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## SIREPA buys KL Megla space

**\$1 MILLION:** Connection Bank finances purchase for Joint Education Center

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE – The Southeast Iowa Regional Economic and Port Authority has stepped up to purchase the former KL Megla building in Montrose.

The building is located just across Hwy. 61 from the Dollar General on the north side of the town.

The purchase is to support a potential future Lee County Joint Education Center and is supported by Lee County Economic Development Group. It was financed in a 36-month purchase agreement with Connection Bank.

During a meeting of the SIREPA board on Wednesday, the board approved the purchase agreement with Connection Bank after Requests for Proposals were sent out by the board.

The board got two proposals, the other was from MidWestOne Bank.

The Connection Bank proposal was for \$1 million over three years at .9% interest with no closing fees on the agreement.

LCEDG has been spearheading the efforts to create the Joint Education Center with input from area industries and businesses as well as Keokuk, Fort Madison and Central Lee school districts and Southeastern Community College.

“SIREPA is happy to purchase the building to help the

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### CHILD MALTREATMENT

## Data may show path to curb neglect

*Editor's Note: This is the final in a 3-part series looking at child maltreatment in Lee County.*

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Data being poured over as part of a countywide needs assessment to help curb child maltreatment in Lee County shows advocates have their work cut out for them.

As part of a Resilient Communities Demonstration Project grant managed by the Lee County Health Department, the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Lee County, and the Community Partnership for Protecting Children are working with ISU Extension Community Development Specialist Shelley Oltmans to sift through the data and come up with strategies to move Lee County in the right direction.

The grant pays for the salary of Breanna Kramer-Riesberg and the contract with ISU for two years in fiscal year 2021 and 2022. There is an option for renewal for three years after that.

The needs assessment survey was completed in the past year and the groups are planning to start cultivating a strategic plan in July.

As part of the survey, Oltmans put together an executive summary of the results, which pointed to many strengths, but also about a dozen risk factors that are tipping the scales in the wrong direction to correct Lee County's worst in the state ranking for child neglect. The county is 99th out of 99 counties in neglect and 79th out of 99 in child abuse.

But Oltmans said the county is primed to tackle the poor performance.

“This community of people is ready to start having a conversation,” she said. “We've had 47 different individuals from 25 different organizations working the



OLTMANS



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Passengers on the Legacy, a cruising vessel with the Mississippi River Experience Boat Tours, embark on a 45-minute ride down the river Thursday afternoon. Tours started about three weeks ago in Keokuk, Burlington, and Fort Madison.

### RIVER EXPERIENCE

## Legacy cruises give close up of Pool 19

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Capt. Brian Davis can give you the skinny on the navigation of Pool 19 while you enjoy the Illinois and Iowa bluffs aboard Legacy, the new touring boat with the signature yellow canopy seen down at

the Fort Madison arena.

A Mississippi River Experience Boat Tours ownership group led by Debbie Faulkner launched the cruises on the Mississippi from Keokuk, Fort Madison and Burlington about three weeks ago on the Memorial Day weekend, but plans have been in the works for the past 12 years.

Cruises last from 1 1/2 to 2 hours depending on barge traffic and leave port from Keokuk, the Fort Madison Marina, and the north pier in Burlington.

Tour times run at 12:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. The Keokuk tours include going through the lock.

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# Obituaries/From the Front



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### OBITUARIES

## JAMES G. "JIM" ROSENBOOM

James Garrett "Jim" Rosenboom, 89, of Lomax, Illinois passed away at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at his home.

Jim was born on May 13, 1932 in Oskaloosa, Iowa, the son of Garrett and Hazel (DeKraai) Rosenboom. On November 26, 1955 he married Phyllis Morgan in Lovilia, Iowa. She preceded him in death on December 29, 1999.



ROSENBOOM

Jim served in the U.S. Marines during the Korean Conflict. He was a lifetime member of the Carthage VFW.

Following his military service Jim worked for Case in Burlington for 28 years.

He enjoyed playing cards and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan.

Survivors include one son: Kevin (Jeanne) Rosenboom of LaHarpe; two granddaughters: Misty Nance and Chasity Augilar and four great-grandchildren: Chelsea, Coby, Raleigh and Breanna.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; wife: Phyllis; one son: Dennis and two brothers, Earl and Marvin Rosenboom.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 19, 2021 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City with Pastor Jim Luder officiating. Burial with Military Rites will follow in the Crane Cemetery, near Lomax.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. until time of services Saturday at the funeral home.

A memorial fund has been established for the Dallas City Fire Department. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit Jim's obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com).



## Megla building purchase a milestone for SIREPA

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proposed Joint Education Center project become a reality, which is important to all of Lee County," said Denise Boyer, SIREPA board chair.

The port authority is a municipality of the state formed under Chapter 28J of Iowa Code. Lee County, Keokuk and Fort Madison jointly formed the organization in 2006. SIREPA is governed by a six-member board of directors appointed by the two cities and county and is administered by Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission.

