FORT MADISON – He kept music alive in Fort Madison. That’s the legacy of Lewis Lee Vincent, who passed away Tuesday at his home in Fort Madison.

According to his daughter Kathleen, Lewie battled epilepsy and died unexpectedly Tuesday morning at his home. “He was born in the Woodstock generation and him and his friends just listed to music all the time. They were just raised around that type of environment and he kept that alive in this town,” Kathleen said.

His nephew Chris, who now owns Vinnie’s Longbranch with his wife Tara, said that was Lewie’s legacy. “His love of music is the one thing that stands out,” Chris said. “He loved listening to it, watching it and singing to it.”

At late as this past Sunday, Kathleen took Lewis to the Chicago Open Air show in Bridgeview Ill. to listen to Tool, an American rock band formed in the 1990s in Los Angeles. She said music was always a part of his life and he fought hard to hang onto that passion, and then bring it along as part of the business when he took over Vinnie’s tap from his grandfather Earl, the original “Vinnie”.

Kathleen said Vinnie’s has been in the family since her grandfather opened the Glass Bar in 1946 on the same strip in what is now the Santa Fe Village in the 2600 and 2700 block of Avenue L. She said the bar’s been in four lo-

By Chuck Vandenberg

FM loses 2nd generation “Vinnie”

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – It took an impassioned commentary from City Manager David Varley to get it done, but the Fort Madison City Council has agreed to let him use the Lee County Sheriff’s Dept. as an interim police chief.

At Tuesday’s regular City Council meeting, the council debated for close to an hour on the idea, eventually voting 5-2 to bring in the sheriff. Councilmen Rusty Andrews and Chad Cangas voted against the move.

Varley proposed the idea through a 2RE agreement that was put together over the past couple of weeks through the efforts of several city and county staff that in essence moves retiring police chief Tim Sittig’s salary to the county, for the sheriff’s services. Sittig announced his retirement several weeks ago effective May 31.

The Lee County Board of Supervisors, which discussed the agreement at its meeting Tuesday morning, deferred any action until Fort Madison officials had made a decision.

Varley told the council the agreement is for six months, but the county wanted a 3-month review of the agreement. He said he thinks it should only take three or four months to find a replacement either internally or outside the department.

Several county officials, including Lee County Attorney Ross Braden, Lee County Supervisor Rich Harlow and Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber all spoke to the council on the issue.

Weber said even without the agreement, Fort Madison is in Lee County and the sheriff’s department is ready to assist like they would any other entity in the county. But he reminded the council, that this is the city hiring the sheriff’s department to do a job and his staff will do that job.

Weber plans on putting former Fort Madison Police officer Craig Burch on site at the police station. Lee County Chief Deputy Will Conlee will be Burch’s direct

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City OKs plan for sheriff to be interim police chief

By Chuck Vandenberg

FORT MADISON boys end soccer season with losses

SPORTS: HTC and Fort Madison boys end soccer season with losses

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Hounds, HTC eliminated in districts

Fort Madison can’t keep up with Saints, Crusaders dropped by West Liberty

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

CEDAR RAPIDS – It was a short-lived affair and the Fort Madison Bloodhound keepers had their hands full as Cedar Rapids Xavier ended the Bloodhounds season 10-0 in Class 2A District soccer Wednesday.

The Hounds had very little time on their end of the pitch at Mt. Mercy University’s Athletic Complex, and were in defensive mode most of the game as the quick Saints regularly moved the ball through the Hounds midfield and defenders.

Fort Madison was in the match for the first ten minutes deflecting several pushes by the Xavier offense, but once the butterflies were gone, the juggernaut Saints scored regularly swiping the ball smoothly from side to side and then slipping kicks in from the right and left sides and jamming up the box.

With a 2-0 lead in the first half, Cedar Rapids senior Andrija Mijatovic took a midfield kick over his head down the middle seem and brought a Hound defender with him and then fired the ball past a lonely Brody Rung who had

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Fort Madison’s Brody Rung zeros in on a shot coming in high from about 30 yards out in Wednesday’s 10-0 season-ending loss to Cedar Rapids Xavier.

