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## 1 killed, 17 hurt in hayrack rollover

**NAUVOO:** Driver cited for failure to reduce speed in tragic Saturday incident

BY PCC STAFF

NAUVOO – A 32-year-old female from Hamilton was killed as a result of Saturday hayrack ride accident near Nauvoo.

According to an Illinois State Police preliminary investigation a 1994 green John Deere tractor/trailer combination was traveling northbound on 800 East towing a double-axle trailer with more than 20 people riding on square hay bales.

The vehicle, driven by Wayne York, 41, of Nauvoo, lost control and ran off the east side of 800 East near 2000 North and overturned and the driver was ejected. Multiple passengers were ejected from the trailer.

In addition the fatality, 17 other were taken to area hospitals with injuries including: Michael E. Davidson 43, Hamilton, Ill., Ashley Davidson 36-Hamilton, and Jessica N. Little 41 of Hamilton.

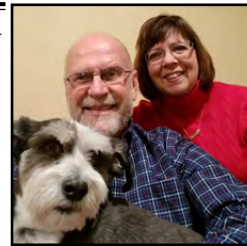
The other 14 injuries were to juveniles from Hamilton who are all transported with injuries, including a 1-year-old, a 3-year-old, two 4-year-olds, a 5-year-old, an 8-year-old, a 9-year-old, a 10-year-old and six 12-year-olds all from Hamilton.

Two other juveniles one from Warsaw and the other from Basco were not injured in the accident.

York was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

## EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



## Pick up some “junk” art at FMAAAA event

Okay, folks, here's your chance to get some genuine Curt Swarm junk, I mean art. The Ft. Madison Area Art Association (FMAAAA) will be displaying my sculptures, photography and books during the month of November. 50% of the sales of my art will go toward a new roof for the Art Association (it leaks when it rains.) There will be a reception on Friday, November 6th, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres and wine may be served. (It hasn't been decided yet, pending the COVID situation.) People are encouraged to wear masks.

All kinds of unique sculptures can be created using old wagon wheel rings. This one is called, “Sunflower.” I've been making art, or art has been making me, for a few years now, and it has been a love affair fraught with heartbreak and heart melt. Art will get you through a time of no money, where money won't get you through a time of no art.

Writing and photography for me sort of developed together, because a story and picture go together like peas and carrots, as Forrest Gump would say. Actually, his memorable line is, “We were like peas and carrots, Jenny and I.” Since my wife is Ginnie, and she is my editor, well, the saying is even more appropriate. Ironically, Ginnie despises peas and carrots. But I love'm!

Welding and sculpture building came later in life when I was noticing two pieces of junk metal I had laying around, and thought they would look better attached to each other. I had never welded, but thought, “How hard can it be?” Ha! I bought the cheapest 110v welder I could find, and the rest is history. I now have a 220v m.i.g. welder and have made every mistake in the book, and then some. I just about burned down the garage, was hauled to the emergency room by ambulance at 2:00 a.m. with scorched eye balls, and here lately, caught my bib overalls on fire—twice. Ginnie just shakes her head and gets the sewing basket out.

I'm especially fond of old rusty farm junk,

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Families gathered at the new Shug's Tiny Town & Educational Toys Sunday afternoon for a sneak peak at the new play center in the former Dollhouse Dreams at 820 Avenue G.

## Dollhouse Dreams now Shug's Tiny Town

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – You can't miss the big, bright colorful sign announcing a rebranding at Dollhouse Dreams in downtown Fort Madison.

Owner Brenda Derr, renamed the educational toy store in downtown Fort Madison Shug's Tiny Town & Educational Toys,

after closing up her Burlington location in a contraction of the brand.

Derr said her initial plans were to have two locations and then expand, but COVID's impact on retail has forced her to go back to just one location.

“I was trying to use the funding I got, which was great, to keep both locations open, but it was only for one location because of the way I'm set up and we couldn't

keep them both going,” Derr said.

Brynn Henrich, 4 and Addelyn Wilson, 6, of Fort Madison play in the news “Fresh Mart” at the Fort Madison Shug's Tiny Town & Educational Toys But that misfortune is turning the Fort Madison location into a cozy play center for area youth.

A diner, a fire station, grocery store and

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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### REBECCA A. MAUZY

Rebecca Ann Mauzy, 64, of Keokuk, died on Friday, October 23, 2020 at River Hills Village in Keokuk.

