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HITCHCOCK IN THE PARK



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Ty Clute, right, and Juniper Strickland, left, put on a live radio play of "Vintage Hitchcock" Sunday afternoon in the gazebo at Old Settler's Park as part of an Old Fort Players' production.

SUPERVISORS

County joins statistical port group

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Lee County is now part of a statistical reporting authority that will shine a brighter light on the traffic of commerce in and out of the county.

At Tuesday's regular Lee County Board of Supervisor meeting, the board voted unanimously to become part of the Mid-American Port Authority Port Statistical Area.

Supervisor Gary Folluo, who's also an ex-officio member of the Southeast Iowa Regional Economic and Port Authority, said joining the PSA doesn't carry with it any additional authorities or powers.

"It's doesn't lock is us in. If we want to change our PSA to Iowa's group we can do that if we feel it's beneficial to us," Folluo said.

"This is just a way of reporting the tonnage, because the things that are shipped out now because of trade secrets and other issues, are not being reported to the (U.S. Army) Corps of Engineers."

The county is already a part of the Mid-American Port Authority, but this move allows county commerce to be included in the statistical data of the region.

Folluo said SIREPA and Mid-American work together to help market and identify opportunities for the region.

Mike Dunn is also a member of the SIREPA representing Keokuk and he said a lot of commerce comes and go in Lee County, and this designation will allow that information to get out to potential industrial partners.

"As we look at what comes and goes from Lee County, we have a lot of commerce coming and going to Missouri as well as Illinois," he said. "Since this can be changed later on, it will be important for us to continue the alliance with have with Mid-American."

Mike Norris, executive director of Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission, said the PSA is simply a way to report statistics.

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RETURN TO LEARN

FM schools to return to classrooms Nov. 2

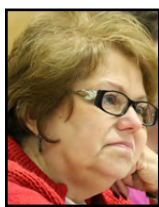
District to abandon hybrid learning earlier than originally planned

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison School board approved a revised 2020-21 schedule that will eliminate the hybrid learning plan starting Nov. 2.

The district had been rotating students in week-on, week-off instruction since the school year began, due to the impact of novel coronavirus. But at a special meeting called Monday, the board voted to change that schedule back to 100% face-to-face learning.

However, concerned parents still have the option to enroll students in on-line



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learning only.

Board member Brian Steffensmeier said parents are asking for the students to be back in school, but he's hearing different from teachers.

"The community wants the kids back in school. The teachers were 50/50. I understand the teacher's concerns, but it's just best for the community, and best for the kids to have them back in school face-to-face," Steffensmeier said.

Brad Menke said the three weeks before going back allows the district to develop plans.

Dianne Hope said most of what she's hearing is supportive of putting kids back in school.

"I certainly know that we took a look at family situations and there are things

happening here whether it's food issues, it's day care, its having grandparents in the family – there's a lot of issues."

She said communications through Facebook are supposed to be ignored, but it's difficult when people write the board isn't paying attention to what's going on in the community, and not caring about students and teachers.

"That's so wrong and in my mind is very hurtful," Hope said. "No one alive right now has been through a pandemic in a leadership position. We are not just building an airplane as we're flying it. We haven't even got it off the ground. I don't even know if it's airplane."

She said the district staff has done a good job of navigating these unknown circumstances.

"We're not making this decision blind-

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

JOHN W. GROGAN

John William Grogan, 80, of Keokuk, IA, died Friday, October 9, 2020 at his home.

He was born on July 10, 1940 in Keokuk, IA, the son of John and Hazel Collins Grogan.



GROGAN

John was a veteran of the United States Navy and proudly served his country aboard the USS McDermut for four years.

On June 25, 1960, John was united in marriage to Diana Burkhardt in Los Angeles, CA. She survives.

He is also survived by two daughters, Pam Barclift and her husband Steve and Kelly Grogan, all of Keokuk, and one son, Dave Grogan of Keokuk, five grandchildren, Christopher Barclift and fiancé Kelsey Whitaker, MacKenzie Kleinert and her husband Matt, Shelby Hanan and companion Justin Gay, Katy John Hanan and Tucker Hanan, and one great grandson, Brooks Kleinert. He is also survived by three sisters, Lillian Kraus and her husband Joe of Keokuk, Kaye Vollers of Minnesota, Sue Fink and her husband Keith of Texas, three sisters-in-law, Geraldine Grogan, Judy Grogan, and Sara Humphrey all of Keokuk, one brother-in-law, Alvin Burkhardt and his wife Lupe of California, and many nieces, nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his mother-in-law, Pauline Burkhardt, two sisters, Ellen Marie in infancy and Jean Ketterer and her husband Jack, and three brothers, Thomas Grogan, Gerard Grogan and James Michael Grogan.

John had been employed at the Dial Corporation in Ft. Madison, IA for thirty-two years retiring in 2004.

