P.A.W. wants on gift giving lists

With the shelter holding more than 200 animals daily through the holidays, Director Sandy Brown wants on your Christmas giving lists.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - In this season of giving, the P.A.W. animal shelter is asking that you keep them, and the animals in its care, in your sights.

P.A.W., the no-kill Protectors of Animal Welfare has had a busy and productive year, but Director Sandy Brown is asking area residents to keep in mind just how far the PAW animal shelter goes in providing services to Fort Madison and Lee County.

The City of Keokuk has its own animal control office, but Fort Madison does not, so PAW works closely with city and county officials to help mitigate animal welfare issues as well as housing animals until they are adopted, or what Brown calls "forever homes", or die from disease or age. Brown said so many people in Fort Madison are still unaware of what goes on 24/7 at the shelter.

"I think people just really think of us as the shelter that it used to be 10 years ago where we had 30 cats and 30 dogs and they stayed here until they died," Brown said. "We are so much more than what people think we are. We take the bullied breeds, the puppy mill dogs, the welfare dogs."

She said many people don’t realize the shelter works with rescues and puppy mill dogs.

"Iowa is 3rd in the country in puppy mills, which is basically a confinement for breeding dogs and they take the puppies and ship them all over to pet stores across the United States."

She said what’s left behind is the parents who are now 13 and have no teeth or hair and have tumors but can still make puppies for sale. When those animals are done producing or get sick, Brown said they are killed and euthanized properly because it comes off the bottom line of the breeders.

Brown checks in with a couple of the more than 130 dogs PAW has currently on site Friday morning.

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OBITUARIES

E. PAULINE SMIDDY FLACK

Mrs. E. Pauline Smiddy Flack, 97, of Dallas City, II, died Friday, November 30, 2018 at the Great River Klein Center in West Burlington, IA.

She was born July 27, 1921 near Dallas City, the daughter of Ralph and Millie Robinson Jones. On October 21, 1939 she married Forrest “Bud” Smiddy in Kahoka, MO. He preceded her in death on February 8, 1995. On April 17, 1998 she married Russell Flack. He died January 9, 2006.

Pauline worked for a short time for Sylvania Electronics in Burlington and for Shellor Gloe in Keokuk, IA. She was a member of the Dallas City Senior Citizens and the Pontotocac Community Church.

Pauline enjoyed life and loved to dance. Everyone loved her chocolate chip cookies. She may have been 97, but she still had a 39 year old attitude!

Surviving are three daughters, Sandra Genck of Hamilton, IL, Barbara Graning of Dallas City and Claudia Webster of Lomax, IL, one step-son, John Flack of Dallas City, nine grandchildren, Jeff (Michelle) Genck, Joann (David) VanFleet, Janet Spencer, Shelley (Mark) Monteith, Sharon (Craig) Neuwig, Shanna (Ryan) Eddington, Kurt (Stephanie) Webster, Bradley Webster and Andrew Webster, 17 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren with 1 due in March.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, one son, Boyd Smiddy, two sisters, one brother in infancy and three son-in-laws she thought of as her sons, Jack Genck, Dick Graning and Greg Webster.

OBITUARIES

ROZELLA C. FREITAG

Rozella C. Freitag, 95, of West Point, Iowa passed away at 10:21 a.m. Friday, November 30, 2018, at the West Point Care Center in West Point, Iowa.

Born on February 1, 1923 in West Point, Iowa, the daughter of Dr. S. P. and Elinor (Winnike) Holtz. On November 4, 1944, she married Alve Freitag at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point. He preceded her in death on April 12, 1993.