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OBITUARIES

LEWIS LEE VINCENT

Lew Vincent, 65, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at his home. He was born on May 10, 1954 in Fort Madison, IA to Earl & Loraine Geisen Vincent. He worked at Brandon’s Paper Mill for 31 years as a boiler engineer. He and Debra owned & operated Vinny’s Santa Fe Avenue Tap for 21 years. He was a member of the Machinists Union for 31 years and enjoyed golf, bowling, fishing, playing pool & cribbage, hunting mushrooms and was the “world’s greatest euchre player”.

Lewie is survived by: his wife, Debra Vincent of Fort Madison, IA; 3-daughters: Eileen (Doug) Sweezer of Winfield, IA, Rianna (James) Ralph of Nauvoo, IL & Kathleen (Tony Damico) Vincent of Fort Madison, IA; 4-grandchildren: Liana, Dane & Kade Sweezer & Lewis Poetting; 2-step-grandchildren: Micah Crutcher & Natalia Damico; 2-sisters: Pam Simon of Fort Madison, IA & Candy (Fred) Yang of Excelsior Springs, MO. He was preceded in death by: his parents, 3-brothers, 1-sister, 1- nephew, 1-niece & 1-great nephew.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2019 with the family to receive friends from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday evening at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 24, 2019 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. Burial will be at Oakland Cemetery. A gathering will be held at Vinny’s following the burial. A memorial has been established in Lewie’s memory. Online condolences and a video tribute of Lewie’s life may be viewed at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

OBITUARIES

KEOKUK’S HAWTHORNE MAKE STRIDES IN READING SCORES

BY COLIN MAGNESUN

Pen City Current News Director

KEOKUK – Mike Marsden arrived in Keokuk just under four years ago. The upstate New York native had been hired as the Assis- tant Principal at Haw- thorne Elementary school to serve under then-Head Principal Jeremy Negus. Marsden felt that two of the biggest challenges he faced were curbing the number of behavioral is- sues among students and improving the reading scores of the children at the school.

One year later, Mars- den moved even closer to front and center in that directive as he was named Head Principal at the Kindergarten through 3rd grade school after Negus accepted a position in Iowa City.

One of the first ob- stacles that Marsden identified in improving reading levels throughout the school was finding a way for teachers to spend more time with students that were struggling with- out sacrificing classroom time set for other learn- ing disciplines.

Along came the con- cept of “Chief Time”. In 2017 the Keokuk School Board adopted a district-wide policy that called for 20 min- utes per day to be set aside for interventions in areas where students were struggling. This can include small group learning or one-on-one training with the teach- ers.

The district defines an intervention as any time above and beyond what is mandated daily by the state to be spent on a spe- cific classroom subject. The Early Literacy Inter- vention (ELI) Law that was passed by the Iowa Department of Education requires that 90 minutes per day are spent on reading instruction.

Chief Time has allowed the administration teams throughout the district to properly implement inter- ventions beyond what the ELI Law mandates but also doesn’t force instruc- tors to interrupt normal learning time set aside for classes such as math and science. Under Marsden, Hawthorne has become a model for the district in proving the growth that can come with the proper time being set aside for these interventions.

“We wanted to be more purposeful and targeted with our interventions that we were providing to kids. That has been helpful in making sure we are getting the kids the right things because not all kids are the same in the way they learn.”

Those targeted inter- ventions have paid off as Hawthorne saw its students’ scores rise significantly in the 2017-18 school year. The Iowa state assessment tests are taken three times yearly at the school and Marsden explained that what was compiled from those tests and it showed Hawthorne sat in the top echelon of schools in the state in terms of reading proficiency growth.

“The state puts out benchmarks that we want to try to attain for the kids... We use those to assess how they’re doing three times a year. Last year we had right around 13% more of our stu- dents building wide who were proficient in read- ing during the spring as compared to the previous fall. That led to us having the 7th highest reading growth in the state.”

The delay in results of the assessment tests are due to the fact that those results are sent off to the state to be compiled and historically it has taken until well into the follow- ing school year to receive them back. The schools can see the immediate results of the proficiency tests but as far as using them as a benchmark against growth statewide, it has taken time. went on to state that he feels those numbers justify the current plan that includes the targeted, purposeful interventions.