He was a member of All Saints Catholic Church in Keokuk. John was a people person and a good friend to many. He

enjoyed visiting with his neighbors, spending time at McDonalds and talking on the phone with friends. He also enjoyed taking time to go down to the Keokuk Union Depot to visit with friends who continue to refurbish the building, and to reminisce about taking lunch to his dad, who was Superintendent of the depot in the 40's and early 50's. He loved his Wheelhorse lawn tractors and restored several, along with his son-in-law, Steve, to make them look brand new. He was an avid Iowa Hawkeye football fan. John's grandchildren were the light of his life. He loved spending time with them and being involved in their activities. He especially enjoyed watching his grandson, Chris, race go-carts as a young boy. He was proud that his grandson, Tucker, is following in his footsteps to serve in the U.S. Navy. He always told others that his three granddaughters, MacKenzie, Shelby, and Katy John were the prettiest girls in the world. His great-grandson, Brooks, was his pride and joy.



Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at All Saints Catholic Church in Keokuk with Reverend David Brownfield, Ph.D. officiating. Masks will be required at the church. Burial with Military Rites will be in the Keokuk National Cemetery.

Visitation be held after 1 p.m., Tuesday with the family meeting with friends from 4 pm - 6:30 p.m. A Prayer Service will be held at 6:30 p.m. Social distancing requirements will be in place at the funeral home and masks are strongly encouraged for those attending the visitation. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Keokuk Union Depot Commission. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorial-home.com.

OBITUARIES

KEVIN G. CAHOON

Kevin Greg "Pops" Cahoon, 58 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died at 9:20 pm Thursday October 8, 2020 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City with his wife Ann and son Kevin by his side.

He was born April 29, 1962 at Norfolk, Virginia, to Henry Cahoon and Sandra (Baily) Pillar. His aunt and uncle, John and Phyllis Pyle also helped raise him.

On August 19, 2000 he married Ann (Kinney) Cahoon at Fort Madison.

Kevin was a veteran of the U.S. Army and worked in Auto Detailing, Auto Body Work, Repair, and Paint. He loved camping, teaching his grandchildren to fish, and being with his family. He was also an avid Oakland (now Las Vegas) Raiders fan, and Oklahoma Sooners fan.



Kevin is survived by his wife, Ann, of Fort Madison; 4 sons: Kevin (Melanie) Wilson Cahoon, of Des Moines; Thomas Raines and Sean (Kristi) Raines, both of Fort Madison; and Cody (Katrina) Raines, of Donnellson; 3 daughters: Amber Cahoon and Kaley Cahoon, both of Lockport, Illinois, and Jessica DeWitt, of Fort Madison; one brother: William Pillar, of Norfolk, Virginia; one sister Karen (Patrick) Cahoon-Hill, of Chesapeake, Virginia; and 16 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, and his uncle, John Pyle.

Kevin's family has requested Barr Memorial Chapel to care for his cremation. Memorial services will be held at a future date. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Cahoon family and obituary information and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

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RUBY ROSE SMITH

Ruby Rose (Cron) Smith was born November 9, 1929 in Atlantic, Iowa to Ralph and Rose (Wagner) Cron and passed away in Grimes, Iowa October 7, 2020, peacefully with family by her side.



SMITH

Ruby grew up on a farm south of Lewis and rode the school bus to Lewis to attend elementary school until the family moved to their new farm southwest of Bridgewater when she was eleven. She graduated from Bridgewater High School in 1947. After graduation, Ruby attended summer school in Corning. She enjoyed her classes very much, especially her meteorology class. She then taught country school in Cass and Adair counties for two years. On May 8, 1949, Ruby was united in marriage to Howard Smith at her parents' home near Bridgewater. In 1999 they joyously celebrated their 50th anniversary after winning a battle with lung cancer. In 1952 they moved to their farm south of Massena where they resided all their married life. Ruby and Howard enjoyed traveling and always found time each summer to take the kids on a journey. After the family was grown, they toured 48 states. After Howard's death on May 6, 2003, she remained on the farm until she moved in 2015 to Kennybrook Village in Grimes, Iowa, for health reasons.

While Howard farmed, Ruby kept very busy with a large garden and raising chickens for "egg money" and butchering. She was featured on the cover of Wallaces Farmer magazine with a basket of eggs and young Carol in the picture. She always had a love for flowers and always found room in her garden for their beauty. She loved doing crossword puzzles.

She was preceded in death by her husband Howard, her parents Ralph and Rose Cron, mother-in-law Goldie Davis, and brothers-in-law Leroy Burg, Harold Smith, and Clarence Boling, and sisters-in-law Velma Boling and Virginia Smith.

She is survived by son Larry (Carolyn) Smith of Fort Madison, daughters Linda (Don) Edwards of Massena, Carol (Gary) Klocke of Grimes, and Connie Pruitt of West Des Moines; ten grandchildren Jodi (Shawn) Shanno, Janet Edwards, Jill (Kyle) Recker, Chris (Emily) Smith, Carrie (Brent) Hunold, Kelli (Tim) Lyon, Katie Klocke, Eric (Brooke) Raasch, Tyler Raasch, and Sadie Raasch and 13 great-grandchildren, and her sister Laura Burg of Greenfield and many nieces and nephews.

