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Girls from the Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois Girl Scouts were on hand at Saturday’s Mis-tletoe on Main Street annual holiday event in Fort Madison. The girls peddled girls scout food items and offered some hot bever-ages to shoppers.

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VALERIA ANN ROOT

Valeria Ann Root, 83 of Keokuk, IA died Monday, November 27, 2017 at the River Hills Village in Keokuk.

She was born March 3, 1934 in Kirksville, MO the daughter of James and Martha Spriggs Mobley. On September 15, 2006 she was united in marriage to Robert Root. He survives.

She is also survived by six children, C. Steven Baker (Jane) of Maryville, IL, Jo Ann Ready (Allan) of Pella, IA, Stan Baker of Ojai, CA, Diane Bailey (Steve) of Keokuk, Linda Erickson, (Steve) of Des Moines, IA and Mary Reittinger (Tommy Ward) of Ft. Madison, IA, step-children, Steve (Pam) Root of Quincy, IL, Dave (Cindy) Root of Mendon, IL, Kathy (Dick) Kerker of Quincy, IL, Doug (Kathy) Root of Miami, FL, Kevin (Teresa) Root of Quincy, IL, Karen Root of Quincy, IL and Keri (Alan) Thompson of Sigourney, IA, fifteen grand-children, twelve great-grandchildren, seventeen step-grandchildren and eighteen step-great-grandchildren, one brother, Bill (Margaret ) Mobley of Downing, MO, one sister, Susan (Ron) Anderson of Center, MO and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Bob Mobley and Joe Mobley and one step-son, Mike Root.

Val graduated from the Downing High School in 1951. She then earned her Bachelor’s Degree from WIU.

Val retired from WIU in Macomb Illinois. In her free time, Val loved to take long drives and travel. She was a history buff and started Antique Schools in Lee County Facebook page.

A funeral service will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, at Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with Chaplin Gordon Hawkins officiating. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery in Ft. Madison, IA at a later date.

Visitation will be held prior to the service Friday, from 5 – 7 pm at the funeral home with family meeting friends at that time. Memorial services will be held in Keokuk at St. Charles Catholic Cemetery. A private burial with military rites will be held in Soldier’s Circle, Oakland Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in her memory and online condolences may be left at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

ROGER DALE REUTHER


He was born on March 13, 1946 in Ft. Madison to Dale Reuther and Maxine Vass. On December 21, 1973 he married Pamela Little in Carthage, IL. Roger was a truck driver and also worked for the City of Ft. Madison for several years. He was a former member of the First Christian Church and the Moose Lodge. He served in the US Army during Vietnam. Roger enjoyed puzzle books, trucking and was an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan. His greatest loves were his grand dogs, they were his livelihood.

Survivors include his wife, Pam Reuther of Ft. Madison; two sons, Nicholas Reuther of Ft. Madison and Bradley (Ruth) Reuther of Kahoka, MO; his mom, Maxine Cummlander of Fort Madison; two sisters, Sharron Lampley of Ellerbe, NC and Karen Sojka of Washington, IA. He was preceded in death by his father and one brother, Carl.

Friends may call after 2 PM on Thursday, November 30, 2017 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will meet with friends from 4:30-6:30 PM.

A memorial has been established in his memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

The Current runs obituaries at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

TUE 28 Nov
Scattered Clouds
High – 63.5º F | Low – 39.1º F

WED 29 Nov
Light Rain
High – 49.2º F | Low – 43.8º F

THU 30 Nov
Moderate Rain
High – 59.8º F | Low – 44.4º F

FRI 01 Dec
Light Rain
High – 44.5º F | Low – 27.2 F

SAT 02 Dec
Clear Skies
High – 46.6º F | Low – 35.2º F

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OBITUARIES

GERTRUDE M. HUNDT

Gertrude M. Hundt, 94, of Ft. Madison passed away on Sunday, November 26, 2017 at 12:10 PM at The Kensington.

She was born on July 3, 1923 in Ft. Madison to Harry and Esther Bueter Patten. On October 20, 1945 she married Carl F. Hundt in Ft. Madison and he passed away on October 21, 2008. Gertrude was a homemaker and had previously worked at Sheaffer Pen. Co, JCPenney and also taught school at Sacred Heart Grade School. She was a member of Sacred Heart Church and the Altar & Rosary Society and was also an avid golfer.