“That was a huge accomplishment that led us know that what we’re doing is working. We continue to target those foundational skills to continue that growth”

One of the challenges that is specific to Haw- thorne is that students coming into the school as kindergartners, they have differing levels of reading abilities before they even walk in the door.
supervisor, and Weber would oversee the interim services.

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**WEBER**

“I feel like there will be a lot of resentment toward us, and Craig, if he’s the guy, when we say we were going to take this captain same rank, same team, and all of a sudden now I work for you,” Cangas said.

“If we’re going to pay them and think we should, then how bout you give us another captain and let us make one of our captures the chief, and then we get somebody to act as a consultant and liaison to somebody who has new ideas.”

Cangas said if it was his job in 3 months he wouldn’t want someone to come in before him and wreck his vision before he ever got there.

Varaley said he felt this was the best decision for the department and he was recommending the council approve the deal.

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Crusaders bow out with 4-0 loss to West Liberty

Four yellow cards pulled in physical matchup that sends Crusaders out of district play

BY ETHAN LILLARD
PCC SPORTS

MEDIAPOLIS – Holy Trinity Catholic boy’s soccer team was held scoreless in just four games over the course of the regular season. Meanwhile, the Crusaders’ second-round substate opponent in West Liberty held seven teams scoreless in regular season play and recorded a first-round shutout against Columbus/Winfield-Mount Union.

The Comets recorded a second-straight post season shutout against Holy Trinity Wednesday night at Mediapolis High School, winning by the final of 4-0. With the win, West Liberty advances to the IHSSA Class 1A Substate championship game against Burlington Notre Dame.

“Amazing,” Holy Trinity Catholic Head Coach Ryan Culbertson said when asked how he felt the game went overall on the season after the loss. “Yesterday I had 12 players at practice. That’s the most I’ve had all season. I usually have six to nine or ten players at practice. They have a lot of things going on. My team did a very good job considering the amount of time I had with them … They are quality kids.”

With the second round game deciding who would go on to the championship and who would go home, both teams played like the game meant life or death, as a total of four yellow cards were called during the 80 minute match.

Ronald Guzman recorded the first goal of the game just eight minutes in the match, giving West Liberty the 1-0 lead. The Comets dominated the time of possession, making crisp passes and slicing through the Holy Trinity defense. Crusader goalie Blake Crabtree had his hands full all night.

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Jalstah Galvan was the main culprit behind Crabtree’s busy day between the sticks, as the Comets’ freshman took multiple shots on goal in the first half, all of which were deflected by Crabtree’s keeper skills. Crabtree’s keeper skills were on full display in the 16th minute. Galvan and the Comets had the ball in the box and had what appeared to be the perfect shot at gaining a 2-0 lead.

Crabtree had other ideas, sending a ball away with a diving save and leaping in the air for another after the rebound was immediately shot back at the goal.

“I had to stay calm and just play my hardest and get back in the goal and stop them,” Crabtree said. “We came in thinking they were going to be a pretty tough team and obviously they were.”

Towards the end of the first half, things started to get chippy, as West Liberty’s Guzman was called for a yellow card. Despite having the ball on their offensive side of the field for most of the second half, the Comets went into the break with just a 1-0 lead.

Galvan continued his onslaught of the goal in the second half, taking a corner kick from Carlos Mata in midair and turning it into a goal for a 2-0 lead.

As the game started to wear on, so did the Crusaders defense. In full attack mode with the ball in the box again Guzman this time went sliding to the ground to kick a pass to teammate Sebastian Mata. Mata shot for the goal but the ball glanced off the right upright. Guzman was there for the rebound, collecting himself for the shot and his second goal to give the Comets the 3-0 lead.

After the score, things got chippy again, as Joshua Mateo collected the second yellow card of the game for West Liberty in the 14th minute. The game got so intense that officials talked to both team captains to give them a warning.

The warning fell on deaf ears, as Jason Rees collected a yellow card for Holy Trinity two minutes later.

“We know we can play against anybody in the state in (class) 1A,” Culbertson said. “They have good physicality. They’re a physical team, we just wanted to be physical back. We kind of took it a little too far in the second half.”

Despite dropping the contest 4-0, Holy Trinity showed grit and had it not been for the lack of a bench and full practice time together, the outcome of Wednesday’s contest may have gone differently.