ROBERT S. VANCE

Robert S. "Bob" Vance, 95, of Farmington, Iowa, passed away at 2:12 p.m. Monday, October 12, 2020, at his home in Farmington.

Bob was born on July 3, 1925, in DeWitt, Iowa, the son of Edward John and Ellen Sophia (Schelin) Vance. On June 12, 1955, he married Naomi Sue Smith at the First Baptist Church in Farmington, Iowa. She preceded him in death on December 21, 1972.



VANCE

Survivors include one daughter: Karen Marshall of Farmington, Iowa; two sons: Robert (Julie) Vance of Farmington, Iowa and Bill (Linda) Vance of Bonaparte, Iowa; sixteen grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; one sister: Rachel Palmer and two brothers-in-law. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife: Naomi; daughter: Amy Jones; brother: Edward Vance and sister: Ellen Boyer.



Bob was a graduate of DeWitt High School. He served in the United States Army as a medic during the Korean War. Bob was a member of the First Baptist Church in Farmington. He enjoyed farming, hunting, fishing, gardening and most of all his family.

The family will receive friends between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 17, 2020, at the First Baptist Church in Farmington

A Funeral Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 17, 2020, at the First Baptist Church in Farmington with Pastor Chad Welch and Pastor Daniel Vance officiating.

Those attending are encouraged to wear a mask and are required to social distance.

Burial will be at Greenglade Cemetery in Farmington with full military rites presented by the Farmington American Legion Richardson - Anthony Post #231.

A memorial has been established in his memory for Every Step Hospice or First Baptist Church in Farmington. Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

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Sports

Hounds roll over Fairfield in regular season finale

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – It's a tough ask to find out exactly the last time the Fort Madison Bloodhounds won six of their first seven games.

It's an even tougher ask to find out the last time they outscored their opponents 154-26 over just three games – or were ranked in the top 10 teams in the state – or had running clocks in three straight games.

But this isn't your typical Fort Madison team.

The Hounds rolled to their fourth straight win with a 55-12 rout of Fairfield (1-5) in Class 3A District 5 action. Fort Madison had the running clock from kick-off of the second half.

"Our ones played really, really well. Our mentality is we focus on us and we try to control our controllables. We focus on execution, effort, attitude, and toughness and they're doing that and I'm proud of them for that," Doherty said.

He said he's glad the kids have gotten to showcase their ability to win.

"I know the caliber of kids we have and I know their commitment and the work they put in in the dark and I was truly hoping they would get a chance to show that under the lights."

The Bloodhound offensive juggernaut blew things open in the first quarter with four touchdowns, the first of which came on Fort Madison's fourth play from scrimmage.

The Hounds forced a Fairfield punt on the Trojans' first possession, but Fairfield's punter shanked the punt to the left where it went out of bounds at the Fort Madison 35.

Landes Williams then took the third snap just off left tackle and rumbled 24 yards to open the scoring with Xander Wellman's extra point making it 7-0.

The ensuing kick was brought back to the Fairfield 31 and after two Payton Cline 1-yard carries on 3rd and 8 the Trojans went to the air. Tate Johnson intercepted Isaac Harris' pass over the middle and ran it back 33 yards for another quick score for a 14-0 Bloodhound lead. The pick six was the third this year for the Hounds and the fifth defensive touchdown scored.

After the Bloodhound defense forced another punt giving up just four yards on three plays, Fort Madison took over on their own 42 and on 1st and 10, Williams would dump a short screen pass left to senior Brock Califf, and the speedster left everyone behind going



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Jakob McGowan almost pulls out of his jersey trying to shake a couple tackles in the second half of Fort Madison's 55-12 win over Fairfield Friday in Fort Madison.

down the Bloodhound sideline for a 58-yard touchdown and a 21-0 lead.

Cline would get things moving for the Trojans on the next series on carries of 3 and 24 on the first two plays, but a tackle for a loss on the 1st and 10 and back-to-back incompletions from Harris would force another Fairfield punt.

Three plays later Williams found Johnson down the middle. Johnson hauled the throw in after it bounced up off his fingertips behind the secondary and he raced 43 yards for a 28-0 lead.

Fairfield would get all the way to the 14 on the next series, but a field goal try went wide left.

After a couple of defensive stands by both teams, Williams would call Will Larson's number in the next series. The two hooked up for 33 yards on two pass plays the second of which was 15 yards out for the score and a 35-0 lead.

The Trojans would struggle again after the kick gaining just one yard and then had another bad punt of just 17 yards. Fort Madison took over at the 42 yard line

and six plays later Callem Maclearn would score his first touchdown of the season from a yard out just before halftime.

Maclearn was tackled at the one on a nine yard run, and last week was tripped up on his way to his first touchdown. But he said this week was special.

"I wanted that. Honestly, it's nice finally getting down there with the ball and scoring," Maclearn.

Maclearn said he's looking forward to the Hounds getting a test in the next few weeks with playoffs opening next Friday.

"I want to get go up against a Clear Creek-Amana or Washington again," Maclearn said.

