FORT MADISON – Three residents on the city’s east side have been taken to Fort Madison Community Hospital as a result of a dog attack.

Emergency crews responded to a LeeComm report of a dog attacking a small girl at approximately 10:30 a.m. near a residence just south of Putt-A-Round in the 300 block of 1st Street.

According to Fort Madison Police Chief Tim Sittig, Fort Madison police responded and the animal was engaged in attacking one of the victims and was shot and killed by an officer. Sittig said the dog was 40 to 50lb brown male boxer.

“We think the incident started inside and then spilled out into the yard,” Sittig said.

The 5-year old girl had been bitten on the cheek.

Another subject, a 33-year-old white male, suffered multiple bite wounds to his arms and legs, and was transported to Fort Madison Community Hospital.

A third subject, a 49-year-old male also suffered superficial bite wounds, but experienced what Sittig described as possibly a stress-related cardiac emergency requiring CPR and defibrilation efforts.

“Our thinking is that could have been a stress-related cardiac event; the two men got involved at some point, but we’re just not sure of all the details at this point.”

-Tim Sittig
former FM Police Chief

Three injured in dog attack
49-year-old suffers heart attack in incident

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison police officer assess the situation at the scene of a dog attack Friday morning that sent three people to Fort Madison Community Hospital. At right, emergency crews tend to one of the victims.

City in talks with 2nd cruise line
Mayor says he hopes both Viking and American dock in FM

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison city officials could be holding a discussion Tuesday on possibly entering into an agreement with American Cruise Lines as an additional user for a proposed dock on the west end of Riverview Park.

The city is currently negotiating with Viking Cruise Lines to be a port-of-call for the worldwide cruising company’s planned Mississippi River cruises in 2021.

Fort Madison Mayor Brad Randolph said officials with American Cruise Lines, an established domestic cruise line based out of Connecticut, were in town last week meeting with city officials and getting a look at the riverfront.

“I would say, I thought... ‘And then there were two,’ which is nice,” Randolph said Friday.

“During our discussions with Viking, that are still on-going and we’re still looking toward that agreement, we’ve been approached by American. American Cruise Lines is an established US company that has boats in the water and is manufacturing more boats as we speak. They have a desire in a stop here as well. And they’re timeline is quick.”

City Councilmen were sent information today regarding Tuesday’s upcoming regular meeting indicating a discussion was planned on the status of American’s interest. City Clerk Melinda Blind said a report on the discussions could be coming Monday.

The city recently spent $25,000 on a feasibility study from a Wisconsin firm to look at what would need to be done to the pier to make it workable for cruising ships on the Mississippi.

City Manager David Varley has been talking with Viking about a lease agreement and the cost of building the extended dock for the cruise liners.

The dock, according to the study, is estimated to cost of $1.7 million and Varley indicated Viking has agreed to one of the victims.

From left, Fort Madison Police Chief Tim Sittig, West Point Police Chief Brad Roberts, and a Fort Madison police officer assess the situation at the scene of a dog attack Friday morning that sent three people to Fort Madison Community Hospital. At right, emergency crews tend to one of the victims.

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Randolph
OBITUARIES

DOROTHY CONGER

She was born on June 25, 1940 in Burlington to Harry and Miriam Johnson Mullin. Dorothy was a home health worker. Dorothy was married to Richard Conger and he passed away on December 17, 1995. She enjoyed spending time with her friends at Hillview Village.
Survivors include her step son and spouse, David and Cari Conger-Eldeen of Arvada, CO. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Richard.
Per her wishes, her body has been cremated and there will be no formal services at this time. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery. King-Lynk Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy
The Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes.

Obituaries/Local News

Lee County Bank awards 2019 scholarships

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This $1,000.00 scholarship is designated for students with outstanding citizenship, leadership qualities and sound academic success.
Shown below Lee County Bank President, Mike Culbertson, presents a $1,000.00 check to Elyse Pothitakis, a 2019 graduate of Holy Trinity High School, and Jace Fedler, (bottom) a 2019 graduate of Fort Madison High School, and wishes them both great success in their future endeavors.