She was born on November 18, 1955 in Danvers, MA, the daughter of Michael Philip and Nancy Shepherd Watson Mauzy.



MAUZY

She graduated from Camdenton, Missouri High School with the Class of 1974.

Over the years Rebecca had been employed at several hospitals as a nurse's aide.

Most recently she had been employed as a greeter at Walmart in Columbia, MO.

Rebecca loved doing needlework, especially counted cross-stitch. She enjoyed working on word puzzles and reading Amish and Christian romance novels. She also enjoyed her time with other residents at River Hills and playing board games.

She is survived by one brother, Michael P. Mauzy, Jr. (Rebecca Bliss) of Hamilton, IL, one sister-in-law, Rebecca Mauzy of Osage Beach, M O, several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Jeffery Alan Mauzy.

A graveside service will be held at a later date at Memorial Park Cemetery in Columbia, MO.

Memorials may be made to the River Hills Village Activity Fund.\

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

## OBITUARIES

### BELVA A. SKINNER

Belva A. Skinner, 76, of Argyle, Iowa, passed away on Thursday, October 22, 2020, at her home in Argyle, Iowa.

Belva was born on November 06, 1943, in Wenatchee, Washington, the daughter of Arthur and Marie (McDowell) Thompson. On December 15, 1960, she was united in marriage to Leland Nye in Kahoka, Missouri. He preceded her in death on October 19, 1975.



MAUZY

Belva was employed at Silgan Container for twenty-one years until her retirement. Her life revolved around her garden, flowers and birds. She was especially fond of African Violet flowers and hummingbirds. Her family remembers canning the food grown from her garden and her amazing pies.

Belva is survived by three children: Mary (Terry) Phillips of Argyle, Iowa, Devin (Teleasha Corns) Juel of Argyle, Iowa, and Gary (Deana) Nye of Keokuk, Iowa; her brother Gary (Dixie Lestina) Thompson of Argyle, Iowa, her sister Karen (Don) Wright of Keokuk, Iowa; fourteen grandchildren; twenty-one great-grandchildren; and multiple nieces, nephews and cousins.

Belva is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Leland, her son Robert (Joyce) Nye, her brother Henry Thompson, her grandson Justin, her great-grandson Dawson and her nephew David.

Belva's life will be celebrated with a funeral service at 10 am on Monday, October 26, 2020, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home, 917 Blondeau Street, Keokuk, Iowa 52632. Burial will follow at Meek's Oakland Sand Cemetery in Vincennes, Iowa. Visitation will be held on Sunday from 4 to 6 pm at the funeral home.

For the safety of those attending, masks are strongly encouraged, and social distancing practices will be in place.

Memorials may directed to the Keokuk Humane Society or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Tributes and condolences may be left at [www.dejongsfuneralhome.com](http://www.dejongsfuneralhome.com).

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### LILLIAN F. KRAUS

Lillian "Lil" Faye Kraus, 92, of Keokuk, passed away on Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at her home in Keokuk.

Lil was born on January 17, 1928, in Keokuk, the daughter of John (Jack) and Hazel (Collins) Grogan. She graduated from St. Peter's High School in 1944, and was united in marriage to Joseph A. Kraus on May 13, 1950, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Keokuk.



KRAUS

A lifelong resident of Keokuk and a member of All Saints Catholic Church, Lil was very involved in the church, actively serving with Christian Family Movement (CFM) and the Ladies of Charity. She was employed at Keokuk Steel Castings in payroll and accounts receivable, working there before and after raising her children. She was a voracious reader, reading two to three books a week. Highly intelligent but also unassuming, Lil graduated high school at age 16, with a 4.0 GPA. She learned Morse Code by the age of four and could type at incredible speeds. She was very proud of her Irish heritage, and her children remember being rocked to sleep to the sound of Irish lullabies. Lil was also an excellent cook, and gladly shared her recipes with her friends and family. Her German potato salad was frequently requested for parties and gatherings. Above all else, Lil was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Her life revolved around her family. She was a great listener and offered sage and practical advice. She led this large family by example.