The building purchase is a milestone project for SIREPA and should set the stage for additional projects benefiting Lee County in the future, according to SIRPC Executive Director Mike Norris. Supporting the planned Joint Education Center is in the SIREPA strategic plan.

The purchase of the KL Megla building was delayed at the start of the year when Central Lee pulled its support for the project, however conversations with the three districts have resumed again. According to Iowa code Central Lee would have to sign off on the Joint Education Center

because it falls within that school district. Any instruction taking place within a school district requires authorization from the district.

LCEDG President Dennis Fraise said last fall the LCEDG board voted to support non-educational operating expenses at the center for the first two years, raise funds to retire the mortgage on the building, and establish a charitable trust for the education center.

The terms of LCEDG's support were not revealed in open session at the SIREPA board meeting on Wednesday, but a closed session was held prior to approving a resolution to purchase the building with LCEDG's support and Connection Bank's financing. Mike Hickey, a SIREPA board member who sits on the Connection Bank board of directors abstained from the vote.

Other project areas in SIREPA's strategic plan are deploying new broadband infrastructure and removing obstacles to capital investment for new economic development projects.



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## Education News

# Holy Trinity Catholic Schools announce honor rolls

FORT MADISON - The following is the final honor roll listings for the Holy Trinity Jr. Sr. High School students. Pen City Current congratulates all those listed on their accomplishments.

### 4th Quarter Honor Roll 2020-2021 4.0 Honor Roll

7th Grade: Chase, Hemann, Addison Link, Carson Pauly, Layne Rung, McKayla Schinstock  
8th Grade: Koby Jones, Teagan Snaadt, Adam Sobczak  
9th Grade: Taegan Denning, Jenna Hellman, Natalie Randolph, Maddox Rung  
10th Grade: Alexa Dingman, Laura Mehmert, Rachel Menke, Brooke Mueller  
11th Grade: Abby Holtkamp, Jack Malinski, Mitchell Pothitakis, Kassidy Randolph, Anna Sobczak, Jackson VanHamme  
12th Grade: Danny Caruso, Taylor Crabtree, Bailey Hellweg, Yuhan Huang, Ava Peitz, Claire Pothitakis, Maria Rauenbuehler, Alison Robu, Chandler Rung, Annabelle Scheetz, John Stinson, Jason Thurman, Vasin Thurman

### A Honor Roll

7th Grade: Nathan Box, Brock Scheetz, Corbin VanNiewaal, Isabella Wheatley-Behne  
8th Grade: Anna Bendlage, Isabella Callison, Henry Graham, Luke Hellige, Mason Kruse, Ellie Lake, Regan Schmitz  
9th Grade: Mary Kate Bendlage, Daltin Boeding, Michael Chapman, Conner Gehling, Andrew Mehmert, Ethan Peitz  
11th Grade: Jackson Blint, Lucy Graham  
12th Grade: Emma Torgler

### B Honor Roll

7th Grade: James Denning, Jameson Denning,

Lia Fullenkamp, Emily Hummel, Johnathan Hummel, Sarah Menke, Blake Mohrfeld, Emma Mohrfeld, Henry Steffensmeier

8th Grade: Clara Blint, Kylie Fortune, Cade Goodrich, Tate Green, Brayton Schneider, Tobias VanHamme, Gus VanHyning

9th Grade: Reagan Holvoet, Jacob Hummel, Sheldon Kruse, Seth Moeller, Edward Schroeder

10th Grade: Emily Boeding, Kayla Box, Jenna DiPrima, Mary Hellige, Jacob Pothitakis, James Scheetz

11th Grade: Kelli Meierotto, Raquel Schneider, Tyler Snaadt

12th Grade: Colby Bredemeyer, Katherine Denning, Kyle Knepp, Kadin Medland, Trevor Mohrfeld, Anna Schroeder

### 2nd Semester Honor Roll 2020-2021 4.0 Honor Roll

7th Grade: Chase Hemann, Addison Link, Carson Pauly, Isabella Wheatley-Behne

8th Grade: Isabella Callison, Koby Jones, Ellie Lake, Teagan Snaadt

9th Grade: Taegan Denning, Jenna Hellman, Natalie Randolph, Maddox Rung

10th Grade: Alexa Dingman, Laura Mehmert, Rachel Menke

11th Grade: Lucy Graham, Abby Holtkamp, Jack Malinski, Mitchell Pothitakis, Kassidy Randolph, Anna Sobczak, Jackson VanHamme

12th Grade: Danny Caruso, Taylor Crabtree, Bailey Hellweg, Yuhan Huang, Ava Peitz, Claire Pothitakis, Maria Rauenbuehler, Alison Robu, Chandler Rung, Annabelle Scheetz, John Stinson, Jason Thurman, Vasin Thurman, Emma Torgler

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11th Grade: Jackson Blint, Tyler Snaadt

