Saturday night caps wet 71st rodeo

The Tri-State Rodeo wrapped up its 71st edition with a cool, dry evening even though the grounds were still heavy with mud. Above a saddle bronc rider tries to ride out the eight seconds. Above left, 7-year-old Callie Walker gets upended winning the mutton bustin’ rides. At left, bull rider Jimy Marten wears the mud of his 8-second ride, and below the Tri-State Rodeo commit- tee takes a curtain call Saturday night.

Deadline nearing for leadership program

BY PCC STAFF
LEE COUNTY - The Lee County Leadership Program is a collaborative effort designed to bring emerging and existing leaders together to guide and foster positive change in Lee County.

Each year participants are trained in community-based leadership skills. In addition, participants will interact with local leaders and learn about Lee County resources during community organized tours and leadership panel discussions.

Applications are being accepted online on the Chambers’ and Extension websites. Applications will be accepted through September 14, 2018.

“We are looking for individuals who want to become more involved in community leadership. Participants

Auditions coming for OFP winter show

Submitted article

FORT MADISON - If you have a creative spark, enjoy community theater or just want to come make some new friends, the Old Fort Players theater is looking for you!

Stop by the downtown Fort Madison location at 725 Ave G on Sept. 18th and 20th at 6 p.m. to audition for the Christmas production of Making God Laugh. The audition will simply require a reading from the script. There’s nothing to memorize and no previous experience is required.

OFP is looking for new faces for this show so don’t be shy if you’ve never been on stage before. Join the cast of Old Fort Players next production and you can check it off your bucket list.

An additional night on Sept, 21st at 6 p.m. has also been set aside for auditions. Call-backs for anyone needing closer consideration for a role will also be held on the 21st. You can also contact OFP via Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=old%20fort%20play-

Cast members must be available for rehearsals during October and November as well as any publicity opportuni-
ties that may arise. Check your calendar to be sure you’re available for show dates (December 7-9 and 14-
16).

Directed by Angela Sanford, Making God Laugh by Sean Grennan, will be presented by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc. (www.playscripts.com). The play follows one typical American family over the course of thirty years’ worth of holidays. Starting in 1980, Ruthie and Bill’s grown children – a priest, an aspiring actress, and

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Quarry Creek Elk and Bison sidewalk sale ends today
Quarry Creek Elk and Bison Company’s annual Sidewalk Sales are going on now through September 9th. Save up to 75% on select merchandise, 20% off all Carhartt apparel, plus receive a FREE ticket for Thursday night’s Rodeo for every $50 purchase of Wrangler products. Make sure you stop in after the parade on Saturday and grab a bite to eat from Fort Madison’s favorite food truck, Twisted River 61.
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North Lee County Relay for Life
Please note the date change from Sept. 29 to Sept. 14. The event will begin at 5 p.m. at the Fort Madison High School track and will conclude with closing ceremonies at 10:30 p.m. Visit the Relay Facebook page here at https://www.facebook.com/RelayforLifeofNorthLeeCounty/?ref=bookmarks

Fort Madison Depot Farmer’s Market
Every Monday 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 every Monday until Oct. 8 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the parking lot west of the depot.

Veteran’s Breakfast at Sunnybrook
Each month on the third Tuesday of the month, Sunnybrook Assisted Living hosts a Veteran’s Breakfast from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at 5025 River Valley Road in Fort Madison.

Chamber Ladies Golf Outing
The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce’s Ladies only golf outing will be held Sept. 21 at Sheaffer Golf Course. To register email the chamber at chamber@fortmadison.com

FMHS Marching Band Classic
The Fort Madison High School’s annual Marching Band Classic will take place at Richmond Stadium on Sept. 15. Schools from around the area will be in town to compete on their musical and on-field performances. The Fort Madison High School Marching Bloodhounds will also perform an exhibition.

United Way Fundraiser
The United Way of the Great River Region will be holding a chicken dinner fundraiser at Charleston Board of Trade on Sept. 16 from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are available at the United Way offices in Keokuk and Fort Madison at $10 for adults and $6 for children 12 and under.

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Pen City Current encourages you to play responsibly.

West Point Library, Kensington team up for senior program
BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCS EDITOR
West POINT - A new program is starting at the West Point Public Library for Seniors this month in a partnership with The Kensington.

The Kensington is partnering with the library to hold a program for Seniors age 55 and up on the first Tuesday of the month from 2 p.m. - 3:30 pm. Based on a survey completed by seniors in the West Point community, this program will involve both exercise and games.

The program was Sept. 4th with Chair Yoga by Velocity with games and refreshments following.

Dara Sanders, the program director at the West Point Public Library was approached by The Kensington’s senior living consultant, Victoria Matlock who was wanting to work with area seniors and wanted to create a monthly event for them, which would encourage social interaction in a safe environment through thought provoking and interactive activities as well as the joy of eating.

“As West Point is a community with many seniors and the library wanted to add to its senior programming, it was a perfect fit,” Sanders said.