Lil is survived by her husband Joseph A. Kraus of Keokuk; seven children: Joseph M. Kraus of Iowa City, Iowa, Timothy J. (Jan) Kraus of Cape Coral, Florida, Nancy J. (Randy) Derr of Keokuk, Mary Jo (Rick) Gray of Keokuk, Michael J. (Kim) Kraus of Lakemoor, Illinois, Teresa J. (John) Phillips of Lee's Summit, Missouri, and Christopher J. (Laura Cruz) Kraus of Thousand Palms, California; two sisters: Sue (Keith) Fink and Kaye Vollers; two daughters-in-law: Sarah and Terry Kraus, both of Keokuk; four sisters-in-law: Geraldine Grogan, Judy Grogan, Sara Humphrey and Diana Grogan; thirty-two grandchildren; fifty great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Lil is preceded in death by her parents John and Hazel Grogan, two sons: Gregory E. and Daniel J. Kraus, and six siblings: Ellen Marie, Tom Grogan, Jean (John) Ketterer, Gerard Grogan, James Michael Grogan and John William Grogan.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 am on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at All Saints Catholic Church in Keokuk, with burial to follow in the Catholic section of Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk. We understand that some may be hesitant to join us due to health or Covid concerns, and are invited to attend virtually by accessing the following All Saints website. Lil's funeral mass will be live-streamed at <https://www.allsaintskeokuk.org/live.html>. Visitation will be held on Monday from 2 to 7 pm, with family meeting friends from 4 to 7 pm at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home, 917 Blondeau Street, Keokuk, Iowa. A Christian Vigil Service will be held at 7 pm on Monday at the funeral home directly following the visitation. The Christian Vigil Service will be live-streamed via Facebook live at the DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home Facebook page.

For the safety of those attending, masks are strongly encouraged, and social distancing practices will be in place.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to All Saints Catholic Church in Keokuk or the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Tributes and condolences may be left at [www.dejongsfuneralhome.com](http://www.dejongsfuneralhome.com).

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

## OBITUARIES

### RAYMOND H. HOLT

Raymond Homer Holt, 89 years, of Donnellson, Iowa died Friday, October 23, 2020 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, Iowa. He was born February 4, 1931 in Fort Madison, Iowa, a son of Homer Guy and Villa Gwendolyn (Groves)



HOLT

Holt. On June 30, 1956 he married Nancy Lou Spoor at Kahoka, Missouri.

He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, serving during the Korean War. He worked for Santa Fe Railroad and DuPont. Later he worked 25 years at Chevron as head operator. Raymond was also a carpenter for more than 50 years and during that time he built three houses and 25 garages throughout Fort Madison.

He was of the Christian faith. He was dedicated to working out and went to the YMCA three times a week for 15 years. He was a member of the Fort Madison Masonic Lodge #13, AF &AM and of the Fort Madison Veteran's Honor Guard. He was the story teller at family gatherings.



He is survived by his wife, Nancy Holt; four children: Leanna (Frank) Bush of Monticello, Missouri; Angela (Joe) Luchik of Carmel, Indiana; Lorraine (Ron) Kuhljuergen of Fort Madison, Iowa; and Daniel (Amy) Holt of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; six grandchildren: Brendan, Derek, Steve, Jared, Jenna, and Jaleesa; six great grandchildren: Claire, Grace, Paige, Benjamin, James, and Max; nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister Juanita Cullen and one brother Buford "Doc" Holt.

A graveside service and burial with military rites will be at 1:00 pm Tuesday October 27, 2020 at Soldiers Circle, Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison, Iowa with nephew Jerry Holt officiating. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Holt family and an online guest book may be found at [www.barrmemorialchapel.com](http://www.barrmemorialchapel.com).

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Sports

# Miscues lead to early exit for Bloodhounds



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison kicker Xander Wellman (11) gets in a big hit on the Tigers' Jake Green (5) in the third quarter of Friday night's loss at Grinnell. The loss ended the Hounds' season at 7-2.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

GRINNELL – “A captain who practices his knots sleeps quiet in the storm”.

Sometimes the knots just slip.

As was the case for the Fort Madison Bloodhounds at Grinnell in the Class 3A Pod 11 title game. The Tigers rolled to a 35-0 win and advance to third round of the Iowa High School Athletic Association post season.



DOHERTY

The Hounds had an interception and a fumble in the first two series resulting in two Grinnell touchdowns. The Hounds would give up two more fumbles and fail to recover two Tiger fumbles, one resulting in a touchdown.

