Thursday storm beats up on city

FORT MADISON - A storm that blew into the area at about 2:30 p.m. has city crews scrambling around Fort Madison cutting trees and picking up debris from heavy winds and lightning that accompanied downpours for about an hour.

Crews first responded on the east side of the town where a tree had fallen across Avenue E in the 200 block. City workers were also on the scene of a large tree that had fallen across the road in the 1500 block of Avenue E. Workers were out with bucket tractors and chain saws cutting that tree that was blocking traffic for about 45 minutes before crews got a lane open.

LeeComm dispatch operators were busy sending emergency crews throughout the county, including Denmark where a powerline had fallen in town.

Another large tree fell on a vehicle near Shopton park on Avenue O. Behind a home at the corner of 24th and F, another large tree fell to the east and took out power lines running across the property where Fort Madison firefighters stood by until Alliant Energy crews were on the way.

The Fort Madison Athletic boosters fireworks tent was damaged by the wind and sales at that location are temporarily suspended until the tent can be secured and dry product can be obtained. Efforts were underway Thursday night to have the tent up and running again by Friday.

I went puddle jumping Thursday afternoon. Literally.

But I wasn't dressed for the occasion. I was busy at the computer as usual in the afternoon and got up to stretch my legs. I walked through the hallway into my bedroom to find it pitch black at 2:20 in the afternoon.

My daughter, who's home for the summer from her first year at the University of Iowa, was downstairs getting some needed rest. She's had a rough summer.

"Hey, is there a storm blowing in?" I yelled from the top of the stairs.

"Uh...yeah. It's pretty dark out and the wind's blowing," she replied.

I'm not sure, but I think she was under my Minnesota Vikings blanket. My girls have a tendency to think that any time there's danger, be it a canary...or a bat...or a tornado...the safest place is on my couch with a blanket over their heads. Geezus.

Thunderstorms are my candy.

"Wanna go storm chasin'," I asked her.

"In the storm we work...and I jump in puddles...beside the point."

Chuck Vandenberg, Pen City Current - Editor
OBITUARIES

THOMAS KENT TRAUT

Thomas Kent Traut, 67, of Keosauqua, IA, passed away on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at his home. He was born on September 11, 1950 in Mt. Pleasant, IA. He married Lucille Ann Privia on June 15, 2002 in Mt. Pleasant, IA. He was a janitor for many years and was a member of Bethel Worship Center in Douds, IA. He enjoyed watching the Iowa Hawkeyes, Chicago Cubs, Dallas Cowboys and NASCAR. He enjoyed eating M & M's and time with family and friends.

Tom is survived by: his wife: Lucille Traut of Keosauqua, IA; 1-son: Edwin Traut of Portland, OR; 7-step children; and numerous grandchildren & great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by: his parents, 1-step granddaughter: Keri Bell & 1-sister.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences to Tom’s family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

VIRGINIA M. SAVAGE

Virginia M. Savage, 94, of Hamilton, IL, died Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at Montebello Health Care in Hamilton.

She was born on April 2, 1924 in Salem, IA, the daughter of Walter and Lena Wood McDorman. On July 14, 1942, Virginia was united in marriage to Clarence "Doc" Savage in Kahoka, MO. He preceded her in death on January 20, 2012.

Virginia had been employed at Fruehauf in Ft. Madison for sixteen years and also at Dadants in Hamilton, IL. She was of the Methodist faith and the Quaker faith. Virginia was an excellent seamstress and had sewn many of her own and her children’s clothing. She loved working in her flower and vegetable gardens. Each summer she enjoyed canning the produce of her garden. She also liked to pick apples from her apple tree and share with friends and family.

Besides her husband she was also preceded in death by three brothers, Albert, Elmer and Jess Savage, five sisters, Alberta McDorman, Martha Peterson, Esther Tenney, Mildred Leafgreen and Sylvia Wall, and one great-grandson, Nicholas Savage. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Monday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with Pastor Bob Wagner officiating. Burial will be in the Keokuk National Cemetery.

Visitation will be held after 3 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home with the family meeting with friends from 4 – 6 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Hamilton Senior Center.

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.

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HTC junior high girls finish year 12-10

Girls split final two double headers against New London and Van Buren

FORT MADISON - The HTC junior high softball girls played their final two games this past week against New London and Van Buren. HTC finished with a record of 12-10.