The library decided to add to its programming after developing and running a community survey at the end of July and beginning of August. Sanders said the library used the results of the survey to look for programming options that fit the information provided in the survey.

“We had a total of 24 responses. We based the program around the results from the survey. From among 10 choices, the majority of responses were evenly split between some type of exercise group and games. The time and day were also chosen based on the seniors’ responses.”

She said activities will vary week to week and seniors suggestions will be considered in determining what games and activities to include each month.

For more information on the program, contact Sanders at the library at 319-837-6315.

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Clockwise from top left, Bobby Reid gets ready for a landing from the sky to start Saturday’s festivities. Above, Ben Kilburg jumps off in the steer wrestling event. Below, Saray Bay of Cuba, Ill., celebrates her birthday with a little mud from the front row. Moving left, Garrett Wall gets thrown left off his bull, and Jimy Marten gets caught under his bull as help comes to the rescue.
Clear Creek blows by Fort Madison 38-0

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

TIFFIN - As it was in 2017, the Fort Madison Bloodhounds took a 2-0 record on the road and found themselves outmatched trying to get a third win.

FMHS went 70 miles northwest of Fort Madison to be outmanned in a 0-38 loss to Clear Creek Amana in non-district high school football action Friday night.

Head Coach Tony Shiffman said the Clippers were everything the Bloodhounds saw on video and the Hounds just couldn’t execute outside of a couple drives in the second half in order to compete with 3-0 Clear Creek.

Fort Madison took the kick to open the game and got a first down on its first possession when Kaeli Maestro pounded his way inside and laid a hit on the Clippers’ safety that resulted in a 13-yard gain, but that would be about the best run of the night for the Hounds.

Lennon Barker hit Shaymour Redd-Donald for a five-yard gain to give the Hounds a 3rd and 5 but Barker got nothing going on the next carry and Fort Madison was forced to punt. The Clippers then took over at their own 44 and went 56 yards in nine plays including 27 yards on the ground from sophomore Alex Figueroa. Senior quarterback Andrew Rohret ran it in from seven yards out to put Clear Creek on the board with just over five minutes gone in the first period.

Fort Madison had a four-and-out on the next possession and Lennon Barker’s punt from the shotgun wiggled out of bounds at the Hounds’ 35. Rohret threw incomplete and then ran for nine to make it 3rd and 1, but Hound senior linebacker Sam Hayes sniffed out the next running play for a six-yard loss forcing the Clippers into a 4th and 4 situation.

But Rohret found senior Zach Kabbage in a seam down the Hounds’ left secondary for a 17-yard gain and a first down. The Hounds’ defense would hold over the next seven plays aided by two Clear Creek illegal motion penalties. But the Clippers managed a field goal from the 7-yard line to make it 10-0 with about 44 seconds left in the opening period.

Fort Madison took the next kickoff at the 20 on a touchback. On the first play of the series, senior Lennon Barker threw his first interception of the year when Rohret picked off a swing pass and was tackled at the 30. Then Rohret went to work and, on the next play, completed a 40-yarder to senior Wilden Price for a 14-0 lead.

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Bloodhound Romeo Maestro (23) gets after a loose ball coughed up by Clear Creek Amana’s Andrew Rohret (5) in the third quarter of Friday’s 38-0 loss by the Hounds.
Clippers first play, found senior Nolan Schwarting in the back corner for a leaping touchdown grab to make it 17-0 with the PAT.

The Hounds suffered another 4 and out and punted to Clear Creek's 30. But their defense held again forcing the Clipppers to punt and the kick rolled dead at the Fort Madison 48. Hyers again had another 3-yard tackle for a loss to help force the punt. He finished with 4.5 tackles on the night, with two coming for losses.

Fort Madison couldn't do anything with the good field position and had to punt again, this time with Barker pinning Clear Creek at the 7.

The Clippers then reeled off 15 plays for 93 yards and another score on a nice catch in the back of the end-zone by sophomore TJ Boller. Boller was heavily guarded by junior Jake Burgner who had good coverage on the 6-4" Boller. Boller timed his leap perfectly and hauled in the Rohret offering while falling backward behind Burgner for a 29-yard scoring strike. The extra point was added for a 23-0 Clipper Lead.

The Hounds fall to 2-1 in the back of the end zone, going 16-35 for 120 yards. Shaymour Redd-Donald had 8, both for losses. Schneider had 8, both for losses. Romea Maestro had 3.5" x 2" and recovered two fumbles for the Hounds. Shiffman said the Clippers didn't change anything from what his coaching staff had seen all week.