Fort Madison took the 3rd quarter kick back to the 42 of Fairfield and three plays later with a running clock, Maclearn was in again this time from 12 yards for a 49-0 lead.

The Hounds would add another score when Califf would return his 3rd kickoff of the year for a touchdown in the fourth quarter. He almost broke a punt return for a touchdown on the next series, but was pushed out at the 18.

Fairfield would tack on a couple scores in the fourth quarter with Fort Madison moving the second and third string players in after the half.

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Sports

Central Lee girls take down Crusaders in five

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON – Central Lee’s volleyball team was one point away from a loss.

Instead, the Hawks roared to a comeback victory that was a perfect momentum builder for the postseason.

Central Lee’s 19-25, 23-25, 25-19, 27-25, 15-6 win over No. 6 (Class 1A) Holy Trinity on Tuesday night was a masterful rally from the brink of defeat.

It left coach Amy Cook searching for words to explain how the Hawks accomplished it.

“I mean ... I don’t know,” she said, trying to find the right way to describe the surge.

The Hawks trailed 16-9 in the fourth game before scoring 10 of the next 11 points. Holy Trinity got the lead back to 23-22, and then 24-23 with a chance to serve out the match.

But Taylor Crabtree’s serve went into the net, and suddenly the Hawks had life. They

scored the next two points for a 25-24 lead, then Kassi Randolph’s kill tied the game.

Central Lee’s Mya Merschman, though, completed the comeback with back-to-back kills to force a fifth game, a game in which the Hawks dominated.

“They were pumped after that fourth game,” Cook said.

So pumped, the Hawks had a goal — hold the Crusaders to single digits.

The fifth game wasn’t close. Central Lee scored the first five points on their way to an 11-3 margin. The final point came on a kill by Meghan Hope, touching off a wild celebration.

“Until Game 5, it was anybody’s ballgame,” Holy Trinity coach Melissa Freesmeier said.

“Central Lee controlled Game 5, and we let them. And you can’t do that with good teams.

“They came out hot, and we didn’t stick the first few passes. We weren’t putting hands in their face.”

“As long as we could

run a quick offense, that was going to be the key for us,” Cook said.

The Crusaders took the first two games, but it was clear this was going to be a long night. The Hawks battled back for the win in the third game, scoring the final four points, two coming on Hopp kills.

“They really got the middle of their offense going, and that kept our blockers on their toes,” Freesmeier said.

It was the third five-game loss for the Crusaders in the last two weeks, all in SEI Superconference South Division play.

“It’s a great comeback win for them, another disappointing loss for us,” Freesmeier said.

“Welcome to the South (Division).”

“It was a lot of fun,” Cook said.



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Sisters Natalie Randolph (11) and Kassi Randolph (2) get up in front of an attack at the left side by Central Lee’s Makayla Morrison.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
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October 15, 2020
Time: 5:30 P.M.
Place: Sheaffer
Meeting Room
AGENDA

Electronic Meeting (Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8)
An electronic meeting is being held because a meeting in person is impossible or impractical for the health and safety of Library Board members, library employees and the public presented by COVID-19. You can participate in the meeting via telephone and can comment on an agenda item by joining the Zoom meeting. Using your telephone, dial (312) 626 6799 and enter the meeting ID (819 6827 9956) when prompted. If you have trouble connecting to the meeting, please call (319) 372-5721.

- I. Excused absences
- II. Approval of Agenda

- III. Public Comments
- IV. Approval of minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting August 20
 - V. Approval of the Bills
 - a. Approve spending Direct State Aid of \$1,379.86 for the security gate antennas and two new computers for library employees.
 - b. Approval of September 2020 Bills
 - VI. Correspondence
 - VII. Director's Report
 - a. Financial
 - b. Personnel
 - c. Programming
 - d. Collection Development
 - e. Operations
 - f. Facilities
 - g. Professional
 - VIII. Unfinished Business
 - IX. New Business
 - a. Library maintenance for budget.
 - b. December Volunteer Appreciation Event
 - X. Upcoming Business and Events
 - Next Meeting – Thursday, November 19, 2020, 5:30 pm Fort Madison Public Library

**PUBLIC NOTICE
FORT MADISON
COMMUNITY SCHOOL
DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING
October 19, 2020
5:30 P.M.**

- I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum
- II. Approve the agenda
- III. Closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c) "[t]o 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 governmental body in that litigation."
- IV. Adjourn

**PUBLIC NOTICE
FORT MADISON
COMMUNITY SCHOOL
DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.
October 19, 2020**

Note: To view the regular meeting please see the link on the FMCS Website Calendar or click on the link below. This link is not active until 6:00 PM

<https://zoom.us/j/91467159148?pwd=N-nJ0aHBnS1VwTm9Yc-FRGNnR0N29FZz09>

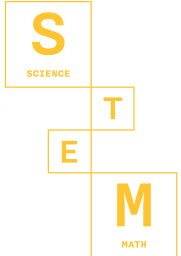
Public Comments are welcome. They are limited to 3 minutes. Any member of the public who wishes to participate in public comments must be physically present at the meeting and follow the appropriate sign in procedures.