“We put the ball on the ground – something that we haven’t done all season,” said head coach Derek Doherty.

“We did it tonight and you can’t do that against a good team like this.”

On the third play from scrimmage, FM quarterback Landes Williams took a high snap, rolled left and threw into the hands of the Tigers AJ Wilkins. A holding penalty after the pick set Grinnell at the Fort Madison’s 39.

Two plays later, the top running back in the state Wyatt Hunter ram-bled 33 yards to the five, and then slipped into the endzone on the next play. Hunter came into the game with 1,929 yards and 28 combined TDs.

The Hounds would start on the 20 again with a stiff breeze from the northwest causing repeated touch-backs. On 3rd and 4 from the 26, Calem Maclearn would cough up the ball on a play where he looked down by contact, but the ruling would stand.

Two plays later, senior Cole McGriff, who played backup quarterback most of the year for Grinnell, went off the right side for a 33-yard score.

Down 14-0, the Hounds would start again on the 20 and a pitch on 2nd and 11 hit the ground but Fort Madison would recover. The Tigers would force a 4th and 11 and the Hounds were forced to punt.

Fort Madison would stop Grinnell on the next 8-play series as junior Tate Johnson dragged down Hunter from behind on 4th and 4 at the Tiger 28. The Hounds would go 4 and out, but would stop the Tigers again on the next possession forcing a punt on the second play of the 2nd

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Senior running back Calem Maclearn finds some running room in the 2nd quarter as Grinnell’s Owen Coffman (12) and Fort Madison’s Ethan Deacon (77) pursue the play.

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## Sports

# Hunter lives up to name in win

**HOUNDS**- Continued from Page 1

quarter.

The low liner kick bounced up and hit Brock Califf in the chest and the ball bounded forward where Grinnell's Jake Green recovered it front of Califf. Grinnell would go seven plays before Hunter would take a handoff up the middle and fumble the ball into the endzone where the Tigers recovered for a 21-0 lead.

Fort Madison would get a couple first downs on the next series, but would turn the ball over on downs when a Williams pass to Califf on an out route was broken up.

Grinnell would score again when McGriff would go for 47 yards on 3rd and 3 off the the right side. Austin Ensminger came up just short of a diving tackle at the 5 for a 28-0 lead that would carry into halftime.

Things didn't get much better for the Hounds in the second half, despite holding Grinnell to just one score with the running clock.

Hunter would break through the line and ramble 51 yards for Grinnell's final score on 3rd and 6 to set the running clock at 35-0 on the Tigers first series out of the locker room.

On the next series, Williams would hit Califf on a swing pass on 2nd and 10 at the Hounds 46, but two steps later Califf would get stripped and Grinnell recovered.

With the Tigers moving in the 2nd string, neither team would put together any sort of scoring drives the rest of the game.

Fort Madison would string together an 8-play, 30-yard drive in the middle of the 4th quarter but that would fizzle out when a Williams pass on 4th and 8 fell to the ground ending the threat.

Keaton Poe said there just too many mental mistakes to overcome.

"A lot of us came into the game thinking they had the leading running back in the state. Everyone had that in the back of their minds. We just had too many mistakes," he said.

But the senior said this year was the most fun he's ever had playing football.

"These are my brothers and all year it felt like I was just doing this for fun."

Larson said the program has a new focus and there is more foundation for success ahead.

"With Coach Doherty and, and even going back to Coach (Tony) Shiffman, our mentality just changed. We just wanted to win," Larson said.

"We changed and we found confidence in ourselves. Even tonight we had our effort and attitude. We are a family and we've bonded together. This is a second family to us."

Doherty said the Hounds just couldn't find the spark that has carried them all year.

"We just couldn't get going. It wasn't a lack of effort and I'm so proud of these guys and we love them so much," he said.

"But for whatever reason, we just couldn't it going, and partially because that's a really good football team across the sidelines from us. They just didn't allow us to be us."

Williams finished the night going 6 or 17 for 44 yards and a pick. He also had 20 yards on 7 carries. Maclearn had 51 yards on 10 carries including a 16-yard carry in the 2nd quarter where he had a seam in the secondary, but tripped up on the way through. The senior also had 26 receiving yards.

