BY BRIAN RIGGS
FORT MADISON – Fort Madison Area Arts Association has set the table once again for an incredible night out in support of cultural arts enrichment in your region with Expressions Art Auction 2019. Quality Inn & Suites in Ft. Madison is the location with The Palms catering the event. Wine tasting begins at 6:30 pm with Auction at 7:30 pm. Tickets are $40 and available at FMAAA gallery, Dana Bushong Jewelers, from FMAAA Board Members, and at the door. FMAAA Board Members are Coni Graber, Dorothy Kramer, Kelly Peters, George and Mary Ann Guadette, Carrie Fraise, Linda Marshall, Mio Santiago, Cindy Roberts, Anna and Gary Grinstead, Jerry Granaman, Mary Brockman, Becky Carl森, Teresa Dearing, and Angie Sodey. Items available include amazing art, vacations, and enriching services. See entire line-up at www.fmaaa.com on line or home or event pages at the site.

This photograph by George Gaudette is one of the many pieces that will be up for auction at this year’s annual Fort Madison Area Arts Association’s Expressions Art Auction 2019 on Saturday at Quality Inn & Suites.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
FORT MADISON – A Sunday afternoon chase has resulted in the arrest of Montrose man who allegedly reached speeds of 150 mph on Hwy. 61.

Fort Madison Police attempted to pull over Timothy Richardson, 18, of Montgomery Avenue in a car that was clocked doing 50 in a 35.

According to Fort Madison Police Chief Tim Sittig, Richardson began eluding police headed west bound and got out on Hwy 61 where Lee County Sheriff’s deputies joined the pursuit.

Sittig said Richardson then raced down Hwy 61 south where deputies clocked him at 150 mph. Lee County Sheriff Department Chief Deputy Will Conlee said Richardson led officers past the Linger Longer store on 303rd Avenue and Hwy. 61 in Montrose where he lost control of the bike laying it down on the pavement and was taken into custody.

Richardson is facing both city and county charges of eluding, speeding, reckless driving, and failure to obey traffic signals,” Sittig said.

“He was speeding. It was a nice day so I guess he wanted to see how fast his motorcycle would go. Chances are he won’t be riding his motorcycle for a while.”

Richardson was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Close to $8,000 already raised for park rehabilitation efforts

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
FORT MADISON – Fort Madison Rotarians are off to a good start in their campaign to raise $100,000 in 100 days.

When the committee started looking into funding needs for the park, and at least $12,000 to refurnish the Statue of Liberty, as well as other upkeep.

Those wishing to make a tax-deductible donation to the effort can do so by sending donations to the Fort Madison Rotary Club, P.O. Box 100, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627. Checks should be made out to D6000 HIF and a tax-deduction letter will be sent to the donors.

When the committee started looking at the cost to drill out the timbers and reinforce them with metal, a repair that Driscoll said would be cheaper than replacing the whole substructure, they started looking at other repairs needed. The club’s annual citywide Picnic in the Park is scheduled for June 23, so club members decided to make the fundraising campaign a $100,000 in 100 days to celebrate their 100th birthday. The Picnic in the Park will be the final day of the 100-day campaign, which will kick off today and run through June 23.

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For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report
03/29/19 – 7:29 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 600 block of Avenue E. 03/29/19 – 10:57 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 200 block 23rd Street. 03/29/19 – 2:35 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 200 block of Avenue G. 03/29/19 – 5:54 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 600 block of 8th Street. 03/29/19 – 11:58 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Cody Scott Glasgow, 27, of Mon-trose in the 1700 block of Avenue H, on a charge of driving while barred. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 03/30/19 – 10:34 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 400 block of Vica Lane.

Lee County Sheriff’s Report
03/29/19 – 10:48 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Crystal Lynn Wolf, 46, of Wever, in the 2000 block of 343rd Avenue on a warrant for failure to pay. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond.

03/30/19 – 11:54 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 4500 block of Avenue O.

03/30/19 – 1:39 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 800 block of Avenue G.

03/30/19 – 7:32 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Tashia Ann Gundy, 42, of Fort Madison in the 1000 block of 30th Street.