"We prepared for what we saw all night," he said. "We knew they were going to be good up front and this was a game where our lack of depth on the offensive and defensive lines showed." The Hounds fall to 2-1 on the year and travel to Burlington. The Grayhounds are 1-2 after falling 27-14 to Clinton on Friday.
II. Open Forum

III. Board Approval of Minutes of August 7, 2018 Regular Board Meeting

IV. Board Approval of Minutes of August 7, 2018 Special Board Meeting

V. Old Business - no old business reported.

VI. New Business

a. CEO Report - Included in packet for member information only.

b. Tracy Jarrett, Science Consultant

c. Nutrition Program - Pam Taylor

d. Lifelong Links Program

e. Dawn Cartensien

f. Marketing/ Promotional updates - Peggy Dykes

g. Windstream - 146.75

h. Randy Welding, Chairman

VII. Next Meeting - Tuesday, December 11, 2018 - Joint meeting of Board of Directors and Advisory Council in Fairfield, times to be announced.

VIII. Board Receipt of Agency’s 2017-2018 Annual Financial Report

IX. Board Action

a. Certification of Annual Report. Dennis Gourley, Chief Financial Officer, will be available to answer any questions you may have. The minutes should reflect the Board received the Certified Annual Report.


X. Administration’s Comments

a. I recommend first reading of the Board Policies as presented.

b. XL Board Action on New Employee Contracts


d. Tracy Jarrett, Science Consultant, 194 days, MA, $17,522.61.

e. Donation - $67,865

f. Consultant, Dr. Lonna Anderson, 194 days, MA, $17,522.61.

XII. Board Action on New Employee Contracts

a. We have new hiring advertised staff to meet the needs of our increased client base.

b. They are advertised in the classifieds.

c. Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 10 AM, joint meeting of Board of Directors and Advisory Council in Fairfield, times to be announced.

XIII. Adjournment

The certified annual report is attached. Dennis Gourley, Chief Financial Officer, will be available to answer any questions you may have. The minutes should reflect the Board received the Certified Annual Report.
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FMCH Foundation welcomes new board members

Submitted article
FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Community Hospital Foundation announces the following changes to their Board of Directors.

Completing their terms on September 30, 2018: Sharon Scholl – Naubin - a member of the FMCH Foundation Board for the past 6 years. Becky Fullenkamp – a member of the FMCH Foundation Board for the past 10 years. Kevin Rink – a member of the FMCH Foundation Board for the past 10 years. Eric Boeding - a member of the FMCH Foundation Board for the past 10 years.

The FMCH Foundation Board welcomes the following new members who will be filling these vacant positions beginning their terms October 1, 2018: Dr. Derek Breder, FMCH Orthopedics & Sports Medicine Physician Marcia Kruse, community representative Joe Rashid, business owner/community representative Chris Hutson, FMCH employee

“As we prepare to welcome the new FMCH Foundation Board members, I want to take a moment to thank our outgoing Foundation Board members for their hard work, support and dedication to the FMCH Foundation and our community. We look forward to the contributions and new perspectives of our new members as we continue to grow our Foundation,” commented Carrie Green, Executive Director of the FMCH Foundation.

Leadership program runs from Oct. to May

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will learn skills and build networks to assist them in leading projects for the betterment of Lee County, " said Shelley Oltmans, Keokuk Area Chamber of Commerce Director. The Lee County Leadership Program is a partner

ship between the Fort Madison Area Chamber of Commerce, Keokuk Area Chamber of Commerce and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach of Lee County. It is also supported by a steering committee with representatives from Alliant Energy, Lee County Auditor’s Office, Lee County Health Department, Keokuk area Community Foundation, and Southeastern Community College.

“Making God Laugh” next on OFP’s playlist

and a former football star – all return home, where we learn of their plans and dreams as they embark on their adult lives. The empty-nester parents contend with their own changes, too, as old family rituals are trotted out and ancient tensions flare up. As time passes, the family discovers that, despite what we may have in mind, we often arrive at unexpected destinations.

The cast calls for 2 Women and 3 Men who age 30 years as the play progresses. Ruthie, the bossy but well-meaning mother and Bill, the easy-going father figure, take to an idea that their children are Richard, (late 20’s to 50’s) the stylish entrepreneur; Maddie (mid-20’s to 50’s) the strong-willed artist; and Thomas, (early 20’s to 50’s) the ‘even-tempered’ good son. If you’re not quite the type who likes being in the spotlight, you can still be a part of the fun. OFP is always looking for hard-working, organized people to be stage managers, set crews, sound and light technicians as well as costume/prop stylists and makeup artists. There’s even a spot for those who enjoy working with the public by selling concessions during performances. Stop by on audition nights to volunteer or send us a message on Facebook.

Making God Laugh, by Sean Grennan, will be presented by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc. (www.playscripts.com) Performances run December 7-9 and 14-16. Evening shows begin at 7:30 p.m. and the curtain rises on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Tickets for Adults are $12, and Students are $8. The Old Fort Players have been entertaining the community since 1981 and are located in downtown Fort Madison at 725 Avenue G. Call 319-372-9559 for more information. Like them on Facebook or visit http://www.oldfortplayers.com to keep up with everything that’s going on at the theater.

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