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- 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 - Flex period at FMHS
 - C. "Did You Know?"
 - D. Superintendent Goal Report
 - E. District Presentations
- V. Approve the agenda
- VI. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes
 - 1. September 21, 2020
 - 2. October 5, 2020
 - B. Financial reports
 - 1. September Balance Sheet
 - 2. Revenue Summary Report
 - 3. Expenditure Report
 - 4. Student Activity Report
 - C. Accounts payable
 - 1. September General Account Board Bills for Approval American Express
 - 2. October General Account Board Bills for Approval
 - 3. Student Activity Account Board Bills for Approval American Express
 - 4. Nutrition Account Board Bills for Approval
 - D. Consider personnel resignations
 - 1. Dawn Eid, associate at the middle school
 - E. Consider employment of personnel
 - 1. Kent Bailey, 7th and 8th grade basketball
 - 2. Christopher Perez, bus associate
 - 3. Alexander Howe, bus driver

- F. Consider contract modifications
- G. Consider leave of absence
- H. Consider open enrollment requests
- I. Other reports
 - 1. Activity/Athletic fundraisers and Donations
- 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. Superintendent – Erin Slater
 - 1. Consider approval of lane changes
 - 2. Consider approval of policy changes
 - 219.1 - Board - Staff Communications
 - 303.4b - Fringe Benefits - Administrators/Supervisors **delete**
 - 303.4b-R - Administrator/Supervisor Salaries **delete**
 - 303.6-E - Administrator/Principal Performance Standards and Criteria **delete**
 - 303.8 - Administrator Civic Activities
 - 304.2 - Monitoring of Administrative Regulations
 - 400 - Role of And Guiding Principles for Employees
 - 400-R - General Personnel Regulations **delete**
 - 3. Consider approval of agreement with Iowa Occupational Safety and Health Administration.
 - 4. Consider appointment of board member to the Ad Hoc Committee for QLEO assessment
 - 5. Consider approval of Teamsters Unit #1 Salary List addition
 - C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager – Sandy Elmore
 - 1. Consider approval of the Annual Transportation Report for the Fiscal Year

- Ended June 30, 2020
- VIII. Discussion Items
 - A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services – Kim Harmon
 - 1. Fall FAST data report K-8 reading and math
 - 2. Enrollment report
 - B. Superintendent – Erin Slater
 - 1. Virtual instructional tour - FMHS
 - 2. Voted PPEL project updates
 - 3. Updated Return to Learn protocols
 - 4. Consider policy changes
 - 401.3 - Nepotism **minor changes**
 - 401.4 - Staff Complaints and Grievances **minor changes**
 - 401.5-R-1 - Employee Records Regulation **minor changes**
 - 401.5 - Employee Records **minor changes**
 - 401.6 - Transporting of Students by Employees **change to adapt to IASB**
 - 401.7 - Employee Travel Compensation **align with IASB**
 - 401.8 - Recognition for Service of Employees **no changes, same as IASB**
 - 401.9 - Employee Political Activity **minor changes**
 - 401.10 - Credit Cards **minor changes**
 - 401.11 - Employee Orientation **same as IASB**
 - 401.12 - Employee Use of Cell Phones **IASB only, recommend to adopt**
 - 401.12-R-1 - Employee Use of Cell Phones Regulation **IASB only, recommend to adopt**
 - 401.13 - Non-Discriminatory Working Environment (old) **recommend to delete**
 - 401.13 - Staff Technology Use/Social Networking (new) **recommend to adopt IASB version**
 - 401.13-R-1 - Staff Technology Use/Social Networking **IASB only, recommend to adopt**
 - 401.14 - Verification of Criminal Conviction Records **recommend to delete**
 - 401.14-E - State of Iowa



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PUBLIC NOTICES

Criminal History Record Check Form **recommend to delete**

401.14-R-1 - Administrative Procedures **recommend to delete**

The following policies are a result of new Title IX changes:

102 - Equal Educational and Employment Opportunity and Non-Discrimination, Non-Harassment, Non-Retaliation **changes**

102-E-1 - Notice of Non-Discrimination **changes**

102-E-2 - Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Compliance Program **changes**

102-R-1 - General Grievance Procedure **changes**

102-R-2 - Title IX Grievance Procedure **new, recommend to adopt**

104 - Anti-Bullying/Anti-Harassment Policy **changes**

104-R-1 - Anti-Bullying/Anti-Harassment Investigation Procedures **changes**

401.1 - Equal Employment Opportunity **minor changes**

401.4 - Staff Complaints and Grievances **minor changes**

402.3 - Abuse of Students by School Employ-

ees **minor changes**

402.3-R-1 - Abuse of Students by School District Employees **minor changes**

500 - Objectives for Equal Educational Opportunities for Students **changes**

502.4 - Student Complaints and Grievances **minor changes**

5. IASB Convention

6. Certified Staff Attendance

7. Board Member Attendance

C. Board Secretary/Business Manager – Sandy Elmore

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IX. Comments from the audience