Survivors include two sons: Don (Becky) Freitag of Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Gary (Jolene) Freitag of Colorado Springs, Colorado; one daughter: Pat (George) Smith of St. Louis Missouri; eight grandchildren: Suzanne (Michael) Van Der Bosch, Stephen Smith, Sarah (Joe) Pupillo, David (Maria) Freitag, Elizabeth (Mark) Brodner, Michael Freitag, Brandon (Rita) Freitag and Amanda Freitag; two brothers: Delmar Holtz of St. Joseph, Missouri and Carl (Rita) Holtz of West Point, Iowa; one sister: Imelda Groene of West Point; and ten great-grandchildren. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, one daughter: Judy Ann, one sister: Lucy, and one brother: Lester.

Rozella was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church and Altar & Rosary. She was a 1940 graduate of St. Mary’s High School. Rozella’s children and grandchildren were by far the most important thing in her life. She also enjoyed playing cards.

Friends may call after 1:00 p.m. Monday, December 3, 2018 at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point where the family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A Parish Rosary will be recited at 3:00 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point with Father Dennis Hoffman as celebrant.

Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in West Point, Iowa.

A memorial has been established to St. Mary’s Catholic Church or Holy Trinity Catholic Schools.Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements.

On-line condolences to the family may be made at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.
From the Front/For the Record

No-kill shelter does more than walk dogs and pet cats

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She said now rescuers go to the mills and offer to take the adult puppies to a rescue. Brown said PAW has taken in more than 400 puppy mill dogs over the past five years. When the breeders make up their mind to give the animals up, you have to get them right away because the breeders will either change their mind or kill the animal.

Brown said those dogs have to have body work done, dental work, and other veterinary services that cost about $500 to be ready to be adopted for $180.

“People are upset with us because we have to charge to adopt and we have to deal with that,” Brown said.

“But they don’t total all the costs we have associated with just that one animal.”

Lee County Sheriff’s Department and the Fort Madison Police rely on PAW when they encounter neglect. Brown and her staff have been known to go into Burlington, Illinois, Missouri and other places. She currently has four full-time staffers that make close to minimum wage, and then volunteer workers.

“Sometimes people think all we do here is pet kittens and walk dogs. They do not understand what kind of needs we have. I don’t even want anything from any of my kids for Christmas. If they all gave $10 to the shelter that would be just fine with me.” Brown said.

She said PAW has about 15,000 followers and said if everyone gave just $10 for the holidays that would be just fine with me. “Brown said.

“My kids for Christmas. If they all gave $10 to the shelter we have. I don’t even want anything from any of my kids for Christmas. If they all gave $10 to the shelter that would be just fine with me.” Brown said.

“If they all gave $10 to the shelter this holiday season. Brown is asking for county residents to think about PAW when giving this holiday season.

PAW Director Sandy Brown handles one of the many “puppy mill” dogs the animal shelter has taken in this year. Brown is asking for county residents to think about PAW when giving this holiday season.

Brown said those dogs don’t include the costs of medicine and internal needs for the animals. She said the shelter has regular donors and benefits regularly from memorials and other contributions and the shelter pays their bills every month, but each month gets tighter and tighter.

Brown said the veterinarian costs should actually be about double, but the veterinarian the shelter uses has taken care of this shelter, and me, and these dogs.

“WOOF” hat, “Brown laughed. “We’re more a service to the community than people realize and these efforts carry costs. I’m a firm believer that to this point God has taken care of this shelter, and me, and these dogs out here.”

But in lieu of God’s intervention, she’s asking the community to find a couple bucks this year to donate to the shelter as they continue to grow and provide services. Donations can be made through the PAW facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/PAW-Fort-Madison-Animal-Shelter-179648212052707.
Holy Trinity girls just miss in Mediapolis upset bid

Box ties game up at 60 with just nine seconds remaining

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Holy Trinity wiped out a six point deficit at the end of the third quarter but fell just :04 seconds short of knocking off visiting Mediapolis Saturday night at Shottenkirk Gymnasium in a 61-60 loss in girls high school basketball action.

Crusaders senior Emily Box hit a short jumper in heavy traffic with :09 remaining in the game to tie it at 60. Mediapolis got the ball down the floor quickly behind the Crusaders press and junior Ashlynn Haas had to foul sharp-shooting Maya Johnson to stop a layup. Johnson, who finished with 32 points, including six 3-balls, missed the front end of the double bonus, but hit the next in what would be the game winning shot.