On Tuesday, June 19th, the Crusaders split with New London 6-15 and 15-5.

In the first game loss Breanna Peterson and Kelli Meserotte each had two hits, Lora Mehmert, Rachel Menke and Mary Hellige, Paige Wasielewski, Lora Mehmert, Rachel Menke, Kayla Box, Van Buren. HTC finished with one hit. Rachel Menke was the losing pitcher with Anna Sobczak and Reagan Holvoet both had one hit. Rachel Menke was the losing pitcher.

On Monday, HTC split again, this time against Van Buren losing the first game in a 14-0 shutout and then rebounding for a 7-1 win in the nightcap.

In the first game the Warriors pitched a no-hitter against Holy Trinity. Menke took the loss with Sobczak coming on in relief. Box had three hits in the 7-1 win in game two. Wasielewski had two hits, Menke and Meierotto each had a hit. Wasielewski, Box, and Hellige all had one hit. Rachel Menke was the losing pitcher with Anna Sobczak and Natalie Randolph pitching in relief.

HTC won the second game 15-5 with Box leading the way at the plate with four hits. Hellige and Mehmert had three hits each, while Raquel Schneider, Sobczak and Wasielewski each had 2 hits. Hellige lead with four RBI, Schneider, Box, Mehmert each had two RBI, Sobczak, Wasielewski and Alexa Dingman each had one RBI. Hellige went the distance to pick up the win striking out four batters.

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Bass - Good: Work the 6 to 7 feet of water in the flooded timber.

Iowa River (Columbus Junction to Mississippi River) River levels dropped a few inches earlier in the week, but are headed back up. Less than a foot below flood stage at Wapello.

Lake Belva Deer
All the rains last week clouded the water; water clarity is about 3 feet. For most lakes that’s not bad, but for Belva Deer that’s muddy. Largemouth Bass - Good: Work the shallow flooded timber in the early morning and late evenings. During the day, hit the deeper mounds at the upper end of the lake. Bluegill - Fair: Work the flooded trees in deeper water, especially over in the area near the beach. Channel Catfish - Fair: The face of the dam is a good place to start. Try also around the mounds at the upper end of the lake.

Lake Darling
The water temperature is in the mid 80’s this week. Water clarity is not bad (about 30 inches); last weeks multiple downpours made it a bit muddy. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Early morning. Work the brush piles in shallow water in early morning before the bass move out in to deeper water for the day. Bluegill - Fair: You can still find pockets of bluegills in shallow water, especially around the flooded trees. Channel Catfish - Good: Work the rip rap around the island and down at the dam to find some nice catfish.

Lost Grove Lake
Black Crappie - Good: Anglers are picking up crappies later in the day around the fishing piers, especially those on the north side of the lake. Bluegill - Good: Try the deeper water around the north side of the lake.

Skunk River (Rose Hill to Coppock)
Water levels is just under bank full. Boating is not advised.

For more information on the above lakes, contact the Lake Darling Fisheries Office at 319-694-2430.

Mississippi River Pool 19
Tailwater stage is 11.59 feet at Lock and Dam 18 above Burlington and is forecast to reach 13.4 feet by Monday. Flood stage is 10 feet. River stage at Burlington is 16.36 feet and flood stage is 15 feet. Fishing has been slow with the high and muddy water conditions.

River stages are on the rise due to recent heavy rains. River stages are at or above flood stage.

Current forecasts have river levels rising through the weekend. Some boat ramps are underwater due to the high water conditions. Main channel water temperature is around 75 degrees. We have not received much for fishing reports due to the high water conditions. If you have questions on fishing Pools 16-19, contact the Fairport Fish Hatchery at 563-263-5062.
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Section 1: The following is a brief summary of Ordinance No. D-48, with changes to Title 6, Health and Sanitation, Regulating Solid Waste.

Solid Waste Division:
1. Collection Requirements:
   - Residents are required to use biodegradable bags for trash pickup during the holiday week between Christmas and New Year’s.
   - Residents must notify the Public Works Director or his/her designee of trash pickup location.

2. Garbage collection and storage:
   - Garbage is to be placed at the appropriate location by 5:30 a.m.

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7. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final approval, passage, and publication as provided by law.

