Klann State Farm, Dollhouse Dreams honored by Chamber

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - One of the most visible small business owners in town and an iconic Main Street business were honored by Fort Madison’s Chamber of Commerce Thursday morning.

The Chamber held its annual Small Business Breakfast Thursday morning at the Comfort Inn and Suites with a breakfast and networking hour prior to the program.

Thomas Klann State Farm was honored with the 2018 Small Business of the Year award. Klann was raised in northeast Iowa near Eldridge and worked for State Farm in Des Moines and the Quad Cities prior to coming to Fort Madison.

One of the nomination forms for the State Farm office said Klann and his staff show a sense of pride in a community that in just three years surpasses that of some who have been in town for a long time.

“It’s definitely my team,” he said. “They’ve done a lot of higher education stuff in the past year. I may show up at a lot of stuff, but I can’t imagine all the things they are involved in throughout the community. We thought it was pretty cool.”

Klann said it’s important that he, along with his staff, give back to the community to keep it viable for the future.

“Being a young business owner, I’m committed to the next 30 or 40 years and me and my team want to make sure there’s a place for us to do business for the next 40 years,” Klann said.

Dollhouse Dreams was named the Fort Madison Chamber’s Microbusiness of the Year after rebuilding from a late year thunderstorm that did extensive damage to the store front and upper floor residences. Other nominees for the Microbusiness of the Year nominees included Dawgs and Divas and Junque to Gems.

Chamber member Angela King read a portion of a Dollhouse Dreams nomination form.

“This business should be honored because they make an impact as a small business and have strong ties to the community. And rebuilding after disaster strikes shows they continue to want to be in business. Their clients come from all over and contribute to the economy of our town,” Brenda Derr, owner of Dollhouse Dreams said it was the fourth time her business had been nominated.

“This is my fourth nomination, Derr said. “The competitions have been tough for 4.5 years and I would say if it wasn’t for the local support, the local people in the area, and, of course the surrounding areas because they come down to my shop.”

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

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“Murder” planned Friday in Margaritland

Submitted article

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Family YMCA will be hosting a Murder Mystery party on Friday, May 18 at 7pm at the Comfort Inn & Suites event center at the corner of Highway 61 and Highway 2 in Fort Madison. The public is invited to attend with tickets for sale at the Fort Madison Family YMCA at 220 26th Street, Fort Madison until the day of the event for $40 per person. Tickets purchased at the door will be $50 per person. All proceeds from the evening will benefit the Family YMCA.

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ALEXANDRIA D. “HANNO” LOZANO

Alexandria D. “Hanno” Lozano, 85, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at The Madison. She was born on January 14, 1933 in Fort Madison, IA to Guadalupe & Scorro Becerra Porrez. She worked at the Sheaffer Pen Company for 33 years and was a member of Sacred Heart Church and the Altar & Rosary Society. She was a past president of the Fort Madison Lulac Club and was a member of the Moose & Eagles Lodges. She enjoyed cooking, dancing and playing Bingo.

Hando is survived by: 1-son: Rupert Lozano of Fort Madison, IA; 1-daughter: Sandra (Enrique) Garcia of Mesquite, TX; 2-grandchildren; 3-great grandchildren: Madison, IA; 1-daughter: Sandra (Enrique) Garcia.

P. Spring officiating. A memorial has been established for Holy Family Parish. Online condolences to the family with the arrangements.

King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family with the arrangements. The plots are located behind Hy-Vee grocery. Volunteers needed

ANTHONY “TONY” KEMPKER

Anthony “Tony” David Kempker, 54 years, of West Point, Iowa died at 12:46 pm May 2, 2018 at Mercy Hospital, Iowa City, Iowa. He was born August 7, 1963 in Fort Madison, Iowa, a son of Al and Marcella (Menke) Kempker. On May 13, 2000, he married Denise Renee Hester.