Live Healthy @ the Market
Come to one of the Live Healthy @ the Market events to learn about area health & wellness services.
June 4, 4:00-6:00pm - Montrose Farmer’s Market
June 15, 8:00-11:30am - Keokuk Farmer’s Market
June 24, 4:00-6:00pm - Fort Madison Farmer’s Market
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Police still looking into details of attack

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The dog was seized and has been taken to Park View Animal Clinic as evidence, and Sittig said officers are currently continuing the investigation and putting the pieces of the incident together to determine what happened. The names of the victims and their conditions have not been released.

Sittig said additional information may be released as details of the incident come to light.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report
05/30/19 – 8:40 p.m.
– Fort Madison Police arrested Johny Rhorer, 50, of Fort Madison in the 3900 block of Bluff Road, on a warrant for assault. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
05/30/19 – 6:27 p.m.
– Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1300 block of Avenue E. 05/30/19 – 9:28 a.m.
– Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 500 block of 10th Street.
05/30/19 – 11:36 a.m.
– Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1900 block of Avenue D.
05/30/19 – 4:42 p.m.
– Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2700 block of Avenue L.
05/30/19 – 6:16 p.m.
– Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 400 block of Avenue H.
05/30/19 – 7:52 p.m.
– Fort Madison police responded to a report of property damage accident in the 3400 block of Avenue L.
05/31/19 – 1:41 a.m.
– Fort Madison police arrested Daniel Edward Scott, 39 of Fort Madison and Melissa Jo Scott, 38, of Fort Madison in the 400 block of 14th Street, both on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and disorderly conduct. The two were taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
05/31/19 – 6:38 a.m.
– Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3400 block of Avenue L. 05/31/19 – 7:42 a.m.
– Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2600 block Avenue L.

Lee County Sheriff’s Report
05/30/19 – no time listed
– Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Michael Shay Grady, 54, of Burlington, at Wever Junction, on a warrant for violation of parole.
05/30/19 – 8:34 p.m.
– Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Kenneth Eugene Denty, 31, of Farmington, at the sheriff’s office on a judgment warrant. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
05/31/19 – 7:00 p.m.
– Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Erica Nicole Belknap, 28, of Burlington, on a warrant for contempt of court. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
05/31/19 – 11:50 a.m.
– Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Baron Evan Evans, 45, of Burlington, at the sheriff’s office on a warrant for violation of parole.
05/31/19 – 12:47 a.m.
– Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Molly Rose Haynes, 26, of Fort Madison at the Ridgewood Lounge in Fort Madison, on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

IOWA LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS

Iowa Lottery

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Pen City Current encourages you to play responsibly.
MT. PLEASANT – Fort Madison dropped two games of a double header on the road at Mt. Pleasant Thursday night 6-4, 9-2 in girls softball action.

In the first game, Maycee Featheringill had a couple of hits and two RBI to lead Fort Madison in the loss.

The Bloodhounds 7th inning rally fell short by two runs when Allyson Helmick grounded out to short stranding Dalyn Wondra who had reached on a fielder’s choice. Featheringill would try to score on Wondra’s hit, but was thrown out at home.

With the Bloodhounds down 6-2 going into the top of the 7th, Olivia Williams stroked a single to center. Logan Johnson popped up to the second baseman for the first out, but Powers singled to left pushing Williams to second where she was held up on the throw in.

Featheringill then ripped a shot to deep right center that plated Williams and Powers. Featheringill advanced to third on a throw home, bringing Wondra to the plate representing the tying run with just one out. Wondra’s hit ran down the first base line, but the Panther’s came up throwing and got Featheringill at the plate for the second out.

Helmick would then ground out to end the game.

Powers went the distance for the Hounds giving up six runs, five earned on seven hits. She struck out five, walked four and gave up a two-run homer to Mt. Pleasant’s Trinity Krabill on an 0-1 pitch in the third inning that broke a 1-1 tie.

In the nightcap, the Panther’s jumped on Fort Madison pitcher Neeley Rehm for six runs in the first two innings. Rehm would give way to Katie Dennis who calmed things down giving up just 2 runs over the final four innings, but the Hounds couldn’t get any offense going.

Kylee Cashman had a hit and an RBI and Logan Johnson went 2-for-3 at the plate. Olivia Williams and Dennis both scored runs for Fort Madison.

