Storm dumps 10 inches on city

City puts Snow Emergency Ordinance into effect

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

FORT MADISON – A winter storm that blew through the area dumped the first heavy snow on Fort Madison since November, sending kids into “snow angel” mode and city crews to the streets.

It was predicted by the National Weather Service out of the Quad Cities to begin snowing at about 6 p.m. Friday forcing changes to many school activities. However the snow showed up late, and stayed late as it was supposed to taper off at about noon Saturday, but was still coming down lightly at 6 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

City, county, and state crews began preparing streets for the impending snow storm Friday afternoon and then began plowing late Friday evening and early Saturday night.

Vehicles not in compliance are subject to a citation and possible towing.

It is predicted that accumulations will be 8 to 12 inches in the area, with some areas possibly experiencing up to 15 inches.

Inmate sets cell on fire, assaults staff

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FORT MADISON – A correctional officer was assaulted by an inmate at the Iowa State Penitentiary at approximately 11:52 a.m. Friday.

Staff were alerted to a fire alarm triggered in a living unit at the prison. As they began evacuating inmates from the building to the yard, they discovered that one inmate had started a fire in his cell, and had used his mattress to barricade himself inside. As a team of staff attempted to remove the inmate from the cell in order to extinguish the fire he had started, the inmate attempted to assault the responding correctional officers with closed-fist strikes. The staff utilized oleoresin capsicum (pepper) spray to subdue the aggressive inmate, and then quickly extinguished the fire.

The staff that were involved with the aggressive inmate were evaluated and treated by institution medical staff for smoke inhalation and minor physical injuries, and were released to finish the remainder of their shifts.

The inmate that is suspected to have started the fire has been taken to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics to be treated for self-inflicted injury.

The institution was placed on restricted movement of the streets on even days, and on the even-numbered sides of city streets. The ordinance will be in effect until further notice.

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OBITUARIES

TERESA M. BOECKER

Teresa M. Boecker, age 57 of Montrose passed away on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 3:44 AM at the Ft. Madison Community Hospital.

She was born on August 1, 1961 in Keokuk, IA to Jim and Sherry McCartney Kane. On April 5, 2004 she married Jimmie Boecker in Keokuk. Teresa was a homemaker. She helped raise dogs with her Mom and step dad, William Chaknine. She enjoyed sewing, gardening, bingo and loved shopping and talking on the phone. Her greatest enjoyment was spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Jimmie Boecker of Montrose; three daughters, Connie Boecker of Keokuk, Dawn Lambert of Keokuk and Teracea Lambert of Keokuk; one son, James Boecker of Montrose; six grandchildren, Brandy Boecker, Jamie Boecker, Emma Lambert, Patrick Lambert, Colby Lambert and Hailey Lambert and one half brother, Billy Chaknine of Argyle. She was preceded in death by her parents and her step dad, William Chaknine.

The funeral service will be held at 11 AM on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at Kinglyn Funeral Home with Rev. John Simpson officiating. The family will meet with friends from 10 AM until the time of the service at 11 AM. Burial will be in Montrose Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in her memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

OBITUARIES

MARGARET ELIZABETH HOLTKAMP SCHIERBROCK

Margaret Elizabeth Holtkamp Schierbrock came into this life as a gift from God on September 27, 1925. The daughter of Cecilia Christina (Pieper) and Bernard Joseph "BJ" Holtkamp. After a good long life’s journey she left us on January 11, 2019, to be in eternal presence of our Lord Almighty. She married Victor William Schierbrock on December 30, 1946, at St. John the Baptist Catholic church in Houghton Iowa. Widowed August 12, 1978.

She was an active member of St Mary’s of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point, Iowa. She belonged to the Altar & Rosary Society, the American Legion Auxiliary Holiz Geers Post 688 where she was a past president of the 1st District in Iowa as well as past president, treasurer, and secretary of the West Point unit, past president of Lee County American Red Cross, den Mother and advisor for Boy Scouts Pack and Troop 20 in West Point. She served on the executive board for Southeast Iowa Boy Scout Council. She served on the West Point Public Library Board of directors for forty-eight years, where she see the library grow from its humble beginnings in the city park to the Poepsel building, and finally to its current new home. She was a member of Pilot Grove Bank Heritage Club, Lee County Passport Club, and the Ft. Madison Community Hospital Auxiliary. She served on the West Point Development Committee. She was a promoter for the Central Association of the Miraculous medal. She loved her community, her genealogy, and the stories of Iowa. She enjoyed playing Canasta with her card club.

She was well known in the Tri-States for her lemon pie, her mom’s homemade potato salad, and deviled eggs. Her recipes were the best.

She is survived by her four children: Karl (Mary Beth) Schierbrock of Moline Illinois, Ann Krogmeier of Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky, Marian (Joseph) Neuweg of West Point, Iowa and Michael (Amy) Schierbrock also of West Point; ten grandchildren: Barbara (Eric), Kara (Brian), Brian (Meghan), Jennifer, Katie (Eric), Erick (Laura), Heather (Jon), Hannah (Clint), Katherine and Sarah; eleven great grandchildren: Hannah, Carli, Brock, Garrett, Carter, George, Max, Wyatt, Georgia, and Emma Jo and one more on the way; one sister: Joan Nichting; special friend Kay Kent and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers: Linus and his wife Mary, Rite Reverend Karl Holtkamp and Robert E. Holtkamp; one sister Martha and her husband Carl Link; one brother-in-law: Sylvan Nichting; one nephew: Michael Holtkamp and one niece: Kathleen Stiles.