Tony grew up in the Mesa, Arizona area and moved back to Iowa when he was 19 years old. He and his brother, Jim, operated Kempker Construction. Most recently he worked at Siemens as a maintenance technician. He attended Victory Faith Church, Fort Madison. He loved fireworks, the 4th of July was his Christmas. He liked to build things. He enjoyed the outdoors; mushroom hunting and fishing. He was always joking and happy. Everyone he met was a friend and all were considered family. His family was most important!

He is survived by his wife, Denise Kempker of West Point; three sons: Timothy Kempker of Charleston, SC; Michael (Mayra) Helmick of Nauvoo, Illinois; and Anthony “A.J.” Kempker of West Point; one daughter: Amanda (Joey) Huston of Nauvoo; six brothers: Jim (Brenda) Kempker of Fort Madison; Dave (Lucy) Holmes of Arizona; Pat (Margaret) Kempker of California; Mike (Pam) Kempker of West Point; Shane (Amy) Gernhardt of Fort Madison; and Shawn Holmes of Fort Madison; five sisters: Betty (Jack) Finch of California; Patsy (Frank) Eid of Fort Madison; Deb (Chuck) Thompson of Montrose, Iowa; Mary (Scott) Gillette of Fort Madison; and Peggy (Mark) Hirtle of Waver, Iowa; three God children; 16 grandchildren; three great grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, one son Joshua Minton, three brothers: Bill, Gary and Donnie Kempker; and two sisters, Maurine Little and Baby Mary.

His family greeted friends from 3:00 - 5:00 pm Sunday, May 6, 2018 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. A memorial service followed and began at 5:00 pm Sunday, May 6 at the funeral home, with Rev. Daniel Stewart officiating. A memorial has been established and contributions may be left at the Barr Memorial Chapel. Online condolences to the Kempker Family may be made at www.barmemorialchapel.com.

Volunteers needed

Planting at the Food Pantry’s garden has begun! Scotts Fertilizer prepared the garden plots and four area master gardeners designed them so as to cover a variety of vegetables and herbs, which will be available this summer to Food Pantry clients. RSVP and Pantry volunteers will maintain the garden. The plots are located behind Hy-Vee grocery. If you or your organization would like to make a difference and help with the garden, call 319-372-8043.

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XAVIER ZACARII HEMPHILL

FORT MADISON - Taliyah Gutting and Jeremy Hemphill announce the birth of their son Xavier Zacarii Hemphill on May 7, 2018 at the Fort Madison Community Hospital. Xavier is joined at home by Isaiah Montell Hemphill. Pen City Current congratulates the family on this wonderful news.

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**Obituaries**

**Jackie Allen**

Jackie Allen of Ft. Madison passed away May 3, 2018 at the West Point Care Center after a mercifully short struggle with cancer.

She was born in 1945 in Burlington to Paul Jr. & Joan Chapel Lear, and from age two, she was raised by her grandparents, Paul Sr. & Grace (Mom ) Hissong Lear.

In 1967, she married Floyd McKen-enzie, and that union produced three sons; Mark, Ryan, & Pete. In 1995, she married Terry Allen. He survives.

She graduated in 1964 from New London High School. Jackie worked at Dial Corp. (Henkle-Pinnacle) and retired after 29 years of service.

Other than her family, her biggest enjoyment was watching the Cardinals, Cowboys, & Hawkeye football.

She was very proud of the fact that two of her grandchildren were attending the University of Iowa, and that one played in the Hawkeye Marching Band.

Besides her husband, Terry, survivors include two sons, Ryan (Shannon) McKenzie, & Pete McKenzie, both of Ft. Madison; one step-daughter, Dawn (Andy) Hawes of Burlington; one step-son, Matt (Candi) Allen; one brother, Micheal (Pat) Lear of the U.K.; three grandchildren, Aury, Tyler, & Brody; one step-grandson, Dylan; three step –granddaughters, Elicia, Misty, & Brandi; nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and other relatives.

Preceding her in death were her parents, grandparents, one son, Mark, and one step-daughter, Lea Bowen, and one brother, Robert.

