Paranormal dudes back for Ghost Hunt

Tickets still available for haunting hunting on Oct. 26-27th in Fort Madison

Submitted article

FORT MADISON - Historic river towns have their share of haunts and the paranormal, and Fort Madison is no different! The Fort Madison Main Street’s Ghost Hunt allows visitors to document the paranormal activity that surrounds us.

On Friday, Oct 26th or Saturday, Oct 27th, visit 4 haunted locations with Iowa Paranormal specialists...bring your digital camera, if you dare!

Paranormal experts, Iowa City Ghost Hunters will guide you through historic Fort Madison landmarks, learning a little about each site's history and investigating paranormal occurrences.

This year's locations include Studio 61, the Old Lee County Jail, Artist Trax Studio and City Cemetery. Registration will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Moose Lodge County Jail, Artist Trax Studio and City Cemetery.

Tickets are $25 a person per evening. There are a limited number of tickets available. Tickets can be purchased by calling Fort Madison Partners at 319-372-5471 or at their office, 614 9th Street in Fort Madison. Tickets can also be purchased online at fortmadison.com.

Fort Madison Main Street is an affiliate organization of Fort Madison Partners. Fort Madison Partners is the umbrella organization, which oversees the Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce, Fort Madison Main Street, Fort Madison Economic Development and Fort Madison SIRRC. It serves to facilitate and coordinate efforts, as well as share strategic goals, working towards the common goal of making Fort Madison a great place to visit, live, and work.

Monarchs elusive at Friday Lee County conservation hunt

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT - It was a cool day, and butterflies tend to hide from a cool breeze, but the Lee County Conservation District entertained about 15 students Friday evening at Pollmiller Park on the migration of monarch butterflies.

Stephanie Paeg, a naturalist with the Lee County Conservation district, along with Rick Tebbs, LCCD wildlife manager, took the children around to different areas of the park looking for the fleeting colorful butterflies. “If you wanted to track an animal, a mountain lion or elk, how would you do that,” Paeg asked.

Aiden Woods, a Hamilton student, said he’d use a camera. Paeg said that’s a good idea or a GPS tracking device, but you can’t saddle a monarch butterfly with a tracking device.

Lee County naturalist Stephanie Paeg shows children the Monarch butterfly’s natural predator—a Praying Mantis—prior to hunting for the butterflies Friday.
OBITUARIES

JARED JOHN “JED” MATLOCK

Jared John “Jed” Matlock, 34, of Keokuk, IA, died Tuesday, September 18, 2018. He was born on January 15, 1984 in Keokuk, IA the son of Mark and Wendy Ryland Matlock. On October 1, 2005 Jared was united in marriage to Emilie Naber in Keokuk, IA. They later divorced.

Jared graduated from Keokuk High School with the Class of 2002. He had been employed through the years in construction. He was a member of First Baptist Church. Jared was a true outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting, turkey, geese, ducks, and deer.

He liked to go fishing and was proud of the record-sized fish that he caught multiple times. He also liked to go ice fishing. You could usually find him near the water, either on a boat or on land. He liked playing and watching football and baseball.

He was a Green Bay Packer’s fan and a Cardinal’s baseball fan. Most of all, Jared loved spending time with his children. He was a loving friend to many people. He was a kind person who will be greatly missed and continually loved and remembered by all who knew him.

He is survived by two sons, Ethan Matlock and Tait Matlock, both of Hamilton, IA, two brothers, Jeremy Matlock (Shianna) of Keokuk, IA, Jeffery Matlock (Ashley) of Keokuk, IA, one sister, Kayla Clark (Andy) of Keokuk, IA, grandparents, Billy Joe and Carol Ryland of Keokuk, IA, and Gordon Matlock of Montrose, IA.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Marjorie Matlock.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Tuesday at the funeral home with the family meeting with friends from 6-8 p.m. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com. Memorials may be made to the family.

BETTY FRANCES WALKER

Betty Frances Walker, 77 of Montrose, IA died Thursday, September 20, 2018 at Great River Medical Center in Burlington, IA.

She was born February 9, 1941 in Wever, IA the daughter of Maurice, Sr. and Mildred Byers Ireland. Betty was first married to Fred Schrader, Sr., and to this union three children were born. They later divorced. On December 16, 1978 Betty was united in marriage to Billy Dean “Bill” Walker in Ft. Madison, IA. He preceded her in death on July 26, 2018.