Poe led the Hounds defense with 10 tackles including one for a loss. Johnson had six and half.

"This is a phenomenal group. They've started something special that will last for years and years to come," Doherty said.



Fort Madison senior Brock Califf, tries to stay upright as he makes a cut in the second quarter of Friday's 35-0 loss to Grinnell in Class 3A playoff action.

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**Tue, Oct 27, 2020**  
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 Approve Agenda  
 Public Input  
 Consider Approval of October 20, 2020 Board Minutes

Consider Approval of Claims  
 Consider Approval of Contract with Commercial Contracting Services for Gazebo Repair Reports:  
 A. Manure Management Annual Update for JWC Swine in Des Moines Township  
 Commission or Committee Reports  
 Adjourn

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fort Madison Community School District**  
**1930 Avenue M**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**October 19, 2020**

I. The meeting was called to order by President Wondra at 6:04 p.m. Directors DiPrima, Hope, Wykert, Menke and Stefensmeier were present. Director Ross participated via teleconference. Also present were Superintendent Slater, Director of Curriculum and Student Services Harmon and Secretary Elmore.

II. Recognition of guests. President Wondra welcomed members of the audience in attendance and explained the procedures for the meeting.

III. Reading of Foundation documents. The Board read and reviewed the Foundation documents consisting of the Vision, Mission and Belief statements and the Goals for the Fort Madison Community School

District.  
 IV. Monthly communications  
 A. Student Rep report.  
 There was none.

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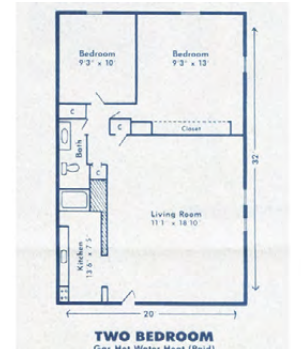
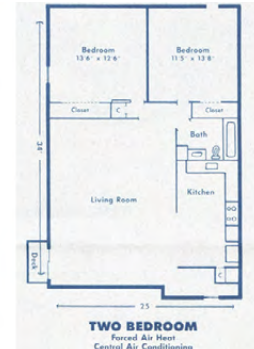
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## PUBLIC NOTICES

B. Curriculum Corner. The Board received an update on the Flex period at the high school.

C. "Did You Know?" The "Did You Know?" was a link to the district webpage. Superintendent Slater reviewed the Fort Madison Community School District website and the information available within it.

D. Superintendent Goal Report. Superintendent Slater provided an update on the indicators of progress towards the Board's established goals.

E. District Presentations. There were none.

V. Approve the agenda. It was moved by Steffensmeier and seconded by Wykert to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

VI. Consent agenda. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve the consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the September 21, 2020 Regular Meeting; October 5, 2020 Work Session; financial reports including the September Balance Sheet, September Revenue Summary, Expenditure Report and Student Activity Report, accounts pay-

able for the September General Account Board bills for Approval, October General Account Board bills for approval, Student Activity Board bills for approval and Nutrition Account Board bills for approval; resignation from Dawn Eid as associate at the middle school; employment of Kent Bailey as 7 and 8 boys basketball, Christopher Perez as bus associate, Alexander Howe as bus driver and approval of activity and athletic fundraisers. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

VII. Action Items

A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services.

B. Superintendent.

C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager

1. Consider approval of lane changes. The Board reviewed the lane changes. It was moved by Hope and seconded by DiPrima to approve the lane changes as submitted. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

2. Consider approval of policy changes.

a. 219.1 – Board – Staff Communications. It was moved by Wykert and seconded by Steffensmeier to update policy #219.1 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

b. 303.4b - Fringe Benefits - Administrators/Supervisors. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded

by Wykert to delete policy #303.4b as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

c. 303.4b-R - Administrator/Supervisor Salaries. It was moved by Menke and seconded by Wykert to delete policy #303.4b-R as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

d. 303.6-E – Administrator/Principal Performance Standards and Criteria. It was moved by Hope and seconded by DiPrima to delete policy #303.6E as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

e. 303.8 – Administrator Civic Activities. It was moved by Hope and seconded by Wykert to approve policy #303.8 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

f. 304.2 – Monitoring of Administrative Regulations. It was moved by Wykert and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve policy #304.2 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

g. 400 – Role of and Guiding Principles for Employees. It was moved by Wykert and seconded by Menke to approve policy #400 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

h. 400-R – General Personnel Regulations. It was moved by Wykert and seconded by Steffensmeier to delete policy