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Thursday storm brings out best in residents, crews

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“No!” I chucked and headed back to the office to get some work done when the scanner came on with traffic from LeeComm indicating multiple trees down blocking roads and possible power lines down. I grabbed my camera bag and headed downstairs.

“Hey, let’s go shoot pix of the storm damage,” I said.

“Oh, I don’t want to get out of the car,” she said.

“No!”

So we ran to the car with an umbrel- la and headed down Avenue E to the east end where a tree dumped over the street from the south side and somehow missed any vehicles. Her job was to hold the camera as I got in and out, and listen to the scanner. I got out with the umbrella shading my back from the driving rain and my camera safely tucked underneath and began shooting.

When I got back in I heard another announcement of a tree falling on a car over by Shopton Park but I didn’t get all the details until later.

“Where was that at?” I asked.

“Umm. I wasn’t listening,” she said as she “Snap-chatted” to a friend about trying to put the thing back together.

I grabbed the camera bag and headed back to the scanner. I got out with the now-pointless umbrella in the backseat, I started thinking about these people in harms way and my own job was over by Shopton Park we saw the other fireworks tent at Hy-Vee being was being worked to put the city back together even before it was done being blown up.

We drove by the fireworks tent at Fareway and the 40-foot Gorilla lost all his gas after apparently being blown down the street. Where was my camera then? As we came back from looking around Shopton Park we saw the other fireworks tent at Hy-Vee was being tended to after a westerly wind just bent the poles inside and toppled one side of the tent. Head football coach Tony Shiffman thought he was in a tornado and sent all the troops to the grocery for cover.

An hour later about 15 football players, families, and volunteers were there trying to put the thing back together. Some days you wonder about things, but in the middle of a wick- ed, fast moving thunderstorm…your town’s still your town.

Way to go folks.

City crews block off the 200 block of Avenue E as heavy rains and winds hit Fort Madison knocking down trees and power lines. The FMHS fireworks tent at Hy-Vee was also damaged and had to be re-paired Thursday evening.

**CURRENT-LEE**

The following is a list of events currently going on in north Lee County as submitted to Pen City Current.

**Fort Madison City Band**
The Fort Madison City Band will not perform this Sunday evening, but will be holding a Patriotic July 4th Concert in the Park beginning at 7:30 p.m.

**Fort Madison Depot Farmer’s Market**
Every Monday more 10 local vendors have farmer’s market options available at the Old Santa Fe Depot on the Riverfront in Fort Madison. The farmer’s market runs from until Oct. 8 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. every Monday.

**FMAAA Garden Tour**
The annual Fort Madison Area Artists Association Garden Tour is set from Sunday, July 1, from noon to 4 p.m. A complete list of addresses and ticket information can be found at www.penCitycurrent.com.

**FMHS fireworks tent at Hy-Vee was also damaged and had to be re-paired Thursday evening.**

To place your listing, click here or call Lee at (319)371.4125.

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**5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST**

**FRI 29 Jun**

- Clear Skies
  - High: 90.6º F | Low: 79.8º F

**SAT 30 Jun**

- Clear Skies
  - High: 91.0º F | Low: 80.4º F

**SUN 01 Jul**

- Moderate Rain
  - High: 86.6º F | Low: 79.1º F

**MON 02 Jul**

- Moderate Rain
  - High: 81.1º F | Low: 75.6º F

**TUE 03 Jul**

- Light Rain
  - High: 89.3º F | Low: 76.4º F

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  - 5,017.09
- SOUTHERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, TRAINING
  - 3,000.00
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  - 19,842.95
- STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, TESTING
  - 1,199.50
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  - 1,964.27
- TREAT AMERICA, M&A REIMB
  - 8.51
- TRUCK REPAIR INC, 2 GALLON COOLANT
  - 821.63
- UPS, SHIPPING
  - 15.63
- USA BLUE BOOK, MAG-NETIC RETRIEVER
  - 1,061.30
- UTILITY EQUIPMENT COMPANY, ADAPTOR
  - 5,804.81
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- WINDSTREAM PHONE; INTERNET; LONG DIST
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Please send resumes, cover letter and list of references to: Michael Sheerin 2600 Avenue A Fort Madison, IA 52627 michael.sheerin@casebine.com

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**Contact Information**

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