X. 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

XII. Adjourn

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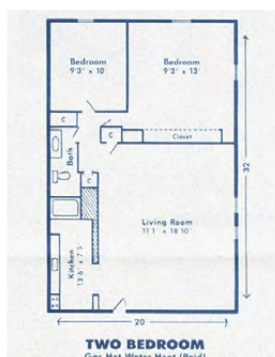
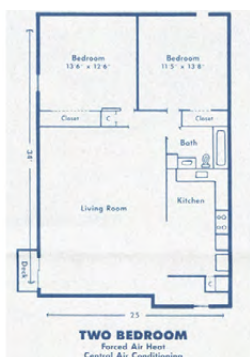
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Local News/From the Front

Data shows no COVID cases among FM elementary students

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ly. We also have to have a plan. What happens in a few weeks if this attendance goes differently? Are we going to be ready and nimble enough to go the other way. This is a tough decision. A very tough decision.”

Board president Tim Wondra said having students in class also helps the social and emotional well-being of the students.

“I think it will also help the kids in the classroom to reach a level of normalcy in their home life too, because parents won’t be stressed,” he said.

Board member Lois DiPrima expressed concerns about students who are in 100% online learning, not performing up to standard educationally or attendance wise.

“To me that child should be in the classroom,” DiPrima said.

Superintendent Dr. Erin Slater said the district’s truancy officer is involved when situations arise about students not attending when required online. She said the district has also been in touch with the Lee County Attorney’s office to make sure they are handling those cases appropriately.

Cory Byrne, president of the Fort Madison Education Association, the local teacher’s union, said teachers are supportive of the district’s action as long as safety is a priority for students and staff.

“Every teacher’s experience has been different, but I want to say that our teacher’s have a different perspective and understand what’s happening in the schools because they are on the front lines every day,” Byrne said.

He said teachers understand the achievement gaps that exists in hybrid learning and they want to come back to face-to-face learning when a safe plan is in place.

“The hybrid plans have come together well, but what teacher’s need are some very clear and consistent expectations that are transparent and that are consistent from building to building,” he said.

Byrne said the two biggest questions are how are teachers going to keep students and families safe, and how to continue developing online curriculum while serving a full class of students.

“That’s been a huge challenge for the teachers and affects the student’s education,” he said.

Data released by the district showed relatively low virus impact at the two elementary schools for face-to-face students since the beginning of the year.

Lincoln showed just one positive case among staff and that was from 9/21 to 10/2, and no positive cases among the students through Oct. 9. When the year started Lincoln had seven students in quarantine, which shrunk down to 2 on Sept. 11. No students were quarantined from Sept. 14 to Sept. 25. One student was quarantined from Sept. 29-Oct. 8.

At Richardson, no students have tested positive to date, but a high of 10 were quarantined from Aug. 31 to Sept. 4. The school has also had two staff members test positive. One was for one day to start the year on Aug. 21, and then another tested positive on Oct. 2.

Fort Madison Middle School has had three students test positive in face-to-face learning since the start of the year, and had a high of 13 students in quarantine from Sept. 29-Oct. 1. There were a high of 10 staff absent from Sept. 1 to Sept. 9, and that district has had at least 1 staff member absent every day this year.

The largest COVID impact has taken place at the high school. In face-to-face instruction, a high of 41 students had been quarantined from Aug. 26-27th with 42 students absent those days. As of Oct. 12 only two students were in quarantine. The highest daily total of positive cases was four from Sept. 22 to Sept. 25.

Among staff, the highest daily total of positive cases was Sept. 25 when 8 staff members had tested positive with 10 absent. As of Oct. 12 no staff were positive or in quarantine. However teachers in Iowa are defined as critical staff and are required to be at school if symptom free.

County creates human resources position

COUNTY - Continued from Page 1

“There was a lot of jockeying last year as to who would be in what PSA, so this resolution would just be to join the Mid-American Port Commission PSA, which would include all of the Mid-American Port Commission counties,” Norris said.

“A PSA to jointly report tonnage did not previously exist.”

Supervisors also approved the appointment of Denise Boyer, of Hall Towing, Inc. in Fort Madison to sit on the commission. She would join Dan Wiedemeier and Joe Steil as Iowa’s appointees to the commission. Wiedemeier is a governor’s appointment. Steil and

Boyer would be appointees from Iowa’s counties in the commission.

Boyer would still need to be approved by the other five counties from Iowa including Des Moines, Henry, Van Buren, Jefferson and Wapello. Iowa, Illinois and Missouri all get three appointees to the commission.

In other action, the board approved changing county Member Benefits Coordinator Michelle Reed, positions from an hourly position to a salaried position with a new job title as Human Resources Generalist by a 4-1 vote.

Folluo voted against the move citing that it should be posted as a vacancy if the position is being changed from hourly to salary.