“We were a good team, we just have 14 players. I don’t have many subs. We get exhausted late in the games. I knew we could play against anybody in the state (class) 1A,” Culbertson said. “We’re a good team, we just have 14 players. I don’t have many subs. We get exhausted late in the games. I knew we could play with them, I just didn’t know how long and it showed in the second half.”
stepped up in the box to cut off the angle with 19:01 left in the first half.

Fort Madison would hold the lead at 3-0 for the next 15 minutes, but at the 4:02 mark, junior Nicholas Fischer scooted one past Rung as chaos ensued in the box making it difficult for Rung to see the ball.

The Saints pushed up again, with Fort Madison’s only chance at being to just keep trying to clear the ball with senior Justin Bowker playing back most of the game trying to keep the ball out of the box with the faster Saints seemingly all over the field.

“There’s a difference between fast and quick,” Fort Madison Head Coach Kevin Wellman said. “If two people are 10 yards away and they do a 50/50 ball and the ball squirts out in a direction, the Xavier player is going off his start to get there a step in front of us and that was a big deal because we couldn’t start with possession and the get any continuance.”

With Xavier pushing again, Mijatovic fired another shot high and right, but Rung was able to leap up running and make a save to preserve a 4-0 lead and keep the game manageable….for the moment.

At halftime, Wellman said he told the guys at halftime, they didn’t do anything wrong, we just didn’t do it as quick as they did.

“T was happy with what the guys did, but the scoreboard just doesn’t show that.”

The Saints jumped all over new goalie Javier Trejo in the second half, with Mijatovic scoring again up the middle of a swing pass that came in from the left side for a 5-0 lead.

Just 1:55 later the game was moving much faster and Xavier took a corner kick from the right side of the field and shot it over the scrum in the box, the flank side offense took the ball and brought it back into the middle and fired a shot that Trejo blocked on a dive, but Fischer was there to clean it up for a 6-0 lead.

The next goal came :40 seconds later when Fischer scored again on an assist in from the right side again to the middle where Fischer was able to find a the loose ball and gap and put the ball in the left side for a 7-0 lead.

Fort Madison would only get the ball on their side of the field about five times in the half, mostly on clears or long kicks to start points after goals.

The Saints went up 8-0 at the 27:20 mark on a shot by freshman Connor Lenss and scored two more goals in less than three minutes to set the 10-goal mercy rule.

Wellman said the program has been in somewhat of a reboot since 2016 when he lost 10 of 11 starters and said things are coming along nicely and the Hounds had a winning season this year at 10-9.

“We dropped off considerably the next year which is to be expected. These seniors were freshman in 2016, they were along for the ride and got some minutes here and there, and then there was a big burden to shoulder as sophomores to keep things going,” Wellman said.

“This year we dropped some games we shouldn’t have, specifically the Central Lee and we had some trouble with how we were going to respond to that.”

At that point the Hounds were 3-6 on the year and five of the games they lost, they lost by one or two goals.

“If those games go the other way we’re 15-4 this year,” Wellman said.

Rung suffered an injury in the first half when a Saint slid into the box and Rung had come out to try and scoop up the ball in the box and the two collided.

He took some treatment over halftime, but only could a few minutes in the second half.

The loss snaps a three-game winning streak where the Hounds outscored their opponents 8-1.
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Keokuk and Fort Madison

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10. Must be a self-starter and motivator.
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14. Ability to maintain a large case load.
15. Must be able to travel all over the County.

The position is a grant-funded position with a salary of $35,000 annually plus benefits. For more information about duties email request to Ross Braden, Lee County Attorney, 25 N. 7th St., PO Box 824, Keokuk, IA 52632 or e-mail rbraden@leecounty.org. By May 28, 2019.

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Job Openings

Lee County Attorney's Office has an opening for a Victim Witness Coordinator position (40 hours per week) with a start date of July 1, 2019.

The Victim/Witness Coordinator position is responsible for managing, coordinating, monitoring, and providing case assistance for juvenile and criminal cases within the County Attorney's Office. The Victim Witness Coordinator will establish communications with victims and witnesses and/or their advocates, notify victims of their legal rights, keep victims and witnesses informed of the status of files/cases, provide victims and witnesses with information, locate witnesses required for effective prosecution, and assist with case management.

