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Man hospitalized in FM collision Thursday

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – An afternoon accident involving a motorcycle and vehicle has sent one man to the hospital in stable condition.

According to Lee County Sheriff’s deputy Craig Burch, a motorcycle driven by a male, who’s name and age was not released, was headed southbound on 20th Street near Avenue I, when a vehicle came out of the alley east bound south of Avenue I and struck the motorcycle.

Rescue personnel tend to the victim of a motorcycle/vehicle accident near Avenue I and 20th Street on Thursday afternoon. The driver of the motorcycle was taken to Fort Madison Community Hospital with unknown injuries. Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The motorcycle came to rest in the right hand lane, and the driver was being attended to by emergency crews from Fort Madison Fire Department and Lee County EMS on the curb of the east side of the road.

“The injured party was sent to the hospital with unknown injuries at this time,” Burch said.

He said the accident remains under investigation and it is unclear if charges will be filed.

Fort Madison Police and Lee County Sheriff, as well as several witnesses, assisted at the scene.

Keokuk looking to beef up services with new city hall

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next city hall locations. O'Donnell explained exactly what those prospective services will include.

"Well what they're gonna do first of all is they're gonna go in and take a look at the infrastructure. See if there are any upgrades or changes that need to be made in order to meet our needs or our code. They’ll also help design the modifications to the space to meet our workflow needs," O'Donnell said.

Once an architectural firm is selected, that company will then also help out with designing the new layout of the City Hall, according to O’Donnell.

"So then they will design everything, draw up the plans and specs, work through the bid process, and then also manage the construction phase once we accept the bids." The city staff has also been very integral in defining the needs for the new city hall by letting management know certain features that have been needed at city hall in the past but weren’t available.

"So the staff came up with ideas like, 'We need a vault. We need space for a public works lab.' So we decided to look at these buildings and decide how they can meet our needs," he said.

The goal, as stated earlier by O’Donnell is to narrow down the list of eight companies to a manageable number of firms that can then be asked to come in to the next City Hall Commission meeting to present their ideas and credentials to the committee.

"At the next meeting, the selected companies will present to the committee and explain some of the similar projects that they’ve done in the past. But they'll also present their ideas for how this space can be used to accommodate our needs," O'Donnell said.

The Keokuk City Hall Committee meets tonight at 5:30PM from the Pilot Grove Savings Bank building at 601 Main Street.

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AVIS E. WALLETT

AVIS E. WALLETT, of Warsaw, passed away on Sunday, July 21, 2019, at Montrose Health Center in Montrose, Iowa. Avis was born on August 17, 1923, in rural Holland, Minnesota, the daughter of Royal and Effie (Ott) Moffitt. On October 18, 1944, she was united in marriage to Robert “Bob” Wallett at Trinity United Methodist Church in Warsaw, Illinois. He preceded her in death in 1986.

A long-time resident of Warsaw, Avis was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Warsaw for many years, where she sang in the choir. During her working career, she owned and operated the IGA grocery store in Warsaw with her husband. Avis was active in the Warsaw community, and was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Order of the Eastern Star and the Warsaw Boat Club.

Avis is survived by her son Randy (Karen) Wallett of Fort Madison, Iowa; four grandchildren: Nicole (Andy) Johnson of Little Rock, Arkansas; Traci (Jason) Smith of Houston, Texas; Ashley ( Seth) Jackson of Iowa City, Iowa; and Zachery (Lynnae) Wallett of Eldridge, Iowa; two great-grandchildren: Grant and Owen Smith of Houston, Texas; two step-grandchildren: Emma and Cooper Johnson of Little Rock, Arkansas; two sisters: Joyce Sparrow and Marlyce Paar, both of Warsaw; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Avis is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Bob, two sisters: Wanda and Deloris; two brothers: Donald and Royal, and many other loved ones.

Funeral Services will be held at 11 am on Friday, July 26, 2019, at Printy Funeral Home in Warsaw, with burial to follow at Oakland Cemetery in Warsaw. Visitation will be held from 9 to 11 am on Friday at the funeral home directly before the service.

Memorials may be directed to Trinity United Methodist Church in Warsaw.