Friends were invited to call on Monday, May 7, 2018 at King-Lynk Funeral Home and Crema tory where the family met with friends. Following the visitation her body was cremated.

A memorial has been established for the Ft. Mad-ison Food Pantry or a pantry of the donor’s choice. Online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

**Rose Cornelia (Beecham) Cartmill**

Some people read the Gospel their whole lives and never really “get it.” With others, when you examine their lives, it’s like reading the Gospel, chapter and verse.

Our mother was one of those people. She knew the “Beatitude” as her B-Attitudes – ever humble in her bearing, an unquenchable advocate for justice, always willing to forgive, and unswerving in her commitment to foster harmony among those within her influence.

Rose Cornelia (Beecham) Cartmill died peacefully at her home on April 24, 2018, in Lansing, MI at the age of 90. "A Daddy’s girl," Rose grew up in the Depression and learned the value of hard work and education. Rose took pride in her job as a receptionist for Dr. Harry Harper, the first African American physician in Fort Madison, when employment opportu-nities for African Americans, particularly women, were limited. While Rose yearned to pursue higher education and a career, she answered God’s greater call to become a wife and mother. She fell in love with her longtime love, Alfred Cartmill, Jr., and they married on March 7, 1953.

Rose took her vocation as wife and mother seriously, supporting her husband in his pursuit of a baseball career in the Negro and Major Leagues and throughout their marriage. Rose was a paradox of ’50s old-school tradition and modern sensibility. She encouraged her daughters and granddaughters never to lose sight of God no matter where their lives took them. She had a “be wise as serpents but gentle as doves” approach that would serve her well in the 60s as she and her husband chose to raise their daughters in a predominantly white com-munity in Iowa.

Her quiet, gentle demeanor belied a staunch advocate for her children in the school system. Moreover, she was there for other children entrusted to her care.

Rose eventually accepted a sales position at (Petersen Harned) Von Maur, working for nearly 25 years before retiring in 1997. She was a joy to those who worked with her, and her exceptional commitment to customer service prompted many to ask for her. While dementia may have hampered Rose of her short-term memory, she never forgot God or the important people in her life. Her mantra remained, “Hold on to God’s Unchanging Hand,” and she was a source of encouragement to fellow residents on the same jour-ney. Her eyes may have dimmed toward the end, yet she held within her vision of the “crown of righteousness that awaited her which the Lord would surely reward her.” (2 Timothy 4:8)

Rose is survived by her daughters, Maru (John) McAdoo III, Lansing, MI; grandson, John L. McAdoo IV, Lansing, MI; as well as numerous family members and close friends. She is preceded in death by her beloved hus-band, Alfred Cartmill; her parents, Roscoe Beecham and Marye Beecham Jenkins; paternal grandparents, Sandy Beecham and Harriet (Mackey) Beecham; maternal grandparents, Will Robinson and Martha (Smalley) Robinson; brothers, Clarence Armene and Ethel Beecham; and daughter, Martha Jane Beemah.

The family was proud to have you join them in cele-brating the life of Rose Cart mill.

A funeral was held Friday, May 4, 2018, at Barr Memorial Church, Fort Madison, IA, with a visitation from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm on Friday, May 4 at the funeral home. The eulogy, written by Dr. Rosalyn Beecham Green, was presented by her sister, Janice Cousins. Reverend Gary Cartmill officiated. Burial was at Oak land Cemetery, Fort Madison. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Alzheimer’s Association, Greater Iowa Chapter or the American Heart Association. Con-dolences can be sent to www.barbmorialchapel.com.

**George Sheridan Reeder**

George Sheridan Reeder, 88, of Mesa, AZ, formally of Fort Madison, IA died peacefully at 4:20 p.m. Sun-day, April 22, 2018, at Hospice of the Valley in Mesa, AZ, two weeks after she diagnosed of an aggressive cancer.