Mediapolis would call a timeout to set up a defense for the final four seconds and came out in a full-court zone press. Senior Taylor Boeding got tied up on the inbound pass and a four-second scramble ensued resulting in a tie up with no time remaining.

HTC Head Coach Tony Johnson said he was happy with the girls' full-game effort.

"They went maximum effort in the fourth quarter and that's really all you can do," he said.

"We wanted to get the ball to a runner across the middle and try to get a breakaway down the middle on that last play."

The Bulldogs kept Holy Trinity at a five-to seven point deficit for most of the night, with the Crusaders making timely runs, the first of which came on a 6-0 run in the first quarter down 6-2. Senior Mya Lawlor drove in from the right side and got hacked in the act, converting the front end of the two freebies. Mediapolis would commit back-to-back turnovers before Boeding lotted a shot from the left baseline that missed. Box was there to clean it up and then Boeding hit a 3-pointer on the next trip to give the Crusaders an 8-6 lead at 5:14 in the first period.

Mediapolis would then shut the Crusaders down for about three minutes going on a 9-1 run capped by a Ruthie Jahn jumper from about 13 feet on the right side. At 17:9, Boeding squared up from outside the 3-point arc and was knocked over on the shot by the Bulldogs' Mackenzie Springsteen and coolly laced three freebies in a row to cut the lead to five.

Mediapolis would push the lead to 22-14 at the end of the first period when Helaina Hillyard hit a five-foot runner at the buzzer.

Holy Trinity would outscore Mediapolis 14-11 in the second quarter highlighted by senior Eryn Anderson's five points. Lawlor cut the lead to four at 26-30 when she crept inside the lane and pulled down an offensive rebound after Boeding and Haas both missed. Lawlor was fouled on the play and hit one of the two free throws.

Johnson would convert a 3-pointer to push the lead back to 33-26. Anderson would answer on a driving layup in the lane in transition for a 28-33 halftime score.

Boeding would score nine points on three 3-pointers in the third period as the Crusaders went 5-of-9 from the field in the period but couldn't cut the lead any closer than three at 43-46.

With 4:15 left in the game, Anderson missed on a drive, but Box was there to clean it up and was fouled by freshman Catie Cross on the play. Box missed the free throw, but the lead was cut to 51-53. Anderson committed her fifth foul on a Maya Johnson drive. Johnson hit the back end of the free throws to give the Bulldogs a three point lead, but Haas would bury a three pointer in front of the Crusaders' fans on the left side to tie the game at 54.

Johnson would get free on the next trip down the court and would score on a layup at the buzzer to go up 56-54 at the end of the third period.

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FMHS junior Parker Denning gets caught under the tree that is 7-footer Alex Wolter during the Hounds’ 61-59 overtime win over the Keokuk Chiefs on Friday night on the road. It was the Bloodhounds first win of the year.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. D-49
AMENDING TITLE I – ADMINISTRATIVE