Lee County Jail and released on bond. 03/30/19 – 6:47 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Billee-Joe Dee Husted, 45, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff’s office on charges of stopping on a paved part of highway, operating without a registration plate and driving under suspension. 03/31/19 – 8:32 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Timothy Scott Richardson, 18, of Mon-trose, at the intersection of 300th Avenue and Hwy. 61 in Montrose and charges of reckless driving (2x), eluding at 25 mph over posted speed and speeding. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue
03/29/19 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls.

03/31/19 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical and one false alarm.

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5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

TUE 02 Apr
Light Rain
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WED 03 Apr
Moderate Rain
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Overcast
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# OBITUARIES

## LARRY G. STOCKWELL

Larry G. Stockwell, 78, of Ft. Madison passed away on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 2:38 PM at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. He was born on November 1, 1940 in Keokuk to Floyd and Jose-phinie “Betty” Mathis Stockwell. On July 9, 1966 he married Helen Smutzer in Ft Madison and she passed away on December 28, 2013. Larry retired from Sheaffer Pen Co. after forty plus years of service. During his time at Sheaffers he also worked for Lee County Ambu-
lance for over twenty five years and then was a driver for Artic Glacier for a few years. He served his country in the US Army. He was grate-
ful for his experiences in helping others in their time of need and the friends he met along the way. He was quick with a laugh and slap on the back and he never met a stranger. Larry en-
joyed his get togethers with cousins and the girls from his class. His greatest strength was that of devoted and loving father and
grandfather. He rarely missed a school or sporting event. His grandchildren could always count on his encouragement and praise.
Survivors include one son, Shawn (Jan) Stockwell of Ft. Madison; one daugh-
ter, Carrie (Sean) Hulett of Burlington; ten grandchildren, Deonna Sheets, Randi
Brooks, Aimee Chadwick, Abigail Stockwell, Dion Keasling, "Little" Larry Keasling, Joe Russell, Jasmyn Hulett, Jacob Hulett and James Hulett; four great grandchildren;
one sister, Sharon (Dean) Bradley of Montrose; one brother, John Stockwell of Ke-
okuk; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife
and a son in infancy.

Friends may call after 2 PM on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at King-Lynk Funeral Home
where the family will meet with friends from 5-7 PM. The funeral service
will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 10:30 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home &
Crematory with Pastor Jon Heyland officiating. Burial with military rites performed
by the Ft. Madison Veterans Honor Guard will follow in Oakland Cemetery.
A memorial has been established for the Ft. Madison Veterans Honor Guard or
Union Presbyterian Church and online condolences may be left at www.kinlynk.

## CHARLES ARTHUR DEWITT

Charles Arthur DeWitt, 85 years, of Wever, Iowa died at 11:43 am Sunday, March
31, 2019 at Blessing Hospital, Quincy, Illinois. He was born April 26, 1933 in Burlington, Iowa, a son of Albert and Myrle (Kirby)
He attended Fort Madison High School. After High School, he
farmed with his dad. He later worked at the Iowa State Penitentia-
ry, Wever Elevator, First Miss, and Audubon-Brookhiser Trucking.
He was a charter member of the Wever Fire Department and was a
fireman for 30 years. He was a member of IOOF Lodge in Wever and
Royal Neighbors. His hobbies included model trains and collecting Matchbox cars.
He loved to shoot pool and in his earlier years he enjoyed bowling. He was a John
Wayne fan and of other western movies. He was also a Cubs and NASCAR fan.
He coached Little League Baseball when his sons were young. He enjoyed watching his
grandchildren and great grandchildren play sports.

He is survived by his wife, Melva DeWitt of Wever; two sons: Dean (Jody) DeWitt
of Fort Madison, and Craig DeWitt of Wever; two daughters, Lynette Steen of Wil-
liamsburg, Iowa and Diana (Howard) Vorwaldt of Wever; two ‘adopted’ daughters,
Stephanie (Troy) Fisher of Arizona and Susan Sanford (Joe Naumann) of Fort Mad-
ison; 16 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his
parents, two sons, Bryan and Alan DeWitt, two daughters, Yvonne Metcalf and Terri
Wilson, three grandchildren; Justin DeWitt, Samuel Metcalf, and Devin Royer.