Born October 9, 1929, in Fort Mad ison, he was the son of Carl B. and Margaret Sheridan Reeder. On June 27, 1954, he married Erma Jean Stout in Mediapolis, IA.

Mr. Reeder served in the US Army from 1951 to 1954. He worked at the Fort Madison Post Office for over 41 years, the last 32 years as a Rural Letter Carrier on RRI. He served as State Steward of the Iowa Rural Letter Carriers Association for 16 years and was active in the National Rural Letter Carriers Association.

He was a longtime active member of the American Legion Post 82 and a member of the VFW Post 1805 in Fort Madison. He was a lifetime member of the First United Methodist Church of Fort Madison and served on many committees. He was a member of the Great River SAMS Camping Club. He enjoyed camping, bowling, playing cards, Mexican Train, and traveled to all 50 states. Through the last years of his life he was legally blind, continued golfing and was a member of the US Blind Golfer’s As sociation. Up to the last month, he continued a daily routine of walking a mile and swimming each morning.

The Reeder family hosted foreign exchange students, Alexandre Balmer of Switzerland in 1976, and Pedro Yessi of Chile in 1982. They also cared for foster children for several years.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Kim Stoudemire of Southern Pines, NC; Krista (Ward) Robak of Spokane, WA; and one son, Kirk Reeder (Sharon Hall) of Ankeny, IA; daughter-in-law, Lisa Reeder of Des Moines, IA; seven grandchildren, Jennifer Reeder, Jillian Reeder, Sheridan Robak, Aidan Robak, Josh Robak, Stephanie Stoudemire, and Matthew Stoudemire; three sisters, Carlene Cullen of Ellisville, MO, Karon (Pet) Huggler, and Sharon (Harry) Pendergraft of Columbia, MO; nieces, nephews, family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, William (Bud) Edward Reeder; two sisters, Betty Dorene Starks, Mary Louise Reager, and one son, Kevin Thomas Reeder.

A memorial service was held at Bella Vista Senior Living in Mesa, AZ on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

A memorial service in Fort Madison, IA will be scheduled at a later date and include military honors at Soldier’s Circle in Oakland Cemetery in Fort Madi son. Updates to the service will be on Legacy.com.

To those who might want to contribute to an organization George benefited from during his life, please contact the US Blind Golfers Association (usblind golfs.com).
For the Record

For the Record (April 29 - May 8, 2018)

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Madison Police responded to
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a report of a larceny/theft in
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a report of a larceny/theft in
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Madison Police responded to
a report of a property
damage accident in the
1400 block of Avenue G.
05/04/18 - 8:46 p.m. - Fort
Madison Police responded to
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of 33rd Street and Bluff Road.
05/05/18 - 11:03 p.m. - Fort
Madison Police arrested Joshua Charles Corcoran,
36, of Fort Madison, in the
1100 block of Avenue F.

05/06/18 - 2:04 p.m. - Fort
Madison Police responded to
a report of a larceny/theft in
the 2600 block of Avenue L.
05/05/18 - 1:22 p.m. - Fort
Madison Police responded to
a report of a stolen bicycle in
the 700 block of 14th Street.
05/05/18 - 4:52 p.m. - Fort
Madison Police responded to
a report of a larceny/theft in
the 1300 block of Avenue G.
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intersection of 35th Street and Avenue D.
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Madison Police responded to
a report of a larceny/theft in
the 1800 block of 36th Street.
05/06/18 - 6:15 p.m. - Fort
Madison Police cited Kenny
Sommerfeld, 56, of Fort Madison, in the
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05/06/18 - 9:16 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Ricky Dean Counts, 40, of Hillsboro, on a warrant of operating while barred. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond.
05/06/18 - 7:58 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Nathaniel Lee Podl, 32, of Neta, Ill., in the 2700 block of Avenue L, on a charge of having an open container. He was released upon citation.
05/05/18 - 10:05 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 500 block of Avenue E. 05/05/18 - 6:09 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3000 block of Avenue K. 05/08/18 - 3:40 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 900 block of 29th Street.