Betty graduated from Denmark Academy in Denmark, IA with the Class of 1958. Betty began her employment at Armour Dial in Ft. Madison, IA when it first opened in 1972. She retired in 2006 after thirty-four years of service. Betty was a member of First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ in Keokuk.

Betty was generous with her time and talents. For over fifty years, she volunteered at the Tri State Rodeo in Ft. Madison, IA. She enjoyed spending time outdoors tending to her flower gardens and taking care of all the feathered friends that visited her yard. Betty was an avid St. Louis Cardinal fan and a Nascar fan of the #48 car. Betty was a dedicated supporter of her grandchild’s sporting events and activities. She loved decorating for the holidays and hosting family get-togethers. She was a wonderful cook, who always prepared a large meal to please everyone and had enough food for an army.

She is survived by two daughters, Kelly Enke of Denmark, IA and Korenda Bell of Keokuk, one son, Fred Schrader, Jr. (Stacey) of Keokuk, two step-daughters, Sandy Andrews of West Point, IA and Tracy Morgan of Kaiser, MO, three granddaughters, seven great-grandchildren, one brother, Mike Walker of Magnolia, TX, three granddaughters, seven grandsons, seven great-grandchildren, one brother, Ylde Ireland (Barb) of Burlington, IA and one sister, Emma Reynolds of Keokuk.

Besides her husband she was also preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Maurice Ireland, Jr., three sons-in-law, Charlie Bell, Gene Enke and Randy Andrews and one great-grandchild, Braxton Bell.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m, Tuesday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Pastor David Turner officiating. Burial will be held in the Oakwood Cemetery in Hamilton, IL.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Tuesday at the funeral home with the family meeting with friends from 5-7 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com. Memorials may be made to the City of Christmas or the First Christian Church.

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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Art in Central Park
Sept. 21-23 - The Fort Madison Area Arts Association's annual Art in Central Park will be held this year as part of the bigger "Bringing the Arts in Lee County" program that will feature music, food, painting and a first-ever "Lee County Plein Air Competition" at both Fort Madison's Central Park and Keokuk's Rand Park. Visit www.fmaaa.com for more information.

Grief-Sharing Class
Harmony Bible Church will be hosting a Grief Share Class beginning Monday, September 24, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Harmony Bible Church in Ft. Madison. Call 319-371-6114 or 319-850-0240 for information.

Immunization Clinic
LCHD will be holding a child's immunization clinic at the LCHD 3 John Bennett Drive in Fort Madison from noon to 5:30 p.m. Free lead testing will be available. Additionally, seasonal flu vaccines will be available with Medicare or Blue Cross insurance cards, or a $25 payment.

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.

Corporate Games
The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce Corporate Games will be held Oct. 5. This fun and competitive afternoon pits local manufacturing and industry teams against each other in a battle of wits and skills at the Baxter Sports Complex.

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Kempker’s brightens up area schools with paint grants
Submitted article

FORT MADISON - Students in both the Burlington Community Public School District and Holy Trinity Catholic School District are gaining a fresher look this school year with the help of Kempker’s True Value and Rental. The 2018 school year is in full swing and students and educators in both districts are enjoying fresh coats of paint inside and out; in classrooms, entranceways, hallways, administration offices, gymnasiums, and more.

These fresh looks are attributed to partnerships between the two districts and Kempker’s True Value and Rental stores in Burlington and Fort Madison, through the “Painting a Brighter Future” program. A signature program of the True Value Foundation that provides another stepping stone to unite True Value retailers with their communities.

“It is our goal through this program to help provide area students and educators with brighter, fresher, healthier environments which are imperative to both the learning and teaching processes”, said Chuck Kempker, owner of Kempker’s True Value and Rental.

Jeff Grossenheimer, head of the Holy Trinity Catholic School’s Maintenance Department said receiving the grant has been a positive experience for the students and teachers.

“We have chosen brighter colors to cover what were stark white walls in classrooms, having done this both our students and teachers comment on how much more they enjoy being in the classrooms. There’s an even higher sense of positivity in the environment, it’s amazing what a bit of color can do.”

Burlington Community Public Schools and Holy Trinity Catholic Schools are just two out of 174 across the nation selected to receive the “Painting A Brighter Future” grant. This grant allowed each district to receive 30 gallons of paint at no cost to them from Kempker’s True Value and Rental stores.

Kempker’s True Value Crew pictured above with Jeff Grossenheimer, HTCC Maintenance Manager, and Michael Sheerin, HTCC High School Principal.