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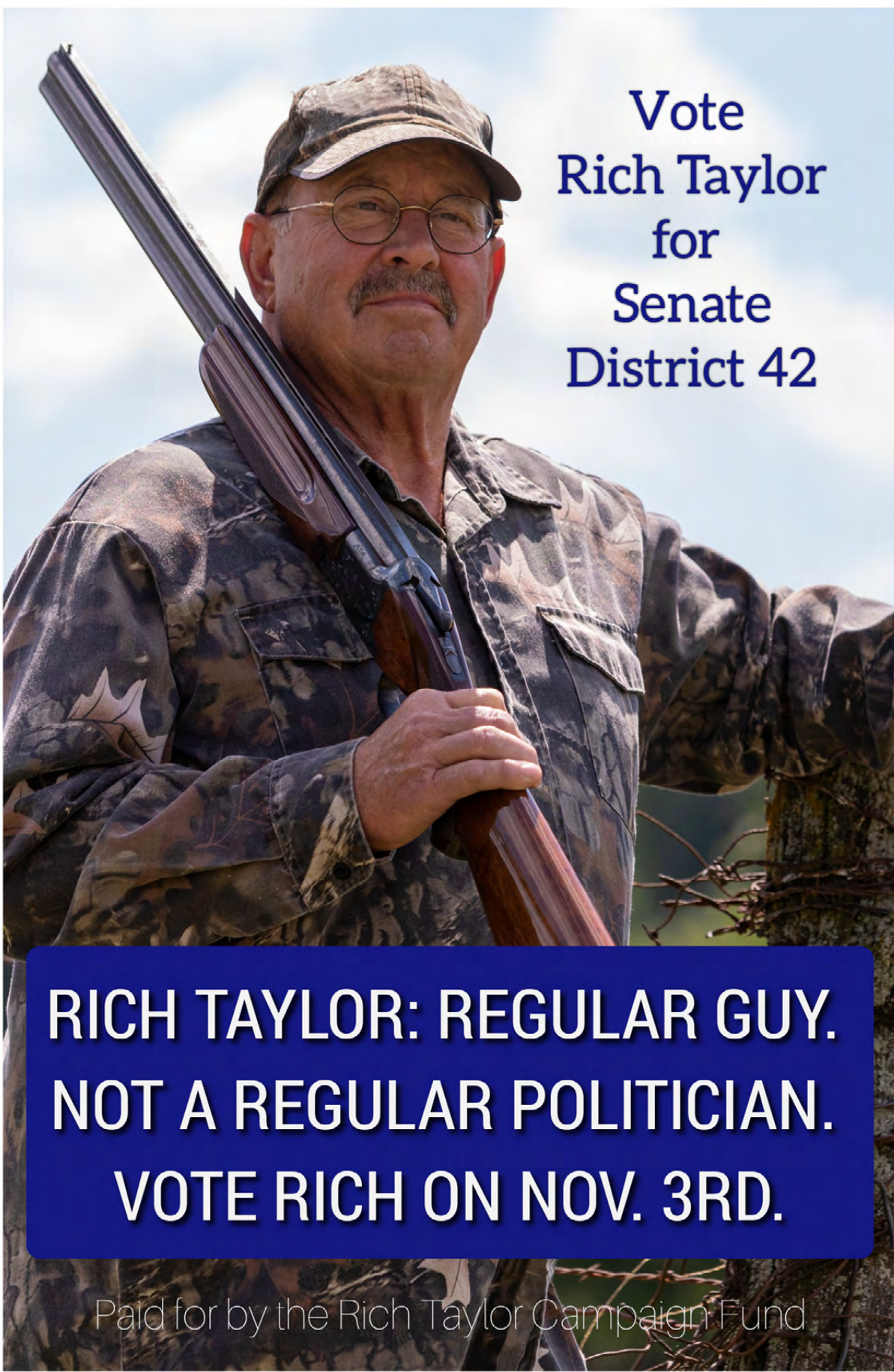
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Fort Madison Police Report

10/07/20 – 3:15 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1100 block of 48th Street.
 10/08/20 – 2:44 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Benjamin Steven Hobbs, 35, of Fort Madison, in the 3100 block of Avenue K, on a warrants for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 10/08/20 – 10:02 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue I.
 10/08/20 – 11:57 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2100 block of Avenue G.
 10/08/20 – 9:18 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 4600 block of Avenue J.
 10/08/20 – 10:08 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2900 block of Avenue M.
 10/09/20 – 4:50 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1600 block of Avenue H.
 10/09/20 – 10:40 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue L.
 10/09/20 – 12:49 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 500 block of Avenue D.
 10/10/20 – 11:00 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Arnold Leo Sholl, 59, of Fort Madison, on a charge of a OWI-1st offense. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 10/11/20 – 9:51 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1300 block of Avenue G.