### B Honor Roll

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8th Grade: Clara Blint, Cade Goodrich, Tate Green, Mason Kruse, Regan Schmitz, Brayton Schneider, Adam Sobczak, Tobias VanHamme, Gus VanHyning

9th Grade: Reagan Holvoet, Jacob Hummel, Sheldon Kruse, Seth Moeller, Ethan Peitz, Mary Beth Scheetz, Edward Schroeder

10th Grade: Jenna DiPrima, Nikolas Fullenkamp, Mary Hellige, Jacob Pothitakis

11th Grade: Sophie Gram, Blake Hemann, Kelli Meierotto, Raquel Schneider

12th Grade: Colby Bredemeyer, Katherine Denning, Elizabeth Ebbing, Kyle Knepp, Kadin Medland, Trevor Mohrfeld, Anna Schroeder

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# Sports

## Fort Madison boys move to 13-2 with sweep of Davenport North

*Johnson has three doubles, six hits, and drives in eight runs in Bloodhounds' wins*

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The best thing you may not be watching is the Fort Madison Bloodhound baseball team. Head Coach Ron Walker and the boys got their fourth doubleheader sweep of the year and improved to 13-2 in front of a smattering of fans and BBQ food truck at the Fort Madison High School diamond.



JOHNSON

The Hounds downed Davenport North in the opener Wednesday night 9-1 on a complete game from Garrett Hannum, and then won 10-0 in five innings when starter Landes Williams tossed a gem allowing just one hit and only three runners to reach base in five innings of work.

A dropped third strike in the top of the second inning, and walk to the next hitter put two runners on with two outs, but a flyout to Reiburn Turnbull in deep left wiped out the inning for the Wildcats. Williams would allow just one hit in the top of the fifth while setting the rest of the Wildcats down in order until the 10-rule was invoked in the bottom of the 5th.

Vasin Thurman went 4-for-4 in the win with three runs scored and an RBI to lead Fort Madison at the plate.

The Hounds opened the scoring in the bottom of the first



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison 1st baseman Vasin Thurman takes a pickoff throw in the first game of a doubleheader with Davenport North Wednesday night. The Hounds swept the Wildcats to move to 13-2 on the year.

when Williams reached on a lead-off single to left center. After a popout to short, Thurman lined a double to left. Turnbull would fan on a full count and then Tate Johnson would drive in Williams with a double to left for a 1-0 lead.

Fort Madison would go in order in the bottom of the second, but blow the game open with four runs in the bottom

of the third.

With one out, Thurman and Turnbull would both single up the middle and then Johnson would smack a two-run triple off the glove of a diving Logan Moss in right field. The ball would skip off Moss' glove and roll to the fence. Johnson took a big round at third but was held up by Walker.

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## Education News

# FMHS releases final honor rolls for 2020-21

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison High School has released the final honors list for the 2020-21 school year. Pen City Current congratulates these students and their families on the achievements.

### 12th Grade Honors

Academic Excellence 4.01 +

Kendall Beebe, Nadia Boeding, Kylee Cashman, Ethan Deacon, Gracie Haessig, Rachel Hellman, Allyson Helmick, Lauren King, Gavin Lorence, Calem MacLearn, Morgan Meierotto, Julien Pope, Madelynn Schaefer, Lily Scott, Madelyn Swigart, Brandy Walker, Aidan Wendorf, Madison Williamson.

Academic Distinction 3.75-4.0

Lauren Bailey, Taylor Barnes, Kaylyn Eaves, Emily Eid, Alyssa Fincher, Kendra Fuget, Amanda-Marie Jones, William Larson, Madelyn Rashid, Levi Sissel, Roselynn Strickland, Tori Vincent, Allysen White, Raigan Willits, Bryce Workman.

Academic High Honors 3.5-3.74

Daysi Belzer, Bryce Britton, Joseph Dodson, Dylan Estrada, Kylie Hernandez, Aydn Kelly, Brenden Kline, Owen Kruse, Reyna Lampe, Kerstin Mason, Aiden Mesecher, Jake Perry, Olivia Shields, Blake Wilson.

Academic Honors 3.25-3.49

Robert Califf, Samantha Golowach, Jordan Kuhlmeier, Makayla Leasch, Samira Mehmedi, Seth Mendez, Emma Menke, Colby Moore, Keaton Poe, Jylyyah Smutney, Alex Steffensmeier, Kendall Wells.

### 11th Grade Honors

Academic Excellence 4.01 +

Hunter Edgar, William-Michael Gager, Tyler Horn, Logan Johnson, Madison Meyer, Addie Scanlan, Reese Shannan, Hattie Schrepfer, Kirsten Walz, Gavin Wiseman.

Academic Distinction 3.75-4.0

Alivia Blint, Dayton Davis, Kayla Kruse, Alexia Lantry, Kinley Lumsden, Maggie Lurvey, Colton McDonald, Jakob McGowan, Madison Pirri, Hannah Shepler, Amy Wamsley, Landes Williams.