FOR THE RECORD

- Fort Madison Police report
  07/24/19 - 12:32 a.m.
  - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1400 block of 26th Street. 07/24/19 – 3:52 p.m.
  - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 700 block of Avenue H. 07/24/19 – 8:51 p.m.
  - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2600 Avenue L. 07/24/19 – 11:35 p.m.
  - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary on Iris Lane 07/23/19 – 3:50 a.m.
  - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 300 block of Avenue G. 07/23/19 – 8:08 a.m.
  - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2100 block of Avenue D. 07/23/19 – 5:48 p.m.
  - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 2200 block of Avenue D. 07/23/19 – 7:07 p.m.
  - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 600 block of 48th Street. 07/25/19 – 5:58 a.m.
  - Fort Madison Police cited Jeffrey George Snigowski, Jr., 36, of Fort Madison in the 1900 block alley of Avenue F, on a charge of driving under suspension and improper registration. He was released upon citation.

- Lee County Sheriff’s Report 07/23/19 – 4:03 p.m.
  - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Anthony Durrell, 33, of Donaldson, at the sheriff’s office on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 07/23/19 – 4:27 p.m.
  - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Eric John Reid, 43, of Montrose in the 2300 block of 270th Street on warrants for manufacturing. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 07/24/19 – 2:47 p.m.
  - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Cody John Lutzen, 33, of Keokuk, in the 800 block of Valley Street in Burlington on a warrants for violation of probation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 07/25/19 – 3:40 a.m.
  - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Dalton Kenneth Tweddy, 18, of Keokuk, in the 1300 block of 205th Street on a charge of OWI-1st offense. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

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Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

- Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report
  07/23/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical calls and one false alarm.
  07/24/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to a stove fire, and a gas leak, one medical call.

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Bass fishing heating up at local waterways

The following is the weekly Iowa Department of Natural Resources weekly fishing report for the week ending Wednesday, July 31, 2019 for southeast Iowa.

Iowa River (Columbus Junction to Mississippi River)
The Iowa River is rising slowly due to some heavy rains upstream on both the Iowa and Cedar rivers; the rise will only be by a few inches. Channel Catfish – Fair: Try stink bait or grass frogs this time of year. Flathead Catfish – Fair: Flatheads are mostly done spawning and are starting to get back on the feed.

Lake Darling
The water has cooled off a bit, but still remains in the low 80’s. Angler numbers are starting to rebound with the cooler weather. Largemouth Bass – Fair: Bass are out around the rock piles and brush piles in 6-10 feet of water coming in shallow early in the morning before it gets hot. Bluegill – Fair: Most bluegills have moved off into deeper water (8-10 feet) around the rock piles and brush piles. Channel Catfish – Fair: Catfish have wrapped up the spawn. Try drift fishing with cut bait along the old creek channel in the lake. Black Crapppie – Fair: Slow drift or troll over the habitat in 10 to 12 feet of water. Early morning or late evening is best.

Lost Grove Lake
Water temperatures are holding in the low 80’s. Starting to see more anglers with the nicer weather. Largemouth Bass – Good: Anglers continue to catch bass, work them out along the edges of the weed beds and around the trees and brush piles in 4-6 feet of water using soft plastics. Black Crappie – Good: Anglers continue to pick up crappies out around edges of the flooded timber in 8 to 10 feet of water. Try vertical jigging or using a slip bobber and minnow. Bluegill – Fair: The hot weather has put a quick end to the spawn. Look for the bluegills around the deeper habitat now. Channel Catfish – Fair: The spawn is mostly over. Start working the areas below the flow under the causeway and along the creek channel.

Skunk River (Coppock to Mississippi River)
There is a little bump in the river level moving through due to some heavy rains upstream, but it won’t last long. Channel Catfish – Fair: Some decent catfish have been working the flats around the sandbars at night. This is also the time of the year to collect a few grass frogs for bait.

Sports

Reichelt named 1st team All-Conference

BY ETHAN LILLARD
PCC SPORTS

The 2019 Southeast Conference all-conference teams have been released and Fort Madison and Keokuk were well represented across the board.

Junior Brandon Reichelt was named first team all-conference as a catcher, leading Keokuk in hitting at .352. Gerdes also grabbed 17 RBI and led the Bloodhounds in hit by pitches with 12. Jason Thurman was also named honorable mention with a season average of .309. Thurman also tied for third on the team with 12 RBI.

Senior Dayne Cordray was named second team all-conference as a catcher, leading Keokuk in walks with 24 and led the team in triples with two. Thurman also was tied for third on the Fort Madison roster with 21 hits on the season. He finished the season with an OBP of .432 and a slugging percentage of .321.

Keokuk’s Senior Dalton Boecker was named second team all-conference as a pitcher, leading Keokuk in nearly every statistical category. Boecker finished the season with a bat average of .392, an OBP of .495 and a slugging percentage of .668. Boecker collected 31 hits, two of which were home runs. He also knocked in 12 RBI, 13 runs and 15 bases on balls.

