with 28 kills to lead the Crusaders to a 25-13, 25-15, 25-14 victory at Evans Middle School.

SE Warren was never really in any of the matches as HTC played one of their cleanest matches of the post season with an eye cast to the U.S. Cellular Center and state action beginning on Tuesday, November 7. The Crusaders (37-5) will play Starmont (30-5) in first round action on Wednesday, November 8, 8pm, on Court One.

“‘We knew we had to control our side of the net,’ said head coach Melissa Freesmeier. ‘Our kids did a good job of that, controlling the tempo of the game. Southeast Warren did a good job of keeping the ball up and we had some great plays. Our kids stayed intense and kept pushing points. Good night for us, though we missed a few serves and that happens with the nerves.’

The Crusaders got all over the Warhawks early pushing a 10-2 lead in game one with highlighted by four kills by Box, while junior Taylor Boeding served six straight, and Mya Lawlor adding three service points with another Box kill. Southeast Warren was called on four double hits in the first five plays and moved away from setting in favor of bump sets in the early one.

With Box playing full rotation, she moved into

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SUE E. VANDENBERG

Sue E. Vandenberg, 55, of rural Donnellson, Iowa passed away 5:53 a.m. Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at her home after a courageous nine month battle with Glioblastoma.

Born August 31, 1962 in Fort Madison, Iowa, she was the daughter of Gerald, Jr. and Lorene (Moeller) Wheelison, Iowa, she was the daughter of Gerald, Jr. and Lorene (Moeller) Wheelison, Iowa, one son, Derek Vandenberg of Donnellson, Iowa; one granddaughter, Bylee Sue Becker; her mother, Lorene Wheelor of West Point, Iowa; five sisters, Linda (Ron) McGuire of Shueyville, Iowa, Jan (Jeff) Beard of Gainesville, Florida, Sandy (Gene) Mehmert of St. Paul, Iowa, Cindy (Dave) Hines of Mt. Prospect, Illinois, and Angie (LeRoy) Wagner of Waukee, Iowa; father and mother-in-law, Bert and Kay Vandenberg of Donnellson, Iowa; brothers and sisters-in-law, David (Michelle) Vandenberg Farmington and Todd (Penny) Penny Vandenberg of Ankeny, Iowa; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Gerald, and one nephew, Jack Beard.

Sue was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point. She was a 1980 graduate of Marquette High School. She then attended the School Bank Teller at Holy Trinity Catholic Elementary. Sue was heavily involved in her community and was always willing to lend a hand, evidenced by the many organizations that she was part of over the years. She has always enjoyed being outside, especially mowing her yard and tending her garden and numerous flowers. Sue loved being with her many close friends, but her biggest joy was her family. She never missed any of her children’s activities and enjoyed spending time with her granddaughters. Sue will always be known for her gracious heart, friendly smile, and her caramel brownies. Sue and her family have been so thankful for all of the kind words, thoughts, prayers, and deeds over the past nine months.

Friends may call after 12:00 noon Friday, November 3, 2017 at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point, where the family will meet with friends from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. that evening. A Parish Rosary will be recited at 3:30 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, November 4, 2017 at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point with Father Bruce DeRammelaere and Father Dennis Hoffman as Celebrants.

Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in West Point. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Holy Trinity Catholic Elementary School Project or Great River Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Holy Trinity Catholic Elementary School Project or Great River Hospice. The Schmitz Funeral Homes in West Point are assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

SHARON FRAZER

Downtown business owner supports Randolph for Mayor

Dear citizens of Fort Madison,

I am happy that we have our current mayor and that he will continue to lead us, by running again in our upcoming election.

Mayor Randolph has always strived to make our community better, not only as mayor but as a citizen. He has served on many of the committees and special groups that bring us together as a community. While I was the former director of RSVP, the retired senior vol-unteer program, he was instrumental in bringing new volunteer opportunities to Fort Madison to include the Fort Madison Community Garden, Green Bike, and educational programs we provided to Fort Madison.