Lee County Sheriff’s Report
04/30/18 - 10:29 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Lisa Christine Fraise, 27, of West Point in the 500 block of Avenue G in West Point, on a charge of driving while barred. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear. 05/01/18 - 11:25 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Jeremy Abraham Counts, 30, of Montrose, at the sheriff’s office on charges of criminal mischief 3rd degree and criminal trespass. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 05/01/18 - 1:13 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested James Myron Fekiert, 47, of Keokuk on a judgment entry. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 05/01/18 - 2:31:31 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Jeremy Abraham Alvatera, 28, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff’s office on three warrants for violation of probation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 05/01/18 - 6:44 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested David Scott Stilfer, 42, of Donnellson, in the 700 block of Chestnut Street in Donnellson on a charge of harassment. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 05/01/18 - 9:16 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of 13th Street and Avenue E in Fort Madison. According to reports, a vehicle driven by Rick Leo Larkin, 66, of Fort Madison, was making a left hand turn from Avenue E eastbound, onto 13th Street northbound. A vehicle was stopped at the intersection southbound and a third vehicle was parked on the east side of 13th Street. Larkin tried to squeeze in between the two vehicles striking the parked vehicle. No injuries or citations were reported at the scene. 05/04/18 - 4:34 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Mehgan Adair McGeary, 27, of Keokuk at the Adams County Jail in Quincy, Ill., on a warrant of operating a vehicle without owner’s consent. She was held in custody. It should be noted that those listed above should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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benefit the Fort Madison Family YMCA facility fund, as the local YMCA is a 501c3 organization.

Ryan Wilson, Executive Director at the Fort Madison Family YMCA stated, “Our Board President, Jody Schultz, presented the idea to have a major fundraiser benefitting the local YMCA early in the year. Most Y’s throughout the state have a major event and our board felt that the opportunity was right to hold a unique event to the area. We are excited to put on the Murder Mystery party and we feel that everyone that attends will enjoy the evening.”

For those that have never attended such an event the evening will unfold as follows. As individuals purchase tickets they are asked if they would like a ‘starring role’ in the murder mystery. If they would like such a role, the YMCA obtains contact information so they can assign individuals to one of the twenty key roles for the murder. All other attendees will be given unique names that go along with the theme and objectives to help them solve the mystery. These individuals can be as involved as they would like in the murder mystery or they can sit back and watch the murder unfold. The murder will take place, evidence shared, and additional clues given to help solve the mystery of who committed the crime. After the killer is announced dance music will follow for those that want to stay and enjoy the rest of the evening.

Committee members that assisted in coordinating all details of the Murder Mystery are Ryan Wilson, Jody Schultz, Jen Fett, Julie Hohl, Liz Woodbury, Carrie Green, and Brandi Koering. Premier sponsors for the Fort Madison Family YMCA Murder in Margitaland event are the Fort Madison Community Hospital and Two Rivers Insurance. Holdkamp Floors Décor & Furniture is the balloon sponsor with one lucky winner receiving two tickets to the Jimmy Buffet concert May 22 in Des Moines. Individual balloons will be sold the night of the event and all popped at a designated time with one person winning the tickets. Additional donations were received from Connection Bank, Bickels Cycling, and ACCO.

For questions regarding the Murder in Margitaland event or to buy tickets please call the Fort Madison Family YMCA at 319-372-2403, ext. 5.

Support prompted Derr to rebuild after storm

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shop from all over the United States and the world and if it wasn’t for that I wouldn’t be there. If it wasn’t for that support and encouragement, I don’t think I would have rebuilt,” Derr said.

Bob Huffman of Huffman Welding and Manufacturing, who was one of the premier sponsors of the event, told attendees that small businesses are the backbone of the community and Fort Madison should be proud of what is offered here. “It is very eye opening at times the things people see when they come through here - the river, the parks, the rodeo - countless things we take for granted that we should be proud of,” he said. “We’re very proud to be a small business in town and be a small business with all of you.”