Section 1: The following is a brief summary of Ordinance No. D-49, with changes to Title I, Administrative and Title 8, Public Ways, Chapter 10, Cemeteries:
1. Recognizing the electronic version of the City Code.
2. Acknowledging the electronic version of the City Code may be brought up to date sooner than the printed version.
3. Updating the time-line of printing City Code amendments by the City’s Codifier for insertion into the printed Code.
4. Removing the requirement to meet on the “second secular day of January.”
5. Inserting language regarding the use of purchase orders and presentation of claims to reflect current practice.
6. Removing language to “Mayor’s Working Time” since the Mayor is no longer a full-time Mayor and does not receive a paid vacation.
7. Naming the City Clerk as being the custodian of the City Seal.
8. Recognizing the City Treasurer shall prepare for an annual audit.
9. Removing duties from the City Clerk’s responsibilities that are currently performed by the City Treasurer.
10. Updating language concerning “Employee Benefits and Regulations and Residence Requirements”.
11. Recognizing the “Official City Map” as legally defining the City’s Corporate Limits.
12. Changing “corporate seal” to “City Seal”.
13. Removing the specific date for Census Day.
14. Includes changes made by the Iowa Legislature regarding Elections. A complete copy of Ordinance D-049 is available for review at City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Monday through Friday (with the exception of scheduled holidays) from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is also available at the City of Fort Madison website: fortmadison-ia.com.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or constitutional.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council this 5th day of November, 2018.
/s/Chris Greenwald, Mayor
/s/Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE
Lee County, Iowa
Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting Agenda
DATE: TUESDAY, December 4, 2018
MEETING
CONVENCING TIME:
9:00 A.M.
LOCATION:
Correctional Center
2530 255th Street,
Montrose, IA
AGENDA
Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Agenda
Consider Approval of November 27, 2018 Board Minutes
Consider Approval of Claims
Public Input
Consider Awarding Contract for Project #BROS-2597-2018 (RA-36 Bridge Replacement on Abel Road
Consider Approval for Flex Benefit Fee Proposal from Midwest Group Benefits
Consider Approval of Resolution Supporting Keokuk Parks Foundation in Applying for CAT Grant And Appropriating $3500 from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund to Construct Pickleball Courts
Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolution Personnel Action: Step Increase -Health Department (1)
Reports:
A. Commission of Veterans Affairs Minutes of Meeting
Commission or Committee Reports Adjourn

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**Soft second half dooms**

**HTC boys to 0-3**

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**

**PCC EDITOR**

**FORT MADISON**

- Holy Trinity’s young basketball season seemed to be taking shape for the boys in the first half Saturday night, but somebody put a lid on the Crusaders’ hoop in the second half as the HTC boys fell to visiting Mediapolis 60-49 in Southeast Iowa Superconference basketball action.

Bulldog senior Nick Ensminger threw up 10 points in the first four minutes as Mediapolis raced out to a 17-7 first period lead with three minutes remaining. Holy Trinity went 1 for 4 during the stretch from the floor with a Brant Holtkamp 3-pointer being the only conversion the Crusaders had until Matt Hellige scored inside at the 3:24 mark.

But Hellige’s bucket would be a springboard for an 11-0 run that was capped by another Holtkamp 3-pointer from the left baseline that just got off the senior guard’s fingertips before the buzzer sounded to give Holy Trinity a 23-22 lead and had the Bulldogs a 30-25 lead, one they would not relinquish for the remainder of the game.

Junior Quentin Schneider flies to the hoop in the second quarter against Mediapolis’ Javon Lacy, right, and Ben Wolgemuth, left.

Senior Community BINGO at The Kensington

Each month on the second Wednesday of the month, The Kensington hosts Senior Community BINGO at 2 p.m. in their dining room at 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. All seniors are welcome and cash prizes are awarded. December’s BINGO games will be held Wednesday, December 12.

Caregivers Connection at The Kensington

The Kensington hosts this monthly gathering to help educate attendees about all dementia types. Held at noon the 4th Tuesday of every month in The Kensington’s private dining room, 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. Call 319-372-4233 to RSVP or for more information.
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floor on the right side to counter with a 3-ball. HTC
misssed on its next two attempts and Johnson got to
31 points with another 3-pointer. With the Crusad-
ers down 54-60 got the ball inside and rimmed
one off the back, but sophomore Claire Pothitakis
grabbed the board on the left side and pitched it back
up against the glass for the bucket getting fouled on
the play. She missed the free throw and Tony Johnson
called a time out.

HTC was able to stop Mepo on the next trip down
the floor and Lawlor converted in transition on the
way back down to cut the lead to two at 58-60, where
Box would tie it up on the next trip.