Academic High Honors 3.5-3.74

Phillip Goldie, Tate Johnson, Chloe Jones, Abram Lorence, Austin Miller, Jennifer Riggs, Chelsea Smith, Palan Soice, Tyler Wade, Ker-rington Wardlow, Hayden Wolfe.

Academic Honors 3.25-3.49

Gage Brockman, Miles Dear, Maria Delgadillo, Russell Donaldson, Rachel Frey, Garrett Hermes, Kylee Howren, Ace Meierotto, Hope Ridgway, Kerridwen Roberts, Malarie Ross, Mya Schmitz, Elizabeth Stuekerjuergen.

### 10th Grade Honors

Academic Excellence 4.01 +

Ivy Arnold, Isabella Boeding, Carly Fedler, Paige Hathaway, Molly Knipe, Allison Miller, Lauren Otte, Jullian Perry, Kay Quittem, Ellie Schulte, Marquel Warner, Xander Wellman.

Academic Distinction 3.75-4.0

Elliott Dostalek, Payton Sutcliffe, Dalaney Walker.

Academic High Honors 3.5-3.74

McKenna Cashman, Kaden Dunn, Kencade Fraise, Anna Hantzas, Piper Schafer, Tauren Settles, Tanner Stoermer, Kane Williams, Brianna Wright.

Academic Honors 3.25-3.49

Mylah Blanchard, Collin Greenwald, Camille Kruse, Emmett Kruse, Macy Lebeck, Londyn McClellan, Anayi Navarro, Makenna Pixler, Tanner Settles, Madison Sherwood, Edlicia Smutney, Evonna Smutney, Emily Steffensmeier, Kailey Sutak, Breeann Walston.

### 9th Grade Honors

Academic Excellence 4.01 +

Jackson Amandus, Lily Arnold, Aiden Benda, Gracie Blind, Leif Boeding, Jordyn Burch, Collin Campbell, Madelyn Gobble, Haley Lampe, Henry Morris, Oliver Santiago, Teague Smith, Rylee Steffensmeier, Juniper Strickland, Isaac Thacher.

Academic Distinction 3.75-4.0

Alexus Beebe, Kiley Bohnenkamp, Nathen Bowen, Daniel Dalstra, Mazie Hotop, Caden Hutson, Emiliano Patino, Naudia Ruston, Delanee Seay, Kaleb Sutcliffe, Paetyn Wiegand

Academic High Honors 3.5-3.74

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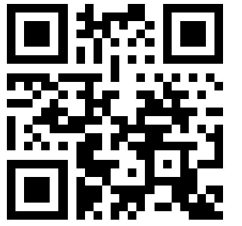
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# PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIEDS

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS For Architectural Services City of Fort Madison, Iowa

The City of Fort Madison is soliciting Statements of Qualifications from qualified firms interested in providing professional architectural/engineering services relating to the design for construction of a new Fire Station and a new Public Works facility. (The Public Works facility includes the Streets, Parks and Water Distribution Departments). Architects with relevant experience and qualifications are encouraged to submit. The purpose of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process is to identify the most qualified respondents.

A copy of the RFQ can be found at the City of Fort Madison's website; <http://www.fortmadison-ia.com/>. Notice is hereby given that Statements of Qualifications will be accepted at the Fort Madison City Clerk's Office, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627. The deadline to submit qualifications is Friday 23 July 2021 at 4:30 pm.

### PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE

The Green Bay Levee & Drainage District will hold a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, June 24, 2021, at Heartland Co-op, east of Wever.

### PUBLIC NOTICE FORT MADISON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING June 21, 2021 6:00 P.M.

Note: To view this meeting please see the link on the FMCSO Website Calendar or click on the link below

<https://zoom.us/j/97796612358?pwd=bm5QS1RlbgkyZTJ-CY0Y3dENIWI3UT09>

Public Comments are welcome. They are limited to 3 minutes. Any member of the public who wishes to participate in public comments must be physically present at the meeting and follow the appropriate sign in procedures.

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AGENDA

I. Call meeting to order and determination of a

- quorum
- II. Recognition of guests
- III. Reading of Foundation documents
- IV. Monthly communications
  - A. Student Rep Report
  - B. Curriculum Corner: Extended Learning Programs
  - C. "Did You Know?"
  - D. Superintendent Goal Report
- FMCSO Engagement
- E. District Presentations
- Food Service Report
- V. Approve the agenda
- VI. Consent Agenda
  - A. Minutes

- 1. April 19, 2021 Regular Meeting (Amended)
- 2. May 17, 2021 Regular Meeting
- 3. June 7, 2021 Work Session
  - B. Financial reports
    - 1. May Balance Sheet
    - 2. Revenue Summary Report
    - 3. Expenditure Report