Friends may call after 12:00 noon, Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point, Iowa, where the family will receive friends from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. that evening. A Parish Rosary will be recited at 3:30 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 16, 2019, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point with Father Dennis Hoffmann as celebrant.

Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in West Point.

In lieu of flowers a Memorial has been established in her memory. 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.
New inductees include a coach, two athletes and a writer

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Skinner ran track for the Bloodhounds from 1970-72 and was on the first FMHS boys cross country team where he was the state champion on the Class 3A mile team race and took 13th place at the two-mile state meet.

“I’m quite honored. I was totally surprised when I got the call saying I was going to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. I’m really excited about it,” Skinner said.

Skinner was also named to the 880-yard run All-State squad and made the Iowa High School Athletic Association honor roll with the fifth fastest time for Iowa High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. I’m really excited about it, ” he said.

Dick Burch was inducted after spending 26 years in the district coaching baseball, basketball, tennis, and golf. He graduated from Fort Madison High School in 1970.

“Basically this means a lot to me, because I’m a firm believer that the kids are what we’re here for. The 26 years I spent on baseball and other sports… it was to influence the kids in positive ways so they could build character.”

Burch earned back-to-back conference titles in baseball in 1977 and 1978 and then won them again in 1981 and 1983. His teams won district championships from 1988-90, 1992 and 2000. During those years 17 players were named First-Team All-State.

“I don’t ever get tired of telling this story, but in 2000 when we won the state baseball championships we started with seven wins and six losses and we decided we better have a talk with the kids because we could play 40 games and end up 20 and 20 and nothing happens,” Burch said. “So we named names and told the kids they needed to play together as a team and not worry about their individual stats. And if they bought into that, they could have a pretty good season. So from a 7-6 start we finished that year 33-9 and state champs.”

Allen was a four-time conference tennis champion at No. 1 singles. Three times he qualified for the state tennis tournament, while also earning third place in doubles in 1982. In 1983 he captured the state Class 2A singles state championship.

He was a multi-sport athlete who was also a two-year starter in basketball and was a member of the student council and National Honor Society. After high school, he enrolled at Gustavus Adol- phus College where he was a four-year letter winner, a three-time all-conference selection, a three-time NCAA National Tournament qualifier and was a 1986 and 1987 NCAA Division III All-American. In 1987, he was named the NCAA Division III Player of the Year.

Following graduation he served as a tennis professional at the Flagship Athletic Club in Minneapolis and he also did a stint as the Men’s Assistant Tennis Coach at the University of Southern California from 1990-92.

Pen City Current congratulates these men on their inductions and their contributions to the community of Fort Madison and FMHS athletics.

City reminds residents of snow removal guidelines

Saturday morning, City Building Director Doug Kro- gmeier is reminding residents that residential sidewalks need to be tended to early after accumulation stops. In addition to city code on removing snow and ice from sidewalks, the city could initiate a notice to abate nuisance if snow removal isn’t done in a timely manner.

The abatement would require all snow and ice to be removed within 24 hours after snow stops accumulating. Snow and ice must be removed from all public sidewalks with the city limits. The city can at some point, if no action is taken by the property owner, abate the nuisance by clearing the sidewalks themselves and assess the property owner for the costs of the abatement.

County and state crews also started working early Saturday morning to clear highways. Roadways leading to the Hwy 61 bypass were snow-covered un- til Saturday afternoon, with slick on and off ramps. The bypass itself was passable in one lane but snow covered in the other, while crews worked around the county.

Several cars were spun found into ditches along the highways, especially in the southern part of the county. The Lee County Sheriff’s Department had extra manpower on the county high- ways to help mitigate dangerous situations.

All area sports events for Saturday were postponed including the annual Cake Auction at the Holy Trinity Catholic basketball games against Fort Madison. The games were postponed until Monday starting at 6 p.m.

Pen City Current encourages you to play responsibly.
FEDLER

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison's Jayden Fedler just has the Keokuk Chief's number on the basketball court.

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Feder’s freebies give Hounds sweep of Keokuk

The junior post player scored 23, including knocking down two free throws with 1.1 seconds on the clock and the Hounds down by one as Fort Madison beat Keokuk 49-48 in dramatic fashion Friday at the HoundDome.

The Hounds knocked off Keokuk on the road earlier this year 61-59 when the Chiefs’ 7-foot center Alex Wolter missed a couple of free throws with no time remaining to force overtime. Fedler hit an 18-foot jump shot with :09 left in overtime for the win back on Nov. 30.

On Friday, the Hounds trailed by one with 11 seconds on the clock. Senior Logan Rashid inbounded in front of the Hounds’ student section and then got the ball back at the top of the key. After a cross-over at the top that allowed him room into the paint, Rashid drove the lane and threw up a shot that went off the rim.