Visitation will be held from 5:30 to 7:00 pm Thursday, April 4, 2019 with an IOOF
Memorial Service at 6:30 pm at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Funeral
Services will be held at 10:30 am Friday, April 5, 2019 at the Barr Memorial Chapel
with Jason DeWitt officiating. Burial will be at Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison.
A memorial has been established for the Wever Fire Department or the IOOF Scholar-
ship Fund, contributions may be made at the funeral home. Online condolences
to the DeWitt Family may be found at the Barr Memorial Chapel website, www.
barrmemorialchapel.com.
Hounds boys tennis starts season 2-0

Thurman brothers regaining 2018 state qualifying form

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison boys tennis team is off to an impressive 2-0 start after knocking off visiting Muscatine 7-2 Monday night at the Fort Madison High School tennis courts.

Head Coach Dean Hogan said it’s been rare that the Bloodhounds would get a win over Muscatine.

“"This was a great team win," Hogan said. "Sometimes we have a tough time beating Muscatine. It was a good year for us to get a big win. Anytime you can beat Muscatine is great." Fort Madison won Nos. 1-4 singles and then swept doubles action.

Sam Avery, who rallied to win Thursday at No. 1 singles in Mt. Pleasant, had an easier go of things Monday with a 6-0, 6-2 win over Muscatine’s Sam Weiskamp.

Jason Thurman won at No. 2 singles with a 6-1, 6-1 win over the Muskies’ Luke Zoebel.

Vasin Thurman and Reed Fehseke at Nos. 3 and 4 both sailed to easy wins in the first set over James Solt and Ethan Hehl, before finding themselves each trailing 4-5 in the second set and then rallying for 7-5 second set wins.

The Hounds’ only losses on the night came at Nos. 5 and 6 singles where Bryce Workman and Levi Sissel both suffered setbacks.

Workman fell 3-6, 1-6 to Ricardo Penna at No. 5 and then Sissel fell 1-6, 3-6 at the bottom side of the singles action.

In doubles action, the Thurman brothers, both sophomores and state tournament qualifiers last year, quickly dispatched the Muskies’ Weiskamp and Zoebel in the No. 1 doubles action.

Avery and Fehseke rolled to a win at No. 2 doubles with a 6-4, 6-1 win over Solt and Heth.

Workman and Sissel needed a first set tie breaker against Penna and Garcia to get the doubles sweep, winning the tie breaker 8-6 after trailing in the set and tie breaker. They won the second set 6-4.

"Sam Avery put together a top notch match with his serve and ground strokes and had good volleys," Hogan said. "And Vasin and Reed were both down in their second sets and made nice comebacks." Fehseke is in his first year of varsity tennis after playing soccer the previous two years.

"He’s a great asset and a coachable young man. We’re happy to have him along and the team members are happy, as well," Hogan said.

He was also impressed with the No. 3 doubles match where Workman and Sissel had to battle back through a set and tiebreaker deficit to help sweep the doubles.

"This is Workman and Sissel’s first debut with varsity and they’re improving little by little," he said. "They came up short in the singles and showed good improvement and perseverance in doubles action."

The Hounds take on Burlington Notre Dame on Thursday again in Fort Madison.

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison’s Vasin Thurman gets to a backhand in second set action against Muscatine on Monday night at Fort Madison. Thurman won is No. 3 singles match and a doubles match with brother Jason Thurman.

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FMHS girls open soccer season with win

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – It took about 10 minutes for the Lady Hounds to get their soccer legs, but Fort Madison opened the soccer season with a 3-1 win over Canton at Baxter Sports Complex.

Fort Madison got behind in the first period when senior Josie Pumphrey got caught to the side of a Canton attack in the early going of the match.

Head Coach Sebastian Seifert said the team was out of sorts for the first 10 minutes.

“We were forcing a lot of things in the first 10 minutes or so, but the girls were able to calm down and get their focus from that point.”

With 3:05 left in the first half, the Lady Hounds got the ball to the middle of the field just to left of center where Anna Kester was able to slide into a seam and send a shot past the Canton keeper who had come out to defend. Kester’s shot cleared the keeper and found the top back of the net to tie the game at 1, where it would stay until half time.