#400-R as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

3. Consider approval of agreement with Iowa Occupational Safety and Health Association. The Board reviewed the agreement with Iowa Occupational Safety and Health Association. It was moved by Wykert and seconded by Menke to approve the agreement with Iowa Occupational Safety and Health Association subject to modifications agreed upon by the District's attorney. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

4. Consider appointment of board member to the Ad Hoc Committee for QLEO assessment. It was moved by Menke and seconded by DiPrima to approve the appointment of board member to the Ad Hoc Committee for QLEO assessment. After discussion, the motion was amended to approve the appointment of Director Steffensmeier to the Ad Hoc Committee for QLEO assessment. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

5. Teamsters Unit #1 salary list addition. It was moved by Wykert and seconded by Menke to approve the Teamsters Unit #1 salary list addition as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

Exit Ross: 7:01 p.m.

D. Board Secretary/ Business Manager.

1. Annual transportation report for FY2019-2020. Transportation Director Rich Hand shared information from the Transportation Annual Report for FY2019-2020. Discussion followed. It was moved by Steffensmeier and seconded by Wykert

to accept the report as presented and submitted. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

VIII. Discussion Items  
A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services  
1. Fall FAST data report K-8 reading and math. Director of Curriculum and Student Services Harmon reviewed fall data with the Board. Discussion followed.

2. Enrollment report. Director of Curriculum and Student Services Harmon reviewed enrollment information with the Board. Discussion followed.  
B. Superintendent.  
1. Virtual instructional tour. The Board received a virtual instructional tour of the high school.

2. Voted PPEL project updates. Superintendent Slater reviewed the status of Voted PPEL projects.

Enter Ross: 7:46 p.m.

3. Updated Return to Learn protocols. The Board reviewed the updated Return to Learn protocols.

Break: 8:00 p.m.

End Break: 8:04 p.m.

4. Policies for 1st Reading. The Board reviewed policies 401.3 through 401.14-R-1, 102-104 and 401-502.4. These policies will be brought back at a later meeting for final approval.

5. IASB Convention. The Board discussed attending the IASB Annual Convention that will be held virtually this year from November 17-19.

6. Certified Employee Attendance. The certified employee attendance report was accepted as presented.

7. Board Member Attendance. The Board reviewed and discussed the Board member attendance report.

C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager.

IX. Comments from the audience. There were none.

X. Legislative update. The Board received a legislative update.

XI. Announcements.  
November 2, 2020 6:00 PM, Work Session, Board Room, Central Office  
November 16, 2020 6:00 PM, Regular Meeting, Board Room, Central Office

November 17-19, 2020 IASB Annual Convention  
XII. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Tim Wondra, Board President

October 19, 2020  
Sandra Elmore, Board Secretary

### PUBLIC NOTICE Fort Madison Community School District 1930 Avenue M Minutes of the Special Meeting October 19, 2020

I. The meeting was called to order by President Wondra at 5:34 p.m. Directors Hope, Menke, DiPrima and Steffensmeier were present. Director Ross participated via teleconference. Also present were Superintendent Slater and Secretary Elmore. Director Wykert was absent.

II. Approve the agenda. It was moved by Menke and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

III. Closed Session. It was moved by Steffensmeier and seconded by Menke that a closed session be held as authorized by the Open Meetings Law codified at Section 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the school district in that litigation. A roll call vote was administered. The results of the roll call vote were Directors Hope, Wondra, Menke, Steffensmeier, DiPrima and Ross all responding aye.

Enter Closed Session: 5:36 p.m.

Enter Wykert: 5:37 p.m.

Return to Open Session: 5:59 p.m.