Fedler was there to clean up the rebound, and would score before the end of the quarter to cut the lead to three at 12-9. Fedler had five of the Hounds’ first 12.

The two squads traded buckets to open the second quarter, but senior Brandon Kester would hit for three from the left wing in front of the Keokuk bench to push Fort Madison’s lead to 19-12. Keokuk’s Isaiah Seay would counter at the other end of the floor. Seay would score nine straight to keep the Chiefs within striking distance.

Fedler would score on back-to-back buckets with about 1:28 left in the half and Kester hit the back end of a one-and-one to give Fort Madison a 27-21 lead, but Mueller would score twice in transition in the final :40 of the half to cut the lead to seven.

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Fort Madison, playing in a match-up zone defense in the first quarter, forced the Chief’s into some long, drawn out possessions moving the Bloodhounds around the perimeter, but eventually, Keokuk would find a pass underneath or an open look in the ball rotation gaps.

Senior Eleesha Estrada got the scoring going for the Hounds with a 3-pointer from the free throw line in the quarter. Fort Madison would find the rim in the final period with junior Anna Kester scoring twice, Rashid converted the first five points of the second half for the Hounds to open the fourth quarter. Sophomore Nadia Boedding also put up a bucket in an 11-5 run by the Hounds. Northup scored all five points for the Hounds in the period.

McGhghy said they tried different defenses to shut down Northup.

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“But we are where we are. It’s a never ending battle of – this skill we don’t have is killing us right now, or that skill… but the one thing I continue to get is incredible effort. Mental effort, sometimes when the girls look up at the scoreboard and see, well it’s over, we have to get through that.”

Estrada and Kester led the Hounds with four apiece. McGhghy and Rashid had three each. Walker, Bass and Boedding each scored two points and Anna Link added a point. Sara Bernhardt led Fort Madison with four rebounds and Estrada added a freebie for the Hounds only points.

Keokuk only made three baskets of their own in the second quarter, but still out-scored Fort Madison 22-19. The Hounds kept the Chief’s top scorer MacKenzie Northup, who’s averaging close to 18 points per outing, to just nine points in the first half.

But the senior would open things up in further in third period scoring five unanswered to push the lead to 41-10. Fort Madison would go scoreless in the third period getting off just three total shots and not getting to the foul line in the quarter. Northup and junior Mi- chenna Davis combined for 13 of the 15 Chiefs points to put the game all but out of reach at 51-10 at the end of three.

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Keokuk girls’ pressure too much for Lady Hounds

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two at 27-25 going into halftime.

Keokuk would score first out of the break with 6:20 left when Mueller scored on a drive off the left wing to tie the game at 27. Fedler would then step out onto the left baseline on the Hounds’ next possession and drain a 3-ball. Freshman Dayton Davis would score on the next trip down to give the Hounds a 2-point cushion at 32-27 before Keokuk ripped off a 9-4 run to pull with one at 37-36 going into the final period.

Wolter would step out of the lane on the Chiefs’ first possession and hit a 10-footer to give Keokuk a 38-37 lead and then Tackes would score for a 40-37 Chiefs’ lead. Junior Parker Denning would score inside for Fort Madison with a hanging drive that went up and over Wolter’s reach, but Tackes would score again on the next trip down following a .30 timeout by Wilson.

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The Chiefs were able to get the ball back inside to Wolter who scored easily to put Keokuk up 48-46. Rashid penetrated from the top of the key and was able to draw the foul, but an acrobatic attempt to get the ball over Wolter fell short. Rashid made the front end of two, but missed the second.

Keokuk called a time out to set up the final 4:5 out of the break and Mueller was fouled and sent to the line, but Tackes would score again on the next trip down following a .30 timeout by Wilson.

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The Bloodhounds will take on Holy Trinity Catholic tonight for a girls/boys doubleheader. Keokuk moves to 1-12 on the season and Fort Madison downed Keokuk for us. "Tonight our kids played excellent down the stretch," he said.

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Kylie Cashman had three on the night. The Hounds fall to 1-12 on the season.

The Bloodhounds will take on Holy Trinity Catholic on Monday in makeup from Saturday's weather cancellation with varsity girls and boys, with girls starting at 6 p.m. The game will feature the HTC annual Cake Auction in between games and at halftime.

Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Dayton Davis (10) floats in the lane and converts for two of his 11 points on the night at Fort Madison downed Keokuk on Friday night at the HoundDome.

"That's been a problem for us all year. Composure and taking care of the ball in the fourth quarter. There have been a lot of opportunities we've had but didn't execute it. Tonight our kids played excellent down the stretch," he said.

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5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

SUN 13 Jan

Light Snow
High– 30.4º F | Low – 23.2º F

MON 14 Jan

Light Snow
High– 24.9º F | Low – 22.7º F

TUE 15 Jan

Broken Clouds
High– 31.7º F | Low – 29.4º F

WED 16 Jan

Light Snow
High– 33.0º F | Low – 32.9º F

THU 17 Jan

Snow
High– 35.0º F | Low – 24.7º F

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