Senior Jordan Gerdes was named all-conference honorable mention, finishing the season with an average of .273, an OBP of .445 and a slugging percentage of .352. Gerdes also grabbed 17 RBI and led the Bloodhounds in hit by pitches with 12. Jason Thurman was also named honorable mention with a season average of .255, an OBP of .418 and a slugging percentage of .309. Thurman also tied for third on the team with 18 RBI.

Freshman Jordan Sisk and Senior Gavin Walker were also named honorable mention for Keokuk.

Fort Madison’s Dayne Cordray, Austin Heidbreder, Jordin Gerdes, Logan Rashid, Brandon Reichelt, Jace Burgher and Reed Fehseke were all named to the all-conference squad along with Keokuk’s Gavin Walker.

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On motion, Council approved the hiring of three officers from the list. On motion, council approved the Liquor License Renewal: Casey’s #2319, 1428 – 38th Street, in the amount of $37.50; Liquor License Refunds: property tax exemption for Keith/Patricia Leiseth, #2 Woodland Heights Court; Partial Agenda: Minutes of 7/2/2019; Payment of Claims, Resolution No. 2019-46, granting consent agenda: Minutes of 7/16, 2019, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Randolph presided with Council Members Greenwald, Morawitz, Rink, Andrews, Mohfeld and Lais present. Council Member Cangas was absent.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 7/16/2019

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Randal proposed the viewing of the Tourism video is postponed until August 6 due to technical difficulties. On motion, Council approved the agenda.

On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 7/2/2019; Payment of Claims, Resolution No. 2019-46, granting property tax exemption for Keith/Patricia Leiseth, #2 Woodland Heights Court; Partial Agenda: Minutes of 7/2/2019; Payment of Claims, Resolution No. 2019-46, granting consent agenda: Minutes of 7/16, 2019, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Randolph presided with Council Members Greenwald, Morawitz, Rink, Andrews, Mohfeld and Lais present. Council Member Cangas was absent.

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Heyland happy to work with local private practice

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chose Fort Madison as their new home!”

After growing up the small Michigan town of Clare, which see describes as similar to Fort Madison, but on a smaller scale, Heyland said she’s happy to begin practicing with families in rural Iowa.

"It was a small agriculture town, one high school and an everybody-knows-everybody kind of town," she said. "Fort Madison is very similar to the town I grew up in with the small-town pace.

Her dental career came at kind of a 90-degree turn after she had moved to Arizona. Her degree from Michigan State was a four-year interior design degree, which Heyland said she dabbled in before deciding to go into the health care field.

"It was kind of an interesting avenue into interior design, but then I decided to take a different route and pursue dentistry. I moved out to Glendale and took a course and got into dental school at Midwestern University."

Midwestern is a health care specialty university with campuses in Glendale, Ariz., and Downer's Grove, Ill.

Heyland worked for a while in Arizona before making the decision to pursue the dental degree, a degree her father held as well. She said much of her family has health-care related careers.

"My dad’s a dentist so it's always kind of been in the realm of possibility for me. That work environment and working with people had me wanting to go into health care. My sister's in health care, a lot of my family's in health care," she said.

"I like families, I like that part of the draw to dentistry, to work with families. I watched my dad practice with generations of families and that's part of the excitement."

Heyland said dentistry has improved in many ways since she was a child watching her father’s career.

"I think dentistry has come a long way in that a lot of people didn't like going to dentist, but we've become more savvy and there's better flow and streamlining to visits," she said. "You hear the horror stories about the pain people used to go through, but now you hear, "Oh, that wasn't so bad", and that's refreshing to hear."

Technological upgrades have also given the profession a better feel. Heyland said going to the dentist is much more inviting and calming than past generations.

**5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST**

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"There are a lot of lasers now that eliminate the need for needles, which people say is the worst part," she said.

"In school we did a lot of same-day crowns, which is becoming more prevalent and people are interested in that more and more – it’s one less trip to the dentist. There’s lasers, there’s computers, there’s 3D – and people relate more to the technology of today."

But she said corporate driven dental practices don’t have the same feel as the locally owned practices.

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Dr. Heyland is currently accepting patient appointments in Fort Madison and Burlington. She will be in the Pothitakis Family Dentistry office in Burlington at 1223 N. Gear Avenue on Monday and Wednesday's and will be in the Pothitakis' west end office at 4723 Avenue J in Fort Madison on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Her first day in office will be August 12. For additional information or appointments call 319-372-4882 or 319-753-2515.

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