For eight weeks in the summer, the Fort Madison City Band puts on a concert series in Central Park that is open to the public. The city band, directed by FMHS band director Tracy Madsen, started up three weeks ago and will have at least five more shows including the FM Rotary annual picnic on Sunday, June 24.

Supervisors to vote on sheriff vehicle computers

**Computer proposed back in March will get vote Tuesday**

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR**

MONTROSE - Lee County supervisors have spent more than four months deliberating over the purchase of on-board computers for the Lee County Sheriff’s department, but final approval could come as early as Tuesday.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber had tasked deputy sheriff Will Conlee with investigating and recommending which computers were be the best fit for the department.

At Tuesday’s regular meeting, supervisors will hold a public hearing on purchasing the computers because the lease agreement is not a current year purchase and will span three years at a cost of $24,173 for a total of $72,518. The agreement with Keltrek will provide 11 on-board computers, printers, cables and docking equipment along with training and service during the lease agreement. The county would also have the option of amending which computers were be the best fit for the department. The county would also have the option of amending which computers were be the best fit for the department.

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Blossom doesn’t particularly like her small pen. She runs from one end of the small enclosure to the other, kicking up her heels, letting us know that if she had a larger pasture she would put it to good use. Sometime in the future, I may expand her living area, but for now, it will have to do. After all, she is a butcher calf.

One of my insurance clients called. He had read my book and wanted a half-dozen copies to give to friends. How could he get them?

Well, for a half-dozen copies we would deliver! The client lives by Big Hollow Recreation Area north of Burlington. It’s a pretty drive, if you take the backroads, so, after supper Ginny and I jumped in the car and headed in that direction.

I usually drive through the barnyard on the way out to check on the livestock. The chickens were busy scratching away before heading to the hen house for the night. And Blossom was...Blossom! Blossom was out! One of the gates to her pen was hanging lopsided and Blossom was nowhere to be seen!

Panicking, I drove out on the gravel road and scanned the adjacent corn and soybean fields. No Blossom. I pulled back into the main drive and Ginny shouted, “There she is!” Blossom was standing in the middle of the our aronia bushes seemingly confused as to where she was.

We slowly got out of the car, calling softly. “Here Blossom, good girl”, thinking she would come to our out-stretched fingers for a sack. She took off in the opposite direction, kicking up her heels in bold defiance. I shouted to Ginny, Go get the nipple bucket! She’ll come to that!” I stationed myself by the gravel road to keep her off it in case she headed in that direction. There was also the highway to worry about. Blossom tore through the barnyard, made a circle around her little barn and pen, thoroughly enjoying her new found freedom. Everytime I tried to get closer to her, she ran from me like I was the boogieman. (I think she remembered that when I’m in her pen, I carry a switch and spank her when she pesters me.)

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JOHN CHARLES BURGESS

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He was born January 23, 1951 the son of Elmer and Mildred Thompson Burgess in Keokuk, Iowa. He was united in marriage to Bobette McNitt on April 20, 1979 in Carthage, Illinois. She survives.

He is also survived by three daughters, Mildred Burgess, Jami Young and Michelle Burgess all of Keokuk, one son, John Burgess of Keokuk, nine grandchildren, Corey Burgess, Scottie Calhoun, Taylor Calhoun, Brayden Young, Jonathan Young, Jada Young, Isaiah Burgess, Sierra Burgess, and Danika Wrieden, one great grandson, Kayson Calhoun, brothers and sisters, Dan (Linda) Burgess, Rick (Sue) Burgess, Sally Bennett, Bobby (Wanda) McGee, Kevin McGee, Jesse McGee, Kim (Phil) Korschgen, Annie (Earl) Vermeesch all of Keokuk and Richard Burgess of Kahoka, along with several nieces, nephews and other adopted children.

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Holy Trinity junior high girls drop four of last six

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Holy Trinity Catholic junior high softball team dropped four of its last six games in three doubleheaders.

On June 7, the Crusaders lost to Van Buren 11-1 and 12-9. In game 1, Brenna Peterson had two hits, while Brooke Mueller, Aleshia Hellman and Paige Wasielowski each added a hit.

In the second game, a 12-9 loss, Anna Sobczak, Wasielowski, Kayla Box, Mary Hellige and Rachel Menke all had two hits apiece in the loss. Kelli Meierotto and Lora Mehmert each had a hit.

On Monday, HTC took the first game, an 11-10 win over Cardinal, with Meierotto leading the way with two hits. Peterson, Alexa Dingman, Jenna DiPrim, Reagan Holvoet and Natalie Randolph each collected a hit. Menke was the winning pitcher with Hellige coming to button up the game for the save.

In the second game Monday, the Crusaders lost 10-5 with Meierotto again leading at the plate with a couple of hits. Hellige, Mueller, Wasielowski and Sobczak all got on base with a hit.

The Crusaders took on Central Lee on Tuesday losing the first game 10-7 with Meierotto and Sobczak each getting a hit for the HTC. In game two, Sobczak had a couple of hits. Wasielowski, Meierotto and Menke also had hits for Holy Trinity. Hellige got the win.

The Crusaders take on New London on Tuesday at South Park with game 1 beginning at 5:30.

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Fort Madison golf pro Ryan McMillan gives direction with Fort Madison Community Hospital Foundation director Carrie Green as part of the foundation’s annual golf outing Friday. McMillan said the foundation’s annual golf outing Friday. McMillan said the foundation is raising funds for the foundation’s efforts.

Calf finds freedom on the farm at Empty Nest

Ginnie arrived with the nipple bucket. Blossom didn’t seem interested in it, but she did try to suckle the fingers of Ginnie’s outstretched hand. Slowly, very slowly, Ginnie, who had never herded a cow in her life, was able to lead Blossom back into her pen. I guess females communicate better with females. I lifted the gate back onto its hinges and we had her.

Now, what to do with the gates? Blossom had knocked the gate off its hinges once before, when she was only three days old. She had stuck her head through the rails looking for the nipple bucket and lifted the gate clean off its hinges. My son had told me to turn the hinges upside down, but did I listen? Nope.

Something had to be done and done quickly to secure the gates, or Blossom would escape again. We would have to put off our book-delivery excursion for another night. I got some tools and went to work on the hinges while Ginnie kept Blossom occupied with the nipple bucket.

Reversing the hinges went faster than I anticipated. In fifteen minutes I had the hinges reversed on all three gates making them quite secure. We looked around to see what, if any, damage Blossom had done. Fortunately, she had stayed out of the garden.

We were able to make our book delivery on time. Ginnie is thankful she didn’t lose her wedding ring letting Blossom suck her fingers. (I’d already lost mine.) Having gold in her stomach must have made Blossom a lot smarter, by golly. There’s a never a dull moment on the Empty Nest Farm.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at curtswarm@ yahoo.com or find him on Facebook. Curt’s stories are also read at 106.3 FM in Farmington.

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