City rings in holiday season

Community Thanksgiving Dinner, the annual Parade of Lights, and downtown’s Mistletoe on Main Street welcome in the Christmas season in Fort Madison

Genevieve Geoffrion of Fort Madison "whips" up some hot drinks for patrons at Dollhouse Dreams and Megan’s Old Fashioned Ice Cream Parlor. Fort Madison’s downtown was open for business Saturday with carriage rides, popcorn, the Enchanted Forest, and a visit with Santa Claus.

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Danny and Vicky Gomez walk the path of the Enchanted Forest at the Old Lee County Bank building on Saturday as part of the Mistletoe on Main Street shopping extravaganza. At left, Santa Claus brings up the rear of the annual Lighted Christmas Parade Friday night.

Columnist to hold book signing Dec. 15 in Burlington

Just in time for Christmas, I will be doing a book signing in Burlington at Burlington By the Books, 301 Jefferson St., on Saturday, December 15th, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Books will be available at the bookstore for $15 each, a bargain considering the life-altering information contained within (I’m not joking). As an added bonus, tucked away in the stack of books at my signing table will be two, twenty dollar bills. (I have to do something to attract readers. lol!). No fair searching the stack of books for the twenty dollar bills. Just purchase your book, or books—Christmas presents you know—have me personally sign them, and be monetarily surprised when your book turns up with a double sawbuck. Heck, the twenty will cover the cost of the book and give you five extra smackers to spend on something else, like a double-chocolate mocha...

“Protected” is a true story about my struggle with alcohol and drug addiction, passion for writing, and a very up-front and personal encounter with God. God actually walked through my locked front door, pointed a finger at me, and altered the direction of my life once and for all. Looking back over my life, I can see where God has opened doors, cleared the path, and "Protected" me, often without me knowing how or why He was doing this. Not a religious in-your-face book, or "come-to-Jesus," holier-than-thou scolding. "Protected" is a down-to-earth, first-person narrative of how God has worked in my life. Many people have had such encounters, or would like to have. See if you can identify: "Protected" is my first book. My second book will be available sometime next spring. It is a book of short stories, once again based upon my experiences, this time illustrated by a local artist. A book-a-year might be a good goal.

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Day Food Pantry donation.

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Financial groups partner for food pantry donation

FORT MADISON - Josh Denning & Associates partnered with Connection Bank & Insurance and sponsored a food drive for the Food Pantry during November. At right, Josh Denning and Peg Mohrfield from Josh Denning & Associates, and Jonna Schneider and Heather Dickey from Connection Bank & Insurance with the many bags and cans of precious food donated by their customers.

Funds and food donations are warmly welcomed and can be mailed to PO Box 273, Fort Madison, IA 52627 or dropped off at the Pantry at 3421 Avenue L, Fort Madison. Hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Additionally, please consider donating your time and volunteer to help the Pantry carry out its mission of providing food to the food insecure.
Carmelita Rose Schutte, 85, of rural Kahoka died Thursday, November 22, 2018, at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born February 26, 1933, the daughter of Vincent and Bess McDonnell Boudreau in St. Patrick, Missouri. On July 18, 1953, she was united in marriage to Herbert Schutte at the Shrine of St. Patrick in St. Patrick, Missouri. He preceded her in death on December 8, 2012.

Carmelita graduated from St. Patrick High School with the Class of 1951. She was employed with the Clark County Nursing Home as a Certified Nursing Assistant for three years and then was an LPN for twenty years, retiring in 2005. Carmelita had an unwavering and deep faith in God and was an active member of the Shrine of St. Patrick and a charter member of the Daughters of Isabella for 69 years. Her faith was an active and vital part of her life.

She was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan and when it came to NASCAR, Dale Earnhardt, Jr. was her man. Carmie and Herb loved to dance every chance they could. Most weekends were spent attending a dance somewhere. Most of all her heart was in her home where she made a lifetime of treasured memories with her family.

She is survived by five daughters; Janet Koltun of Springfield, IL, Nancy Greer and her husband Ron of Quincy, IL, Joan Ruhs and her husband Greg of Hamilton, IL, Ann Sturm of Kahoka, MO and Barbara Alber and her husband Otto of Shelbina, MO, three sons; Gerald Schutte of Kahoka, John Schutte and his wife Kay of Grand Island, NE and Daniel Schutte and his wife Cathy of Canton, IL, grandchildren, Kristen (Steve Myers) Greer, Zachary Greer, Kyle (Alexandra) Schutte, Sara Schutte, Evan Schutte, Nicholas Ruhs, Danielle Ruhs, Amanda Frankel, Tanner Schutte, Andrea (Josh) Kinman, Adam (Hannah) Sturm, Anna Sturm, and Matthew Alber, four great grandchildren, Blake Myers, Katelynn Myers, Finley Schutte and Jase Kinman, six sisters-in-law, Kristen Myers, Finley Schutte and Jase Kinman, five brothers-in-law, Dennis Schutte and his wife Doreen, Joseph Schutte and his wife Mary, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Shrine of St. Patrick, St. Patrick, MO with Father Bob Fields, Father Tom Alber officiating. Burial will be in the St. Patrick Cemetery.

Pen City Current obituary policy
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"Widow", “Bohemian Rhapsody” on holiday movie watch list

directly across the street from Burlington By the Books, keep you from attending the book signing. The burned-out structure is a scary eyesore, yes, and gobbler of downtown parking, but a deterrent to merry Christmas shopping it is not. Right beside Burlington By the Books is the Art Center of Burlington, where my daughter, amongst many other fine local artists, has art on display (hint hint). You can’t be too thin, too rich, or have too much artwork. Once again, just in time for Christmas.

"Widows" is perhaps Viola Davis’ finest role to date. Couple her with hunk, Liam Neeson, and you have a thriller you’ll be talking and asking questions about for days afterwards, like Ginnie and I did. Based in our friendly city of Chicago, “Widows” is more than a social statement about politics, crime and race, it is an honest rendition of the state-of-our-nation today. Don’t miss it.

Curt’s stories are also read online, “which proves her amazing talent as one of today’s finest actors.

I’ve written about “Bohemian Rhapsody” before. Rami Malek as Queen’s iconic rock star, Freddie Mercury, is a “must see. “ One scene has Malek playing the piano upside down. Don’t wait for “Bohemian Rhapsody” to come out on Netflix.

Have a good story? Call 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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