Survivors include one son, James (Michelle) Hundt of Goodyear, AZ; one daughter, Kathleen (Gary) Lampe of Rock Island, IL; two grandsons, Geoff (Tammy) Lampe of DeWitt, IA and Brian (Angela) Lampe of Davenport, IA; three great granddaughters, Kayla and Alyssa Lampe of DeWitt and Penny Lampe of Davenport; two sisters, Mary Sokolik of Des Moines and Lois Delaney of Ft. Madison.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband; two sisters, Dorothy Kipp and Rita Sokolik and one brother, Jay Patten.

The funeral mass will be held at 11 AM on Friday, December 1, 2017 at Sacred Heart Church with Reverend Mark P. Spring officiating. The family will meet friends from 10 AM until the time of the service at 11 AM at the church. A rosary will be re-
cited at 9:30 AM prior to the visitation. Burial will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for Holy Trinity Catholic Schools and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

For the Record

given, at the Lee County Jail on a charge of 5th-degree theft. He was held in custody.
11/23/17 - 8:07 a.m. - Ft. Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 500 block of Avenue N, on a charge of public intoxication.
11/24/17 - 1:11 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism on Sunnyvale Drive.
11/24/17 - 10:01 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Michael Brain Woodall, 39, of Des Moines, in the 3000 block of Avenue N, on a charge of public intoxication 2nd offense and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.
11/24/17 - 10:32 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Michael Blint, 42, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 15th Street and Avenue H, on a charge of reckless driving, no driver’s license and open container. He was released upon citation.
11/24/17 - 11:58 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2400 block of Avenue E. (Continued on page 7)

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MONDAY
CREATE SPACE:
Create and indoor space for all your recyclables. Pick up recycling bins at our Ft. Madison or Keokuk facilities. curb side pick up is available. Check the city websites for details.

TUESDAY
GO PAPERLESS:
Decrease your need for paper products.
Elect for paperless statements, digitize shopping lists, documents and more.

WEDNESDAY
GO WASTE FREE:
Make a conscious effort to not use your waste bin.
Recycle or compost any items that have an end of life solution.

THURSDAY
REUSE:
Install new life in items you would normally toss out.
Such as jars and containers, clothing, paper products and more.

FRIDAY
COMPOSTING:
Build or purchase a composting bin for food & yard waste.
Use your composted goods to better build a healthy garden in the Spring.

SATURDAY
PROCUREMENT:
Only purchase what is made to be recycled.
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SUNDAY
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A. Student Rep report. Aniah Ross and Max Slater shared recent and upcoming events taking place at the Fort Madison High School.

B. Curriculum Corner. Several teachers who recently attended the PLC Institute conference shared their experiences with the PLC institute training.

C. “Did You Know?” The “Did You Know?” document was reviewed and accepted as presented.

D. Superintendent Goal Report. Superintendent Slater requested permission from the board to present the district’s goals. These goals were reviewed and approved.

IV. Monthly communications:

1. Enter DiPrima at 7:55 p.m.

2. Exit DiPrima at 7:54 p.m.

3. Break: 7:49 p.m.

4. End Break: 7:43 p.m.

5. 2nd Shift – General Production

6. 2nd Shift – Slicer Technicians

V. Announcements:

1. Consider approval of policy change a. 210.2 – Board Meeting Procedures. The Board reviewed policy #210.2. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Ross to approve policy #210.2 as presented.