Mayor Randolph has spent countless hours as a reserve officer for our police dept, with no pay. This speaks volumes about this man’s character. He has financially donated heavily to our town and our local

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WED 01 Nov
Light Rain
High – 47.2º F | Low – 43.7º F

THU 02 Nov
Overcast Clouds
High- 59.8º F | Low – 39.6º F

FRI 03 Nov
Clear Skies
High- 38.5º F | Low – 34.0º F

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the back row and Eryn Anderson took over at the net for HTC. After sending her first long, she converted three straight kills to push HTC's lead to 16-4. The blue kept Southeast Warren at a 12-point deficit the rest of the game, which ended on another double hit by the Warhawks.

Game two started with an attack that went long by Box, but then she put away five points of HTC’s first six. The Warhawks stayed close with a kill by junior Blaire Steenhoek at 6-5, but the Crusaders’ fluid rotation and defense proved to be too much as Boeding, Anderson, and senior Maya Rashid kept the visitors confused by moving the ball well all along the net. HTC ran out to a 20-11 lead with Box serving before Steenhoek put another attack that went long for HTC. After Anderson took over at the back row and Eryn Anderson was 11-18 serving with 2 aces and seven digs. Boeding was 20 of 22 serving with 2 aces and 17 digs, and Mya Lawlor had 7 of 7 serving and had 20 digs to lead the Crusaders. Maya Rashid had 45 sets to lead the Crusaders again.

Eryn Anderson was also 18 of 18 serving with two aces and eight digs. Boeding was 20 of 22 serving with 2 aces and 17 digs, and Mya Lawlor had 7 of 7 serving and had 20 digs to lead the Crusaders. Maya Rashid had 45 sets to lead the Crusaders again.

Junior Elyse Pothitakis, who had five digs on the game and played libero for the entire season until Mya Lawlor’s return in the second round of post season play, said the Crusaders’ strategy was to control their side of the net.

“This game, we knew coming in it wasn’t going to be easy. We knew it would be somewhat of a fight, after all, they got to this point, too,” she said.

“But we really took care of our side of the net and we knew if we could do that, we’ll be fine.”

She said previous trips to state have been nervous for her, so she said she’s a bit more prepared this time.

“There’s always nerves going into it. All the juniors and seniors have our part to play and we just need to stay strong.”

Box said the difference in this game was the lack of hard attacks from the Warhawks.

“We were consistent this game. They didn’t have many hard attacks and we were able to set things up and get big kills,” she said.

She said state play will be different for her this year because her role has changed.

“This year I played full rotation and I’m looking to get the ball as much as possible. For me, I’m the one that can get that big kill and they look to me for that. So this year at state I just need to stay focused and on top of my game.”

Rashid said state will be different for her this year because she’s the main setter in the team’s 5-1 scheme.

“We’re running a 5-1 and I don’t have my buddy Ali (Randolph) anymore so I have to really lead the team in setting. This year we’ve quickened up the offense but if we control our runs we’re gonna be ok,” she said.

Eryn Anderson was 11 of 13 hitting with eight kills and Boeding was 17-22 attacking with seven kills. Madison Mohrfeld was 9-11 with two kills and Sam Hoening was 9 of 10 attacking with three kills.

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Tickets available

Tickets for the 2017 Iowa State Volleyball Tournament Nov. 7-10 at the Cedar Rapids US Cellular Center are now available for advance purchase through Ticketmaster with reduced convenience fees. Tickets will no longer be mailed to state qualifying volleyball schools. For the first time, tickets are available by using the Ticketmaster website at Ticketmaster.com and by charge-by-phone at 1-800-745-3000 for $12 inclusive of all online fees. Through Ticketmaster, volleyball fans will have the ability to purchase tickets in advance and have them securely delivered via email to print at home or through mobile delivery on your mobile phone. Mail and UPS delivery options are not available. All seats are general admission.