The position's successful applicant is preferred (but not required) to have the following:
1. Completion of some college level degree or in criminal justice, behavioral sciences, or related fields or any equivalent combination of training and experience.
2. Knowledge of legal terminology, legal format, and legal forms.
3. Knowledge of modern office practices, procedures, and equipment.
5. Knowledge of Iowa Courts Online.
6. Ability to prepare accurate and timely documents, correspondence, and reports, including documentation and data for grant funding.
7. Ability to learn and/or operate the County Attorney's Office computer programs.
8. Ability to work in a fast-paced environment.
9. Ability to multi-task.
10. Must be a self-starter and motivator.
11. Ability to communicate with the public and act as a liaison for the victim to attorney staff in order to facilitate the communication of the victim as the case progresses.
12. Ability to provide emotional and educational support to victims and witnesses of crimes.
13. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with supervisors, attorneys, co-workers, and the public, as well as law enforcement personnel and Clerk of Court.
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Vincent’s legacy will be his love of family, music

The business moved four times along the strip and was named Vinnie’s Place, Vinnie’s Longbranch and in back of one of the bars was a bowling alley called “Lucky Lanes”. The building had a 24-hour guest room on the top floor and it caught fire one year and damaged the building, but the bowling alley was saved and kept functional for years after.

The patriarch also helped build the Eagles building that used to sit where Walgreen’s sits now at the corner of 27th and L.

Kathy said running the bar at whichever location has always been a collaborative effort with the family.

“There have been all kinds of family and friends that have helped out with the business. A lot of them were just friends, but we called them all family”, she said. That was something that was dear to Lewie’s heart.

“He was just a very loving person. He had so much compassion for that place and a love for that place. If someone did get out of line, held just raise his voice and that would be that”, she said.

“He would have benefits for people to help raise money… he would hold wedding receptions and were part of cook-offs at Faith’s… that kind of thing. But with dad, if he loved you… he loved you. This was his hometown and never wanted to leave. My dad thanks everyone and he loved everyone. And if anyone would like to submit comments about dad. We love hearing stories about our dad.”

Friends may call after 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2019 with the family to receive friends from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday evening at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 24, 2019 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory.

Lewie is survived by: his wife: Debra Vincent of Fort Madison, IA; 3-daughters: Debra Vincent of Fort Madison, IA; 3-daughters: Eileen (Doug) Sweezer of Winfield, IA, Rianna (James) Ralph of Nauvoo, IL & Kathleen (Tony Damico) Vincent of Fort Madison, IA; 4-grandchildren: Liana, Dane & Kade Sweezer & Lewis Poetting; 2-grandchildren: Micah Crutcher & Natalie Damico; 2-sisters: Pam Simon of Fort Madison, IA & Candy (Fred) Yaeger of Excelsior Springs, MO. He was preceded in death by: his parents, 3-brothers, 1-sister, 1-nephew, 1-niece & 1-great nephew.

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cations since it was opened in 1946 and Lewie was always a part of that scene since his childhood.

When he was a young teenager, Kathleen said Lewis wanted to go out to Woodstock and Earl, a navy veteran and businessman wouldn’t let his son go, so he ran off with a friend to Colorado. The vehicle they used broke down and they had to pick strawberries for money to find a way home.

“That’s how passionate he was about music,” she said. “My grandpa was in the military in the Navy and was a businessman and family man, and he didn’t understand the music scene back then.”

Lewie, as he came to be known, lived with his aunt in Des Moines for a while as she was getting a teaching degree, but moved back to the Fort Madison area soon after and took a job at Crandon’s Papermill and he stayed there for more than 30 years.

She said her grandparents weren’t strict with Lewie and his six brothers and sisters, who were always in or around the bar.

“They had that relationship where the kids were allowed to come and go. They would kick them out of the bar when it got late, but the kids would always seem to sneak back in.”

Lewie even set up an informal foundation where he and some friends used some income from rental properties to help people who were needy.

“They would just lend it out and of course you were just supposed to pay it back. Really simple. That’s who he was. If you needed $20, he gave you $20. If you needed help moving something, he just left and helped you move it,” she said. “He loved the customers and friends he’d just supposed to pay it back. Really simple. That’s who he was.”

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