Please Join Lee County Health Department as we celebrate the retirement of

JULIE SCHILLING
and her 34 years of dedication to public health on
Tuesday, September 25, 2018, 2:00pm-4:30pm
at the Lee County Health Department #3 John Bennett Drive, Fort Madison
Spartans measure up with lopsided win over Hounds

Lozano scores late touchdown for Hounds’ first score in three games

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The best thing that can be said about Friday’s Bloodhound football game is that the Solon Spartans are on a bus headed out of town. It was as expected as the third best Class 3A team in the state faced off against an overmatched Fort Madison squad in a 49-6 route with the Hounds’ first score in three games.

Lozano’s score actually made it 42-6, but the Spartans decided to air it out with a 36-point lead and just 1:36 left in the game. Nathan Steffens hooked up with a receiver who got behind the secondary and raced to the endzone for a 49-6 win.

Lozano led the Hounds on the ground with 44 yards on just two carries. Kaeli Maestro had five carries for just 13 yards. Fort Madison had two decent drives on the night. The first coming on the opening series where senior quarterback Lennon Barker connected on his first four passes of the night. An illegal procedure penalty put the Hounds at 3rd and 8, but Barker found Parker Denning on the north sidelines for a 9-yard reception to give the Hounds a first down. Barker and Parker hooked up again for a 3-yard gain on 1st and 10, but Solon would get their feet under them and force Barker into a quick incompletion and then a sack, forcing a short punt to the Hounds 40.

Solon’s offensive machine went to work and, in just three plays, junior Cam Miller found AJ Coons for a 22-yard scoring strike. Coons looked to have bobbled the catch but got control before stepping out in the endzone on the south side.

Fort Madison would get a quick three and out after the kickoff. Barker would throw two incompletions and get sacked for a four-yard loss before punting again. The Spartans would return the punt all the way to the Hounds’ 29. A holding penalty pushed the Spartans back 10, but then ran off tackle for a yard loss before punting again. The Spartans would score on their next two possessions sandwiched around two Bloodhound series that failed to produce a first down. Barker was 0-5 and took a 5-yard sack in the two series.

Solon took the first punt back to the FMHS 5-yard line and Miller would run it in from there on the third play. After the Bloodhounds threw three straight incompletions, Solon then went on a 7-play, 55-yard scoring drive with Bock scoring on a 9-yard run to make it 28-0.

The Bloodhounds then put together the best drive of the night. Junior Mike Mosena took the kick off up the middle and then bounced to his left and returned it all the way to the Solon 27. However, the play came back on a hold and the Hounds had to start back at their own 17. Kaeli Maestro then took the next handoff and was met by about three Spartans before the line of scrimmage, however the Spartan’s Coal Flansburg called for a personal foul for helmet-to-helmet contact and the Hounds were in business at their 30.

Barker got nothing on a carry on 1st and 10, but then ran off tackle for six yards on a first down to the Hounds’ 45. He’d hook up with senior Dom Keester who tangled with Solon’s AJ Coon (81) after a reception in the first quarter of Friday night’s 49-6 loss to the No. 3 ranked Spartans.