The Hounds fall to 1-2 on the year and travel to Wilton on Friday for another doubleheader.
HTC girls lose heartbreaker to Pella Christian

Eagles break scoreless game with goal at 10:33 mark for 1-0 win

BY CHUCK VANDEMBERG

WEST POINT – Sam Pothitakis is a rock star. There’s really no other way to describe her play Friday night in Holy Trinity Catholic’s 1-0 gut-wrenching loss to Pella Christian at West Point’s South Park in the Class 1A Region 4 semifinals.

Pothitakis must have had a dozen saves from smothering blistershots in one-on-one situations, to making leaping and diving grabs and blocking balls out of the box. Throughout the 80-minute match, she was perfect. Almost.

With less than eight minutes remaining in the game, the Eagles’ freshman speedster Avey Amelse outraced the Crusader defensive line down the left sideline in front of the Pella faithful and fired a shot from about 13 feet. Pothitakis blocked the shot, but the ball got loose in the box when junior Myra Ford found it on the right side and slipped it past Pothitakis, who was in a full dive back to her left.

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“I pulled to my left and touched it back out but the girl on the back post just slid it in,” Pothitakis said after the game.

She said the game was different from their other games because of the pressure of knowing the game could go down to just one goal.

“It’s been different from our past games. We usually win just giving up one goal or none and this was a lot of pressure. It was a different type of soccer and it was really kind of fun,” she said.

Head Coach Michael Sheerin said Pothitakis was the teams “POG” or Player of the Game without hesitation.

“Sam was outrageous to day and that’s the only way I can describe it,” Sheerin said. “This was the most she’s been tested too, and she came up huge.”

In past year’s the Crusaders have had to face perennial powerhouse Davenport Assumption, but the path in the regionals was different this year and that made the loss a little easier to swallow.

That… coupled with the effort the Crusaders gave for the full 80 minutes. “This team worked their back side off and it’s been a phenomenal season. To go out like this instead of going out to Assumption, 1-0 rather go out like this and I think the girls would, too,” Sheerin said.

Sophomore Claire Pothitakis who nearly put the Crusaders up 1-0 in the second half, said the loss was a whole lot easier to take than having to lose in Davenport.

“They’re really fast and really good, but they are really good sports and that made it fun,” Pothitakis said.

Pothitakis was matched up with the Eagle’s Emma Dunsberger who challenged the Crusader on most HTC runs on offense. Pothitakis said Dunsberger was faster than her, but she knew her midfielders would have her back.

“I had to get past a fast person, but we have the skill of the team and midfielders coming up to help us so it’s not like I’m going up against her all by myself. I have everyone with me,” Pothitakis said.

The Eagles made few defensive mistakes, but Pothitakis was able to get free in the 18-minute mark up the middle. She ended up one-on-one straight at the goal and powered a shot at Pelas’ freshman keeper Lydia Zylstra, who came up to challenge Pothitakis and took the ball off her stomach causing it to flare wide. Pothitakis went to the region after colliding with Zylstra and the Crusaders hadn’t caught up to the play to put in the cannon, allowing the Eagles’ to regroup.

The Crusaders had another shot in the 2nd half off a corner kick from senior Taylor Boeding that sailed inside. “The second half was the most we were able to earn our right to be here and we were gonna come out and win, but that’s where we pushed ourselves because we wanted that goal so bad. I knew it was gonna be a 1-goal match. But today we played with class and at the end of the day, if Claire scores on that goal, we’re the one moving on.”

The Crusaders say goodbye to seniors Box, Boeding, Anderson, Mya Lawlor, Katie Scoville, Elyse Pothitakis and Kyle Zhang.

The 9th-ranked Crusaders end the season 12-7 and Pella Christian (10-8), the ninth seed, moves on to face state rankings of the top 15 last week, moves on to face Nevada on Tuesday at a site yet to be determined.
AIRGAS USA, LLC, sewerage rate FAILED. On Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2019. The first reading of an ordinance amending Title 8, Chapter 7, Section 2, to allow for a change in the sewerage rate FAILED. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2019-35, approving a 2% Agreement between the City of Fort Madison and Lee & Green, Iowa, for Contractual Services of the sheriff’s office to provide an Intercom Police Radio. On motion, approved the reappointment of Mary Hitchcock, Sam Lozano and Shirley Hoenig to the Fort Madison Housing Authority, terms expiring 6/3/2021. On motion, Council approved the Mayor’s signature on a Service Agreement with HR Green for additional investigation and archaelogical data recovery for the Avenue H Business 61 Reconstruction Project. On motion, Council approved the Mayor’s signature on a Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Federal-aid Swap Project Agreement for the Avenue H Business 61 from 2nd to 6th Street Reconstruction Project. On motion, Council approved hiring the firm of Moulder and Associates, LLC., for assistance in selecting a new Police Chief. At 7:04 PM, Mayor Randolph adjourned Council adjourned until June 4, 2019, at 5:30 PM.