### GARAGE SALES

#### Garage Sale

Fri., June 25, 8am-4pm  
Sat., June 26th, 8am-1pm  
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- 4. Student Activity Report
  - C. Accounts payable
    - 1. May General Account Board Bills for Approval
    - 2. June General Account Board Bills for Approval
    - 3. Student Activity Account Board Bills for Approval
    - 4. Nutrition Fund Board Bills for Approval
    - 5. American Express Board Bills for Approval
  - D. Consider personnel resignations
    - 1. Stephanie Dobson,

- Guidance Counselor, MS
  - 2. Michelle Jeffries, 7/8 ELA, MS
  - 3. Karen Jones, Sophomore Class Sponsor
  - 4. Alyssa Krogmeier, Sp Ed Strat II, RE
  - 5. Brittany Ledbetter, Social Worker, RE
  - 6. Sara Ljungkull, English, HS
  - 7. Sarah Loots, Special Educ. Teacher, LE
  - 8. Wayne MacClearn, Football Coach
  - 9. Carmen Ridgway, Associate, LE
  - 10. Jeremy Swink, Ac-

- activities & Athletics Director, Girls Tennis Coach
- E. Consider employment of personnel
  - 1. Keeley Kangas, Extended Learning Program

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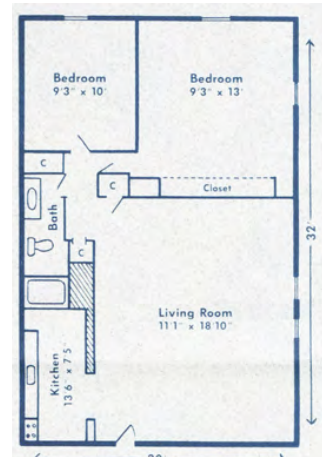
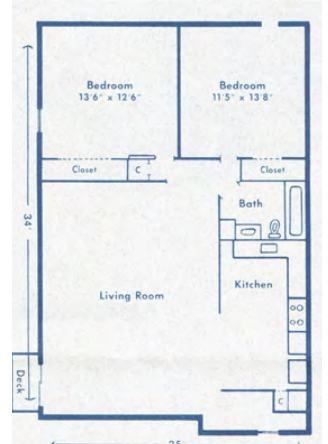


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## PUBLIC NOTICES

Coordinator  
 2. Jennifer Lodge, Kindergarten, LE  
 3. Nicole Mason, Spec. Ed. Teacher, MS  
 4. Chelsea Page, Kindergarten, RE  
 5. Benjamin Fry, Activities & Athletic Director  
 F. Consider contract modifications  
 G. Consider leave of absence  
 H. Consider open enrollment requests  
 I. Other reports  
 1. Activity and athletic fundraisers  
 Director (blank) moved and director (blank) seconded the documents submitted in the consent section of the agenda be approved and/or filed as submitted.  
 VII. Action Items  
 A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services

- Kim Harmon  
 1. Consider approval of VIBE program interdistrict agreement  
 2. Consider approval of the 2021-2022 YKids 28E Agreement  
 3. Consider approval of the 2021-2022 Carousel 28E Agreement  
 B. Superintendent - Erin Slater  
 1. Consider approval of the revised 2021-2022 District Calendar  
 2. Policy changes:  
 • 407.5 Staff Reduction (OLD) - **recommend move to NEW IASB model**  
 • 407.5 Licensed Employee Reduction in Force (NEW) - **changes; recommend move to IASB model**  
 • 409.5 Licensed Employee Political Leave - ours only; **recommend to delete**

• 409.6 Licensed Employee Jury Duty Leave - ours only; **recommend to delete**  
 • 409.7 Licensed Employee Military Service Leave - ours only; **recommend to delete**  
 • 409.8 Employee Unpaid Leave - ours only; **recommend to delete**  
 • 409.9 Licensed Personnel Professional Development - ours only; **recommend to delete**  
 • 409.11 Report of Absences - ours only; **recommend to delete**  
 • 409.11-R Report of Absences - ours only; **recommend to delete**  
 • 410.1 Temporary Substitute Teachers (OLD) - ours only; **recommend to delete**  
 • 410.1-R Temporary Substitute Teachers Wages, Benefits - ours only;

**recommend to delete**  
 • 410.1 Substitute Teachers (NEW) - changed; **recommend move to IASB model**  
 • 410.2 Summer School Assignments (OLD) - change; **recommend move to IASBv-model**  
 • 410.2 Summer School Licensed Employees (NEW) - changed; **recommend move to IASB model**  
 • 411.1 Classified Personnel - changes; **recommend move to IASB model**  
 • 411.2 Classified Employee - Qualifications, Recruitment, Selection - changes; **recommend move to IASB model**  
 • 411.3 Classified Employee Letters of Employment - changes; **recommend move to**