Tickets will also be available at the U.S. Cellular Center box office throughout the week of the tournament for $10.
CONGRATULATIONS HOLY TRINITY CRUSADERS!

HTC advanced to its 8th straight state volleyball appearance with a three-game win over Southeast Warren Tuesday night. Below left, senior Maya Rashid controls the setting for the Crusaders. Center, the celebration is on and below right, junior Emily Box goes on an attack in the third game.

Photos by Chuck Vandenberg

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Wendorf asks readers to support Randolph in re-election bid

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schools and churches. He is a proven successful businessman, keeping commercial properties in great condition and recently securing a new grocery store. He has a clear understanding of what is great for this community.

As a business owner himself in the downtown he has shown real support by patronage to all of our downtown stores and restaurants. I have never seen any of the other two. I am inclined to say it’s a cheap shot to unofficially run for an office when you have nothing to lose as a write-in candidate and the last thing our town needs is a tractor trailer parked on our streets, as if the street sweeper does not have enough trouble with the cars.

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FMCH Walk-In Clinic moves

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The My Care Walk-in Clinic at Fort Madison Community Hospital will start seeing patients in Suite 120, effective November 1st. Suite 120 is located across from the FMCH Pediatric Clinic – easy access is available through the entrance located in the back of the building near the Emergency Department. The My Care Walk-in clinic is currently located in the Main FMCH clinic.

The FMCH My Care Walk-in Clinic was established in 2011 to offer guests the convenience of receiving health care when it best fits their schedule. The My Care Walk-in Clinic sees patients on a walk-in basis, no appointment necessary. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In the My Care Walk-in Clinic you will be seen by an Advanced Practice Professional. These Nurse Practitioners will take the time to listen, diagnose and provide a treatment plan for every member of your family. They include Gwen Scott, Tiffany Rhoades, Bobbi Marshall, Carrie Barnes, Carrie Skibba, Chelsea Youmans, and Nicole Wilcox. The staff in the FMCH My Care Walk-in Clinic is available to treat non-emergency conditions like allergies and infections, abrasions and bruises, colds and flu, and sprains and pains. A full list of conditions seen in the My Care Walk-in Clinic can be found at www.fmchosp.com.

Patients experiencing life threatening symptoms should seek treatment at the FMCH Emergency Department.

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Task force arrests Quincy man on felony warrants
BY PCC STAFF

LEE COUNTY – The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of a Quincy, Illinois man on felony drug warrants.

Adam Keith Rickert, 22, of 902 Country Club Heights #300, Quincy, Illinois was arrested on October 26th, 2017 at the Adams County jail on felony drug warrants. Rickert is charged with delivery of marijuana, a class D felony and delivery of less than five grams of methamphetamine, a class C felony. If convicted, Rickert faces up to 15 years in a state correctional facility.

The arrest of Rickert stems from an investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force into allegations that he was involved in the distribution of illegal narcotics in the Lee County area.

The Lee County Attorney’s Office, Lee County Sheriff’s Office, and Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation.

The defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

The Lee County Narcotics Task Force is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Justice and the funds administered by the Iowa Governor’s Office of Drug Control Policy.

Denmark fire gets $5K from pipeline
BY PCC STAFF

Denmark Fire Department recently received a $5,000.00 grant from Trans Canada pipeline. The department is going to use the money to put together a 6x6 response unit for timber fires. It also will be used to get to patients that are in remote areas that are difficult to get to with a regular vehicle.

The unit will be available to all departments in the county provided that Denmark has the personnel available at the time to operate it.

Dollhouse Dreams announces winner
BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – Dollhouse Dreams in downtown Fort Madison recently announced Pat Henson as the prize winner of their Mythical Creature giveaway. Pat had a choice of the unicorn or dragon and she chose the unicorn.

The giveaway was part of Dollhouse Dreams’ 4th anniversary celebration and kicked off their 25% off Melissa and Doug toy sale which lasted throughout October.

Owner Brenda Derr thanks everyone that participated and who supports small businesses.