2. Consider approval of request for travel from Julie Yurko and MS Teachers to attend the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics in Chicago, IL. The Board reviewed the trip request from Julie Yurko and MS Teachers. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

3. Consider approval of request for travel from Susan Johnson and Reading Recovery teachers to attend the Illinois Literacy/Reading Recovery Conference. The Board reviewed the trip request from Susan Johnson and Reading Recovery teachers requesting permission to attend the Illinois Literacy/Reading Recovery Conference in Chicago, IL. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

4. Consider approval of SBRC Modified Allowable Growth Application. The Board reviewed the request for SBRC modified allowable growth application for $441,756. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

5. Consider approval of PARD modified allowable growth application for $441,756 as submitted. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

6. Consider approval of sharing agreements with Holy Trinity for 2018 and 2019 IHSA football season. The Board reviewed and discussed the sharing agreement with Holy Trinity for 2018 and 2019 IHSA football season. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

7. Consider personnel matters. There were none.

C. Board Secretary/Business Manager

VIII. Discussion Items

1. Director of Curriculum and Student Services

2. Special Education Count. Kim Harmon shared special education count information with the Board.

Discussion followed. Break: 7:43 p.m.

End Break: 7:49 p.m.

B. Superintendent

1. Reviewed policy #500 – 502. The board reviewed policy #500 – 502. These policies will be brought back at a later meeting for final approval.

Exit DiPrima at 7:54 p.m.

Enter DiPrima at 7:55 p.m.

2. Official Enrollment. Superintendent Slater reviewed enrollment information with the Board. Discussion followed.

3. Certified Employee Attendance. The certified staff attendance report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

4. Board Member Attendance. The Board reviewed and discussed the Board Member Attendance report.

5. Schedule December building instructional tour. The Board will tour Lincoln Elementary on December 6, 2017.

6. Go Bond Referendum discussion. Item moved to PV.

C. Board Secretary/Business Manager

IX. Comments from the audience:

1. 2018 IHSAA football Holy Trinity for the 2018 and 2019 IHSA football season.

2. For Cindy Tillow as Richard assistant, decrease in school hours. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

3. For Mark Kammerer as bus driver, Brooke Wagner as assistant High School boys track and field, Ryan Hernandez as Holy Trinity boys basketball coach, Ryan Hernandez as assistant, Mike Schneider as MS Teaching Assistant, increase in paid holidays, flex spending account, 401k retirement. Plus paid holidays and vacation, employee discounts, matching 401k. Plus paid holidays and vacation, employee discounts, matching 401k. Plus paid holidays and vacation, employee discounts, matching 401k.


V. Announcements

1. Work session; financial reports for the October 16, 2017 meeting; approval of the October 16, 2017 work session; financial reports for the monthly balance sheet, revenue summary sheet, expenditurereport and activity report, accounts payable for the October General Account, November General Account, Student Activity and Nutrition Account; resignations from Jared Rohm as IFV softball coach and Andrea Crooks as High School Spanish teacher effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year; employment of Mark Kammerer as bus driver, Brooke Wagner as Lincoln associate, Dana Hemann as Holy Trinity associate, Mike Schneider as MS Teaching Assistant, Increase in school hours. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

6. Approval of agenda as presented.

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Barnett said there were a few glitches in deliveries and carryouts which is not out of the ordinary, but plans are already being discussed on how to iron out the small wrinkles.

"I was very pleased with those that were there. The volunteers are learning how to ease the congestion and were working well together," she said. "It’s a reunion of sorts in the community and this is one of the times you can find people that you normally don’t get to see - all working side by side."

The event was once again put on with the generous donations of many area businesses including the Pothitakis Law Firm and the Nico Pothitakis Family for their donations of turkeys; the Tri-State Family for their donations and the Nico Pothitakis Law Firm coordinated by committee.

This year’s event was coordinated by committee members Dianne Hope, Barnett, Lee Vandenberg, Debi Daughters, Carol Arnold, Dennis Mc Gregor, Bobbi Marshall, Robin Delaney, Craig Wills, Joanne Varley, and Savanna Collier.