**IASB model**  
 • 411.4 Classified Employee Licensing/Certification - minor changes; **recommend move to IASB model**  
 • 411.5 Classified Employee Assignment - minor changes; **recommend move to IASB model**  
 • 411.6 Classified Employee Transfers - new policy; **recommend to adopt IASB model**  
 3. Consider approval of the FM High School 2021-2022 Handbook / Handbook Changes  
 4. Consider approval of the Elementary Schools 2021-2022 Handbook  
 5. Consider approval of the FM Middle School 2021-2022 Handbook / Handbook Changes  
 6. Consider approval for girls basketball team to travel to Lake Okoboji for

summer camp 7/19 - 7/23  
 7. Consider approval of a travel request from Sandy Elmore for travel to Milwaukee, WI October 13 - October 17, 2021 to attend ASBO International Conference.  
 8. Consider approval of a travel request from Greg Smith for travel to New Orleans, LA, December 1 - December 4, 2021 to attend the Association for Career & Technical Education's VISION Conference  
 9. Consider approval of travel to Branson, MO for a performance based trip, March 30 - April 2, 2022  
 10. Consider approval of the Fort Madison Athletic Training Services provided by Great River Health Systems  
 11. Consider approval of the purchase of a 2019

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# Classifieds/Public Notices

# PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIEDS

## PUBLIC NOTICES

Cargo Van from Deery Bros. to replace a maintenance truck

12. Consider approval of 5-year copier service agreement

13. Consider approval of salary lists.....

A. FMEA

B. Teamsters Unit #2 - Custodian/Maintenance/Mechanics

C. Administrators/Directors

D. Salaried Support Staff

E. Hourly Support Staff

F. Food Service Staff

C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager – Sandy Elmore

1. Consider approval of participation in IASB Safety Group Insurance program and estimated premiums

2. Consider approval of bread and dairy bids

3. Consider approval of student fees

4. Consider approval of proposed school meal rates

5. Consider approval of 2021 graduates

VIII. Discussion Items  
A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services – Kim Harmon

B. Superintendent – Erin Slater

1. Policies

• 411.7 Classified Employee Evaluation - new policy; **recommend adopt IASB policy**

• 411.7a Evaluation of Classified Personnel - ours only; **recommend to delete**

• 411.7a-R Evaluation - Classified Personnel - ours only; **recommend to delete**

• 411.7b Evaluation of Classified Personnel - Supervisors - ours only; **recommend to delete**

• 411.7-E Classified Administrator's Evaluation Form - ours only; **no changes**

• 411.7c Employee Performance - Classified - ours only; **recommend to delete**

• 411.8 Support Staff Probation - OLD; **recommend move to IASB model**

• 411.8 Classified Employee Probationary Status - NEW; **recommend move to this IASB model**

• 411.9 Normal Workday, Work Week & Overtime Compensation - Classified - ours only; **recommend to delete**

• 411.10 School Closure & Employee Attendance - Classified - ours only; **recommend to delete**

• 411.11 Notification of Vacancies - Classified - ours only; **recommend to delete**

• 412.1 Compensation - Classified - OLD; **recommend move to IASB model**

• 412.1 Classified Employee Compensation - NEW; **recommend move to this IASB model**

• 412.2 Classified Employee Wage and Overtime Compensation - new policy; **recommend adopt IASB policy**

• 412.3 Employee Insurance - Classified - OLD; **recommend move**

**to IASB model**

• 412.3 Classified Employee Group Benefits, Option I - NEW; **recommend move to this IASB model**

• 412.4 Classified Employee Tax Shelter Programs - new policy; **recommend adopt IASB policy**

• 413.1 Resignations - Classified - OLD; **recommend move to IASB model**

• 413.1 Classified Employee Resignations - NEW; **recommend move to this IASB policy**

• 413.2 Classified Employee Retirement - new policy; **recommend adopt IASB policy**

• 413.3 Classified Employee Suspension - minor changes; **recommend move to IASB model**

• 413.4 Classified Employee Dismissal - new policy; **recommend adopt IASB policy**

• 413.5 Classified Employee Reduction in Force - minor changes; **recommend move to**

**IASB model**

• 414 Classified Employee Professional Purposes Leave - new policy; **recommend adopt IASB policy**

• 414.1a Personal Leave - Classified - ours only; **recommend to delete**

• 414.1b Vacations - Classified - ours only; **recommend to delete**

• 414.1c Holidays - Classified - ours only; **recommend to delete**

• 414.2 Sick Leave - Classified - ours only; **recommend to delete**

• 414.4 Bereavement and Emergency Leave - Classified - ours only; **recommend to delete**

• 414.5 Classified Employee Political Leave - ours only; **recommend to delete**

• 414.6 Classified Employee Jury Duty Leave - ours only; **recommend to delete**

• 414.8 Classified Employee Unpaid Leave - ours only; **recommend to delete**

2. Truancy Report  
C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager – Sandy Elmore

D. Certified Staff Attendance

E. Board Member Attendance

IX. Comments from the audience

X. Legislative update: Identify Legislative Priorities

XI. Announcements

A. July 19, 2021, 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting, Board Room, Central Office

B. August 2, 2021, 6:00 p.m. Work Session, Board Room, Central Office

C. August 16, 2021, 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting, Board Room, Central Office

D. September 7, 2021, 6:00 p.m. Work Session, Board Room, Central Office

XII. Adjourn

Exempt session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 20.17(3) for the purposes of a negotiation session