Fort Madison dominated the second half from the whistle keeping the ball on the Lady Hounds’ north side of the pitch for most of the rest of the game.

With 24:10 left in the second half, Maddy McVey got loose with the ball and fired a shot to the right side of a diving keeper for a 2-1 lead.

Brandy Walker would score again at the 12:31 mark, coming in from the right side with a sharp angle shot from about 15 feet out to set the final score.

Pumphrey allowed just the one goal and recorded three saves in the game.

Seifert said he was happy with the win considering the squad hasn’t had a lot of time to practice due to the cold temperatures and rain of late.

“We just haven’t been able to get out with weather...
Shiffman headed to Div. III after two years at FMHS

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON — With Fort Madison High School Athletic Director Jeremy Swink said this past opening on Tuesday last week and has already formed a committee to review applications. According to his Facebook page, Shiffman is leaving to take over as offensive line coach with the Foresters of Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Ill.

Shiffman will be part of a transition at Lake Forest, as a new offensive coordinator was also hired this month.

Shiffman said he feels a solid foundation is in place and will miss the program.

"I enjoyed my time at Fort Madison immensely. The things we were able to do in two years were a testament to the kids and coaches we had in the program," Shiffman said.

"Some didn’t always like what we did or how we coached, but the positives far outweigh the negatives. We always preached brick-by-brick and I feel like we laid a ton of bricks for the foundation of the program. I will miss all the former Bloodhounds I was able to coach, but I know they will be in good hands."

Swink said he knew Shiffman had been looking, but he was surprised when he was told.

"You hear people are looking here and there and it doesn’t really hit you until it happens, so, from that perspective, it was a bit of shock," Swink said Monday.

"He was a good fit here. He brought a lot of energy and excitement to the program which was great and we are enjoying having him."

Swink said the district will be accepting applications through Friday, April 12, and then take the following week to review applicants and select finalists to bring in for an interview. Those interviews would take place the following week and then a selection would be made before the end of the month.

He said he’s already received numerous applications, but kept the names confidential pending the search process.

The interview committee includes Swink, another coach, a teacher, a member of the FMHS Athletic Boosters, a parent, and a student.

“We got a pretty solid committee put together to review the candidates and I have some ideas in the back of my mind to help us get the best fit possible," Swink said.

“But I’ll keep those to myself, too, because I want the committee to have a voice in the process. I want them to be able to define what we want and don’t want before we even look at the applications."
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Crabtree holds Keokuk scoreless in 8-0 HTC romp

POC STAFF

KEOKUK – Holy Trinity Catholic senior Adam Rauenbuehler had another three goal night Monday as HTC rolled Keokuk 8-0 in high school soccer action Monday night in Keokuk.

Audrae Vincent had two goals and two assists. freshman Mitchell Pothitakis got in on the scoring with a goal. He also had two assists. Ryder Brune and Colby Bredemeier also had goals for the Crusaders.

Goal keeper Blake Crabtree had seven saves on the night.

“The first half we struggled to control the ball for long periods of time but managed to score five goals. The second half we slowed down and possessed the ball much better through the midfield and linking up with our forwards well,” said head coach Ryan Culbertson.

“Crabtree recorded his first shutout of the season in a quality outing. He is really filling the goal keeper role very well for us.”

The Crusaders’ next game is Saturday against Burlington at Burlington.

Caregivers Connection

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 for more information.

Sports Complex Auction, Social Tour

The 2nd annual event will be held on April 27, 2019 beginning at 1 p.m. at the complex with transportation by SEIBUS. Dinner will follow by Fat Jimmy’s Smokehouse and the auction begins at 7 p.m.

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The Fort Madison Chamber will be holding its annual Salute to Small Business Breakfast on Thursday, May 9 beginning at 7:30 a.m. at Quality Inn & Suites.

Soroptimist Princess Tea Party

The annual Princess Tea Party is set for Saturday, May 11th at Quality Inn & Suites in Fort Madison. Ages 3-5 will attend from 10 a.m. to noon, while 6 and up will attend from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Registration deadline is April 5. For more information email Dr. Lauri Wondra at laurisorop@gmail.com.

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