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**CLAIMS - 5/21/2019**

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**PROCEEDING FORT MASON CITY COUNCIL 5/21/2019**

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session, Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Randolph presented with Council Members Greenwald, Morawitz, Rink, Andrews, Moftolft, Lair and Cangas present.

On motion, Council approved the agenda. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 5/7/19; License Liquor Renewals: Hill Side Inn, 1135 Avenue E, effective 6/1/19; License License Changes: Casey’s #2139, 1428 – 38th Street, and Casey’s #2023, 1208 Avenue H, effective 7/1/19; and Payment of Claims. At 5:34 P.M., Mayor Randolph opened the public hearing. With no oral or written comments, on motion, Council closed the public hearing. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2019-34, amending the 2018-19 Budget for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2019. The first reading of an ordinance amending Title 8, Chapter 7, Section 2, to allow for a change in the sewerage rate FAILED. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2019-35, approving a 2% Agreement between the City of Fort Madison and Lee & Green, Iowa, for Contractual Services of the sheriff’s office to provide an Intercom Police Radio.

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to pay $500,000 toward the cost of the project leaving the city to fund the additional $1.2 million. The cost of construction is estimated at $1.21 million, but a 30% contingency fund coupled with design and engineering costs of 7% push the total to $1.7 million.

Randolph said American officials reached out to the city two weeks ago.

“We had an initial phone conference with them two weeks ago. They had a representative come to Fort Madison and we met with them last Thursday,” he said.

“We showed them around, showed them the facilities, and they stayed overnight. Then they were showed around some more the next morning and they like what they see.”

He said he’s looking at the turn of events as now having two cruise lines interested in sharing the pier.

“The way we are looking at it now is its a common pier and the thought is that we would be able to entertain both offers if the council and community still agree to it,” Randolph said.

“There are different parameters to each. And we’re not giving up on one to get another. If we can make both happen that’s a great thing for the community.”

Also slated for Tuesday’s meeting, the council will consider:

• action to reconsider an ordinance setting new sewer rates to help cover costs associated with upgrades and continued maintenance on the city’s waste water treatment plant and sewer systems. The council voted down a proposed rate increase at the last city council meeting.

• a resolution to revise a grant application for Regional Surface Transportation Grants removing a stretch of Old Highway 61 from 18th to 20th streets from the grant funding and accelerate the time frame of the two-block reconstruction using local funding.

• the appointment of Stephanie Knoch to the city’s Civil Service Commission.

• discussion and possible action on repairing traffic lights at 53rd Street and Avenue O.

ISP hands out 10K in annual scholarships

Pfeiferling picked to receive Scott Bryant Scholarship

Submitted article

FORT MADISON - Iowa State Penitentiary hosts various fundraisers to raise money for its scholarship fund. $10,000 was awarded this year to students attending college in the fall. Children of ISP employees are eligible to apply for one of ten $1,000.00 awards. The students must be attending college in the fall and can reapply every year. Community members are asked to choose scholarship recipients based on merit.

One of the scholarships is awarded in the memory of former Correctional Officer Scott Bryant who was killed in the line of duty while participating in the Special Olympics Torch Run. Bryant’s family is involved in choosing the award recipient each year.

This year’s recipients include:

Corrine Keenan, daughter of John Hawk
Baylee Clampil, daughter of John Hawk
Krisy Altgilbers
Justin Bowker, son of Rebecca Bowker
Iliyah Moore, daughter of Ronnie Stewart
Sheridan Lafeber, daughter of Brenda Farr
Nathan Wallace, son of Jeff Wallace
Jacob Wallace, son of Jeff Wallace
Cassie Powers, daughter of Joe Powers
Leigh Johnson, daughter of Jill Johnson

The recipient of the Scott Bryant scholarship was Kailee Pfeiferling, daughter of Leigh Ann Pfeiferling.