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## Sports

# Johnson, Thurman heat up at plate for Hounds

**HOUNDS** - Continued from Page 1

Hannum would lay down the squeeze with the speedy Johnson already half way down the line. The throw to first got away down the fence line and Hannum ended up a second. Aiden Pennock would single and Colton Engeman would follow up with an RBI single, but would get caught stealing second for the second out. Kane Williams drew a walk to put runners at 1st and 3rd, but a ground out ended the threat with the Hounds up 5-0.

Fort Madison would tack one on in the bottom of the fourth and then put another four spot up in the fifth.

Pennock singled to open the frame and after two strikeouts, Landes Williams worked a walk. Jason Thurman singled to right scoring Pennock and Williams. Vasin Thurman would then double off the fence in deep right field scoring Thurman. Thurman would advance to third and take home on back-to-back wild pitches to set the 10-run rule at 10-0.

Turnbull, Johnson, and Pennock all had multiple hit games for Fort Madison. Landes Williams scored two runs while getting the win on the mound. He struck out seven in the win.

In the opener, Johnson went 4-for-4 with 5 RBI to give him eight on the night. The junior had two doubles, a triple and single, and scored two runs.

"If it feels good coming out of the slump that I had for a couple games," Johnson said. "I'm just seeing the ball a little better and maturing as a player."

Walker said Johnson was locked in some struggles earlier in the week.

"He had a great game, bounced back. He went through some struggles defensively and offensively Monday night and came back locked in at practice Tuesday and had some big hits tonight," Walker said.

Walker said the team as a whole took great at bats all night long.

"I didn't have a lot to say after the games, just keep doing what you're doing and playing the game hard."

Johnson opened the scoring with one of his doubles plating Vasin Thurman and Reiburn Turnbull. Hannum would draw a walk and Engeman would get hit by a pitch to load the bases. Matt Hopper would draw walk on seven pitches to bring Johnson around for a 3-0 lead and Hannum would score on a wild pitch before a fly out ended the inning.

Hannum would give up a double to start the second but

then sit the Wildcats down in order.

Fort Madison would put up two more runs in the bottom of the second and two in the bottom of the fourth. Davenport North scored their only run of the night in the top of the fourth inning when Cody Baumer would score from third on a fielder's choice.

The Hounds added an insurance run in the bottom of the fifth and Hannum held Davenport in check the rest of the way for the win. He gave up eight hits and struck out five while not issuing a base on balls.

Jason Thurman had three hits on the night. Williams, Vasin Thurman and Turnbull had the other hits for the Hounds.

Walker said the Wildcats just came off sweeping Central DeWitt, which is ranked as the No. 3 team in the state in Class 3A. North plays in 4A.

"Obviously we didn't see the same arms they did tonight, but its the same offense on the field. So we played great tonight and we'll have a good contest tomorrow," he said.

Fort Madison takes on Burlington (11-3, 8-0) in Southeast Conference showdown doubleheader Thursday night in Fort Madison. The Hounds trail the Grayhounds by one game in conference action at 7-1

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These clinics are designed to reach those who might not have had the opportunity to receive their COVID vaccine yet. The schedule will be updated as more clinics are added.

- June 15, 2021 - First Christian Church, Keokuk, Drive-thru 4:00pm-7:00pm J&J only
- June 17, 2021 - Mississippi Terrace Keokuk, 11:00am-Noon J&J only
- June 17, 2021 - Hawkeye Village & Park Apartments, Keokuk 1:00pm-3:00pm, J&J only
- June 17, 2021 - Ivanhoe Apartments & Hillview Village Fort Madison 1:00pm-3:00pm, J&J only
- June 19, 2021 - Juneteenth, Rand Park Keokuk, 1:00pm-3:00pm J&J only

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## Scene Around the Area/From the Front

# Trust, stigmas muddy the landscape of maltreatment

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past nine months of the needs assessment. The community is ready to start addressing these issues.”

But she said the group is still far from determining what the strategic plan will look like.

The plan will be geared toward addressing the top risk factors facing parents in the county.

The percentage of families in Iowa living below the federal poverty level, which according to the US. Department of Health and Human Services is \$26,500 for a family of four and \$21,960 for a family of three, is 11.9%. Lee County’s rate is nine points higher at 20.8%.

Lee County has also traditionally had one of the highest unemployment rates in the state. A related figure to that is the civilian labor force. The state shows of all people 16 and over, 67.3% are employed, while in Lee County that number is 60.6%, meaning the county lags behind the state average in the people that participate in employment.

Lee County also is showing 16.4% of residents 25 and older with a bachelor’s degree or higher. The state average is 28.6%.