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Fort Madison
Community School District
1930 Avenue M
Minutes of the Organization Meeting September 17, 2018
I. The meeting was called to order by Temporary Chair Elmore at 6:59 p.m. Directors Wondra, Steffenmeier, Young, DiPrima, Ross and Hotop were present. Also present was Superintendent Slater. Director Hope was absent.
II. Administer oath and election of officers.
A. Oath of office to new Board members. There were no newly elected Board members and as such no oaths were administered.
B. Election of president. Secretary Elmore asked for nominations for the position of President. Director Young made motion to nominate Director Wondra as President. Director DiPrima seconded the nomination. There were no additional nominations. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Steffenmeier to approve Director Wondra as President by acclamation. The motion was approved on a 6-0 voice vote.
C. It was moved by Young and seconded by Steffenmeier to approve the Daily Democrat as the official publication for the district. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.
IV. Adopt meeting rules, procedures and committee assignments. The Board reviewed the rules, procedure and committee assignments.
A. Establish time, date and location for regular meetings. Consensus was given to hold a work session on the 1st Monday of each month and the regular meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. except when conflicts arise with the school calendar. The meetings will be held in the Board Room of the Central Office.
B. Determine seating arrangements. It was determined that the seating arrangement would continue on a rotating basis.
C. Determine finance committee. The finance committee will continue on a rotating basis.
D. Selection of County Conference Board representative. Director DiPrima agreed to serve as County Conference Board representative.
E. Selection of negotiations committees. Directors Wondra and Young will serve on the negotiations committees.
F. Selection of calendar committee. Directors Wondra and Young agreed to serve on the calendar committee.
G. Selection of vocational program representative. Director Steffenmeier agreed to serve as the vocational program representative.
H. Selection of facility study committee representative. Directors Wondra and Hotop agreed to serve on the facility study committee.
I. Selection of SIAC representative. Director Hope was selected to serve as the SIAC representative.
J. Selection of audit committee. Directors Wondra and Ross were selected to serve on the audit committee.
K. Selection of community foundation group. Directors Hope, Steffenmeier and Ross were selected to serve on the community foundation board.
L. Appoint LAN assembly member. The LAN representative will be Director Young.
M. Appoint Delegate assembly member. The Delegate assembly member will be Director Young and assisted by Director Wondra.
VI. Discussion Items
A. Discuss plans for American Education Week. The Board discussed plans for American Education Week and determined that they will hold a staff appreciation breakfast in November.
B. Discuss plans for 9/11. The Board reviewed the plans.
C. Discuss plans for October 9th at a 5:30 p.m. on September 18, 2018, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Randolph presided with Council Member Mohrfeld as absent. On motion, Council approved the agenda as written. On motion, Council adjourned until 8:11 p.m.
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ARGAS USA, LLC, AIRGAS USA, LLC, 3034 Avenue K; August Financial Report; Payment of Claims; New-Five Day Liquor License for Holy Trinity Catholic Schools, Inc., effective 10/24/2018; Liquor License Renewal: Jiang Garden, 712 – 9th Street – Class B Native Wine; and Liquor License Renewal: Tena’s, 4602 Avenue O, effective 9/8/2018 and Vel’s Amigos, 1226 – 37th Street, effective 9/22/2018.
On motion, Council approved the repayment of Artemio Santiago to the Airport Commission, term expiring 9/30/2021; and Larry Wright to the Board of Adjustment, term expiring 9/30/2023. On motion, Council approved the Mayor’s signature on an Agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for City Bridge Federal-Aid SWAP Funding for Reconstruction of the 1600 Block of Avenue F Bridge. At 5:44 p.m. on motion, Council adjourned until October 2, 2018, at 5:30 P.M.

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Fairfield and homecoming up next for 2-3 FMHS

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"They probably have four players going Division 1 and have talent coming out the ying-yang and they showed it."

-Tony Shiffman
FMHS Head Coach

The Hounds fall to 2-3 on the season going into Homecoming week with a matchup against Fairfield who is also 2-3 after losing to Mt. Pleasant 17-35.

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Pen City Current encourages you to play responsibly.
Paeg said a scientist named Frederick Urquhart from Canada hypothesized that the monarch migrate from Canada to Mexico every year.

“Flying 1,800 miles, just from here, for those insects to hang out in Mexico - that’s a really long journey for something four inches long to make. They go way up in the sky. That’s kind of a crazy story.”

But she said Urquhart was determined to prove that the butterflies migrated and employed students to help with process by catching monarch’s in a net.

“He came up with an idea where he made really special stickers that sit on the wings of the butterflies and sent them to schools who were raising monarch’s in schools could put the stickers on the butterflies.”

The stickers had a number and special code on them so if someone found a dead butterfly or caught one they could contact the organization on the sticker and they could relay the information.

“We’re going to continue that tradition today if we can catch some, Paeg said. “In this kind of weather it might be a little tricky, but we’ll look and we might even find some other creatures, like the monarch’s predator, the Praying Mantis.”

The children then took nets and walked into a prairie planting on the north side of the park. A few smaller butterfly species jumped up from the flowers and native grasses in the prairie, but monarchs were not to be found.

Several of the children had come up from Rand Park in Keokuk where they had been catching monarch’s earlier in the day.

The Lee County Conservation District regularly schedules programs with children in Lee County parks and wildlife areas including the Heron Bend Conservation Center in Montrose. Organizations such as Lee County Pheasant’s Forever, Duck’s Unlimited and Quail Forever, and other conservation-centric organizations donate time and resources to the district for the annual programs. More information about programs can be found at the district’s website at https://www.leecounty.org/offices/conservation/.

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