Box led the Crusaders with 18 points on the night,
followed by Boeding with 15 and Anderson 13. Lawlor
and Ashlynn Haas each had six points for HTC and
Pothitakis had two.

Anderson said the team is coming together earlier
this year than in year's past as state volleyball cuts
about a week out of practices.

"That takes about a week of practice time and we
always have that slump at the beginning of the season,
but this year we did some two-a-day workouts and that
has helped," she said.

Johnson said he was happy with the balanced scoring
and the problems that can cause for opposing teams.

"That's pretty much been that way so far this year.
Really there's not one girl you can guard and that's
what we're looking to do," he said. "I'd rather have four
girls with 15 than one girl that can put up 35." He
said ball control has been much improved over
last year with the experience being gained over the
years by Bowling, Haas, and Lawlor.

HTC sophomore Claire Pothitakis drives the left side of the lane on Saturday night against Mediapolis. The Crusaders fell 61-60 after losing a tie up ball as time expired in the fourth quarter.

“I've got two senior guards and a junior guard that
have pretty much been playing since they were fresh-
men and they've been doing a pretty good job. We're
limiting our turnovers, and that experience is show-
ing.”

Holy Trinity falls to 2-2 on the year, but have lost
the two games by a total of 11 points. They host New
London on Tuesday night.

HTC boys shooting goes
cold in second half

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again after getting Wolgemuth off his feet in the lane on the next drive. The Bulldogs
would commit three straight personal fouls, but HTC's Holtkamp and Bredemeyer
would each hit one of two to cut the lead to one at 30-29, but the Mediaplois junior
Dawson Wirt would score on the other end to set the half at 32-29.

HTC Head Coach John Hellige said it was probably the best first half the Crusad-
ers have played thus far.

"We've had three games this week and we've had some sickness on the team, but
I think we played super basketball for two quarters and six minutes and then we
just really got mentally and physically exhausted and forced some shots that weren't
really in our game plan," Hellige said after the game.

"Mepo took Highland to double overtime in a loss yesterday, so they really are one
of the better teams in the north."

The Bulldogs showed why they are one of the better teams in the conference at
2-1 in the second half when the put up a 9-2 run spanning the first five minutes of the third period as HTC went ice cold from the field, missing their first six shots.
Mediaplois built a 41-31 advantage before Matt Hellige could end the drought with a
couple of free throws. Fehseke would convert a 3-pointer with 1:54 left in the period,
the first bucket the Crusaders would score in almost nine minutes of play. Mediapo-
lis junior Drew Schroder and Wolgemuth would score unanswered buckets to end
the period with the Bulldogs up by 13, 49-36.

The shooting woes didn't get any better in the final period as HTC went just 5 of
14 from the field with Fehseke hitting three of the buckets. Wolgemuth would tack
on four more points in the latter half of the final period to help seal the win for the
Bulldogs.

Holy Trinity relies on the perimeter game and spot-up shooting off screens to
open up the middle, but Hellige finished with three baskets inside the paint and four
free throws for 10 points.

"We were trying to spread the ball a little bit and work off the screens but it is what
it is," Hellige said. "We don't really have a true post threat and we're trying to play
a little more of a perimeter game. I would like to have seen him a few more
touches."

Fehseke led the Crusaders with 17 points on the night, hitting on four 3-point-
ers. Holtkamp had 12, Breedmeyer had five points, Blake Crabtree had three, and
Schneider had two to round out the scoring for HTC.

The Crusaders (0-3) face another stiff test on Tuesday when the high-octane New
London Tigers come to Fort Madison. The Tigers are just 1-0 on the season but put
an 81-38 beating on the Central Lee Hawks on Tuesday night at Donnellson.

Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Above, HTC’s Reed Fehseke (4) drives off a Blake Crabtree (11) pick as Owen Tim-
merman gets pinned in the second quarter of the Crusaders’ 60-
49 loss to Mediapolis on Saturday at Shot-
tenkirk Gym. At left, junior Matt Hellige
tries to score against the Crusaders.