With regard to mental health issues, 11% of respondents in the needs assessment stated they had frequent mental distress, and the county has one mental health provider for every 1,380 residents.

Other issues reported in the assessment were alcohol, tobacco and other drugs; domestic violence and crime rates; generational cultural norms of accepting violence, aging housing stock, incarcerated family members, and pandemic-increased parenting stress around education and child care.

The report also showed the 17.5% of owner-occupied homes and 40.6% of renters were spending more than 30% of income on rent or mortgage.

Oltmans said she agreed other advocates that the issues are generational, but she said they are also systemic.

“We found Lee County is ready and prepared to address this issue and support these family and these systemic issues. Poverty, mental health, substance abuse – a lot of those are generational,” she said.

“But it’s also systemic. Poverty isn’t just pull yourself up by your bootstraps.”

Oltmans said as an outsider helping facilitate the process, it interesting that families are nervous to take advantage of resources because maybe they’ve had an experience and it wasn’t good.

“To be honest, a lot of these children, even before they’ve reached preschool, have had these aces against them. Adverse childhood experiences, poor nutrition, abuse...their brain development isn’t where it should be.”

Oltmans said the assessment has generated more than 60 pages of data and it will take some time to synthesize the data into a plan to move forward.

“Where do we stop? All of it’s important.”

The assessment included interviews with caregivers and parents, and an inventory of services. The summary included 12 different organizations and nine different evidence-based programs that are working together to minimize the impact of child maltreatment. Those organizations include:

- Child Abuse Prevention Council of Lee County
  - Lee County Health Department
  - Early Childhood Iowa – Children First
  - Community Action of Southeast Iowa
  - Southeast Iowa Children’s Mental Health and Well-being Collaborative
  - Quad-County Community Partnership for Protecting Children
  - Decategorization – Scott County Kids
  - DVIP – Domestic Violence Intervention Program
  - RVAP – Rape Victim Advocacy Program
  - ADDS – Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services of Southeast Iowa
  - Community Health Centers of Southeast Iowa
  - Iowa State University Extension and Outreach
- The evidence-based programs linked in the summary include:
- Hopes program
  - Family Connections – Nurturing Families
  - 1st Five Healthy Mental Development Initiative
  - Maternal Health
  - Child Health/Care for Kids
  - Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT)
  - 24/7 Dads
  - FADs
  - Parent Partner

Parents can access all of the organizations at their respective websites or by phoning Kramer-Riesberg at the Lee County Health Department at 319-372-5225.

Oltmans said the other hurdle is overcoming the stigma associated with asking for help, and those efforts could come forth in a public information campaign.

“The public needs to have this information. If they don’t have it, they can’t engage. How do we de-stigmatize the conversation? A lot of families are falling through the gaps and aren’t accessing the service they need to be successful,” she said.

“One of the biggest challenges we hear from providers is that families are saying they don’t trust us and we’re not a diverse group, that is oftentimes serving families that are diverse. So there’s that gap there.”



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Two parent bald eagles sit close by to their nesting juveniles in a tree on the Illinois side of the Mississippi River Thursday afternoon.

# Cruises give close up look at Mississippi’s Pool 19

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The boat has two 150 hp outboard motors and is 45 foot long and 12 feet wide with a capacity rating of 49 passengers plus the crew of a captain and a deck hand.

“We actually started this about 12 years ago when all the tourism was happening in Nauvoo,” Faulkner said.

“But there was so many hurdles that we almost decided not to go through with it.” She said there was a lot of red tape from the U.S. Coast Guard, the Army Corp of Engineers.

“The Coast Guard was the biggest hurdle, but we got through all of that. We actually had this built in Florida. We wanted to do it locally to support the local community, but the local Coast Guard officials made it difficult for us to do that.”

The boat was built in Hudson, Florida with the U.S. Coast Guard inspecting the boat as it was being built. Faulkner said a final inspection took place after the boat had been relocated to Iowa.

“We had it transported up here and after all those inspections down there we had one final inspection here and everything passed with flying colors,” Faulkner said.

Boaters get a full view of the bluffs on the Illinois and Iowa side of the river as the boat navigates some of the islands. Davis gives riders a historical rundown of navigation tools and the Mississippi River from an engineering perspective. He also slows to let riders take in the BNSF Swingspan bridge up close and any wildlife sightings.

Two mature bald eagles watched over a nest about 40 yards away where juvenile eagles still nested on the Illinois side. Davis stayed back far enough not to spook the birds but close enough for photographs.

Rates are \$30 per person and five and under are free. The company also encourages group outings for employers, wedding parties or family reunion-type events.

Reservations can be made by calling 319-759-1311 and are encouraged to be made two weeks in advance. Online registrations can be made by visiting the following link: <https://www.rivertrip.net/> However, walk-ups are welcome if there is still room on the boat.



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**5:00 p.m. Dinner**

**6:00 p.m. Awards**

**6:30 p.m. Golf Ball Drop**

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