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- 11/24/17 - 4:41 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2800 block of Avenue A. Barnett, Lee Vandenberg, Debi Daughters, Carol Arnold, Dennis Mc Gregor, Bobbi Marshall, Robin Delaney, Craig Wills, Joanne Varley, and Savanna Collier.
- 11/24/17 - 6:24 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1200 block of Avenue H on charges of intoxication - 2nd or subsequent offense, interference with official acts, and interference with official acts causing injury in the 5400 block of Avenue O. Barnett, Lee Vandenberg, Debi Daughters, Carol Arnold, Dennis Mc Gregor, Bobbi Marshall, Robin Delaney, Craig Wills, Joanne Varley, and Savanna Collier.
- 11/24/17 - 8:01 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 5200 block of River Valley Road. Barnett, Lee Vandenberg, Debi Daughters, Carol Arnold, Dennis Mc Gregor, Bobbi Marshall, Robin Delaney, Craig Wills, Joanne Varley, and Savanna Collier.
- 11/24/17 - 10:12 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1900 block of Avenue Q. Barnett, Lee Vandenberg, Debi Daughters, Carol Arnold, Dennis Mc Gregor, Bobbi Marshall, Robin Delaney, Craig Wills, Joanne Varley, and Savanna Collier.
- 11/25/17 - 11:29 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Nicholas Donald Wilson, 29, in the 800 block of 13th Street on charge of failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. Barnett, Lee Vandenberg, Debi Daughters, Carol Arnold, Dennis Mc Gregor, Bobbi Marshall, Robin Delaney, Craig Wills, Joanne Varley, and Savanna Collier.
- 11/26/17 - 8:10 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Hamilton Eugene Parker, 30, of Fort Madison, at the Lee County Sheriff’s office on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on bond. Barnett, Lee Vandenberg, Debi Daughters, Carol Arnold, Dennis Mc Gregor, Bobbi Marshall, Robin Delaney, Craig Wills, Joanne Varley, and Savanna Collier.
- 11/27/17 - 7:03 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Jan Seth Vraber, 41, of Keokuk, at the Lee County Jail on a warrant for possession of methamphetamine. Barnett, Lee Vandenberg, Debi Daughters, Carol Arnold, Dennis Mc Gregor, Bobbi Marshall, Robin Delaney, Craig Wills, Joanne Varley, and Savanna Collier.
- 11/27/17 - 8:45 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Jan Seth Vraber, 41, of Keokuk, at the Lee County Jail on a warrant for possession of methamphetamine. Barnett, Lee Vandenberg, Debi Daughters, Carol Arnold, Dennis Mc Gregor, Bobbi Marshall, Robin Delaney, Craig Wills, Joanne Varley, and Savanna Collier.

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We believe a subscription, along with morning email alerts and links to our Sunday through Friday E-editions and random giveaways, quantifies the value of our product to our readers. Subscriptions are easily registered on our website here. Several payment options are available.

Our plans in year two also include increased digital services to our advertisers with innovative approaches to local and regional marketing at rates that reflect the local economy. It is, and always has been, our mission to provide user-friendly advertising and rates that reflect the Fort Madison economy. Our monthly advertising packages have resulted in strong numbers for our advertisers and there is no incremental cost for additional readers. If a story attracts high readership, our advertisers come along for the ride at no additional cost.

Personally, we’re very thankful for the partnership we’ve cultivated and for those that have reached out to us, we very much appreciate the value you place in our publication. News sources have been very engaging and forthcoming with news and information. School, governmental agencies, groups and organizations look to us as a way to help spread the word of bake sales, fairs, schedules, businesses have contacted us about openings and we continue to seek out those news stories on a daily basis. And, as always, obituaries are published free of charge, as they come to us without changes.

We’ve also given back to the community schools, athletic departments, the Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce with sponsorships and volunteer hours. That’s the way it’s supposed to work, I think. We don’t shy away from the competition but welcome them as partners in news gathering. We’ve shared photos with other newspapers and television stations without charge because we are all in this together.

I don’t even think we have any idea what this next year is going to have in store for us. But we’re here, empty nesting... listening to scanners and taking phone calls. I don’t have a twin brother...it really is me. And sometimes, because it is just me, I miss things, but things are going well and I hope to have someone else helping in the very near future to help bring even more news and information to Lee County.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your readership, support, and patronage.

Here comes year two. By the way, if you haven’t had a chance to meet Geoff Shields of Avenue G Productions, make a point to do so. Geoff grew up in Fort Madison, and he and his wife, Lisa, have opened a video production service right here in Fort Madison. Geoff brings more than two decades of broadcast journalism experience to the area and the couple is very excited about the potential of this community and are all in.

But that’s Beside the Point.