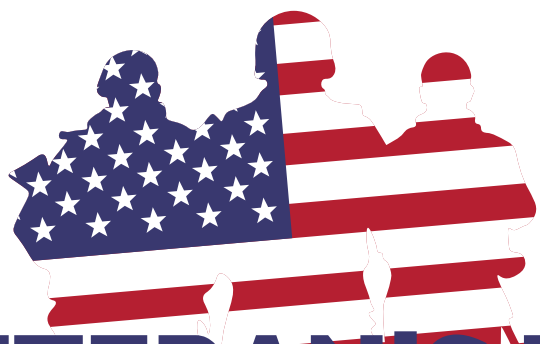
V. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Tim Wondra, Board President

October 19, 2020

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## From the Front

# New play center opens Monday downtown

**TOY STORE** - Continued from Page 1

other provincial town offerings are located inside a gated play area where children can move about the store fronts using their imagination and playing together.

Derr said you won't see a screen anywhere in the store.

"We want kids to use their imagination and not be in front of a screen. That's still our philosophy."

Workers loaded up the play buildings, which were part of the play area at the Burlington location and brought them to Fort Madison. The buildings were moved in through the windows at 820 Avenue G. Derr said those are old single pane windows and she was worried about removing them, but everything went according to plan.

The newly branded toy store features the Melissa & Doug toy lines, a Build-A-Bear work station, Megan's Old Fashioned Ice Cream parlor and lunch counter, and a store full of educational toys. Megan's features panini lunch combos and other freshly prepared items and \$4.99 kids meals with healthy options.

Derr said they will be open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. 7 days a week with the new play center open until 6 p.m. She said the last hour will be spent cleaning and sanitizing the play areas. She said additional cleaning will take place throughout the day.

Tuesdays will feature a 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. \$5 special. Other regular day passes are good for the entire day so if a family has to leave they can return as long as the children still have their wrist band on. Parents must accompany the children in the play center.

On Saturday Oct. 31, children can come to Shug's for trick or treating from 10 a.m. to noon. with advanced purchase tickets. Space is limited. There will also be stations to decorate pumpkins that day prior to the Old Settler's Trick or Treat from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and the citywide trick or treat from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

On Sunday, parents were encouraged to come down with children and grandchildren to experience the new play areas.



Titus Barnes, 3, of Fort Madison tries on some of the pirate garb with the help of mom, Jamie Barnes, at Shug's Tiny Town & Educational Toys as part of an open house on Sunday afternoon.

"I wanted to try a small event to get things started, but this will all start Monday morning for sure," Derr said.

She's also talked with the Fort Madison YMCA and wants to look at other partnerships with schools. Another idea is to work with the Fox Theater for a date night, where parents could drop kids off at the play center and then take in a movie.

Derr came up with the name Shug's because her father used to call her Shug, short for Sugar, when she was a little girl, so she put that name on in honor of her father. The play center includes a "Grandma Ruby's Diner" which is named after her mother.

More information will be available on the store's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/shugstinytown.vj>

# Swarm finding focus is now on circles

**SWARM** - Continued from Page 1

and cutting and welding it together to form anything from a Loch Ness Monster (in this case, "Empty Nest Monster") to Iowa's female astronaut, Peggy Whitson, orbiting the earth (I'm serious). I go to flea markets to find stuff, and people give me junk. Often times I'll have something for a couple of years before I can see a use for it. It begins to talk to me: "Yoo hoo, here I am, use me!" Then it takes on a life of its own. My metal sculptures are on display or have been on display in Jefferson, Fairfield, Oskaloosa and Mt. Pleasant. Some of my photography can be seen at the Two Rivers Bank in Mt. Pleasant, local restaurants, and the hospital in Ft. Madison. My art has received awards in Ft. Madison, Mt. Pleasant and Louisa County.

Lately I've been into circles. The earth is round, life is round, and visions are round (for me anyway). Those old wooden wagon wheel rings are perfect for creating all kinds of sculptures from planets to Galapagos turtles. Add bowling balls to the rings and the "circle of life" is expanded exponentially. My November showing at Ft. Madison will be ripe or rife with circle sculptures that are 100% original and make great yard art or driveway markers. I think of these designs in the middle of the night when the creative juices are flowing, my cell phone is silent, and there's no one around to witness my schizophrenia.

In any event, with all that's going on—the election, pandemic, economic recovery, recovery from the derecho, our unpredictable winter—it should be a "November to Remember." The address for FMAAA is 825 Ave G in Ft. Madison. Back in my door-to-door insurance selling days, I called Avenue G in Ft. Madison "God Avenue." With it's combination of residential and business addresses, I had great fortune selling insurance on God Avenue. We'll see if the same holds true for art.

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