10/11/20 – 2:39 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Cody Sheridan Collins, 30, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of Avenue G, on a charge of violating a no-contact order. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 10/11/20 – 2:39 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Kimberly Ann Sanderson, 58, of Fort Madison in the 1200 block of Avenue G, on a charge of aiding and betting. She was released with a court date.
 10/11/20 – 5:43 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2600 block of Avenue L.
 10/12/20 – 12:52 a.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Elliot M. Hemphill, 28, of Fort Madison, in the 3000 block of Avenue N, on a charge of driving under suspension.
 10/12/20 – 1:36 a.m. – 10/11/20 – 5:43 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2100 block of Avenue F.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

10/07/20 – 12:30 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Andres Benjamin Duran, 37, of Keokuk, in the 900 block of Johnson Street Road, on a charge of possession of media exploiting a minor. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 10/08/20 – 7:44 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on Hwy. 61 northbound offramp to Hwy. 2. According to reports, a vehicle driven by Larry Rex McDowell, 55, of Keokuk collided with the rear end of a vehicle driven by Kayla Deanne Seager, 30, of Fort Madison, while Seager was preparing to

turn onto Hwy. 2. No citation or injuries were reported.
 10/09/20 – 12:30 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Sarah Grace Matthews, 21, of Kahoka, Mo., at the Clark County Jail on warrants for 5th-degree theft, manufacture/delivery/possession of controlled substance, failure to obey stop sign or yield right of way, failure to appear, and charges of fraudulent use of a registration, no valid driver's license, speeding, unsafe passing, and eluding. She was held in custody.
 10/09/20 – 1:28 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Austin Ray Triplet, 24, of Pulaski, Ill., at the sheriff's office on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 10/09/20 – 1:31 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jacob Anthony Haage, 27, of Montrose, at the sheriff's office on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 10/09/20 – 3:17 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 2600 block of Hwy. 218. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Olivia Janis Tennant, 15, of Donnellson, left the Central Lee school parking lot and failed to yield to a vehicle driven by Rex Ervin Wilson, 73, of Paton, Ia., who was headed northbound and struck Tennant's vehicle broadside. No injuries were reported and Tennant was cited for failure to yield.
 10/09/20 – 7:50 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on Hwy. 61. According to the report, a vehicle

driven by Matthew Leonard Binder, 41, of Mt. Pleasant struck a box spring lying in the roadway. No injuries or citations were reported.
 10/09/20 – 7:42 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to one vehicle accident on Hwy. 61. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Gary Delmar Edens, 79, of Fort Madison, reported struck a box spring left in the roadway, but went home where minor damage was reported. No injuries or citation were reported.

Hancock County Sheriff's Report

10/05/20 – Thomas R Francisco, age 42, of Carthage, IL was arrested and charged Driving Under the Influence, Illegal Transportation of Alcohol, No Valid License, and Bribery. Francisco was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 10/06/20 – Caleb E Land, age 38, of Warsaw, IL was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Cannabis and Driving While License Suspended. Land was released on his own recognizance and given a future court date.
 10/07/20 – Devin W Schofield, age 26, of Carthage, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Criminal Trespass to Residence Petition to Revoke Probation. Schofield remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.
 10/07/20 – Erika M Nichols, age 34, of Keokuk, IA was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with

Failure to Appear on original charges of Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. Nichols remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bond awaiting her next court appearance.
 Christopher M Romer, age 33, of Carthage, IL was arrested and charged with Bond Violation. Romer remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.
 10/08/20 – Robert S Davis, age 22, of Streamwood, IL was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended. Davis released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 10/08/20 – Michael A Gonzalez, age 29, of Keokuk, IA was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Speeding. Gonzalez was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 10/08/20 – Mercedes A Hobson, age 29, of Macomb, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges of Speeding, Driving While License Suspended, and Operating Uninsured Vehicle. Hobson was also arrested on a Fulton County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear on original charges of Driving While License Suspended. Hobson was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 10/08/20 – Jessica S Deakle, age 37, of Quincy, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear on original charges of Failure to Appear Probation Violation on original charges of Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. Deakle remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting her next court appearance.
 10/09/20 – Jeremy L Harris, age 34, of Keokuk, IA was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original

charges of Driving While License Suspended, Operating Uninsured Vehicle, and Unlawful Display of Registration. Harris was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 10/09/20 – Richard A Hamby, age 33, of Quincy, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges of Driving Under the Influence. Hamby was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 10/09/20 – Ryan M Sturm, age 32, of Nauvoo, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Count 1 Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse and Count 2 Child Pornography. Sturm remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail awaiting his initial court appearance.
 10/09/20 – Gunnar W Ward, age 27, of Nauvoo, IL was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. Ward remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.
 10/10/20 – Jeremy W Cozadd, age 38, of Nauvoo, IL was arrested and charged with Driving While License Revoked. Cozadd was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 10/10/20 – Shad W Mattingly, age 48, of Keokuk, IA was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended. Mattingly was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 10/10/20 – Brandon R Knopf, age 29, of Carthage, IL was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence. Knopf was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 10/11/20 – Bradley A Eaves, age 49, of Niota, IL was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence. Eaves was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 Those listed above a presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

FMCH Pediatrics Welcomes Dr. Bryan Blacker



"I love to watch my patients grow, learn and change from year to year. The most rewarding part of my day is empowering and educating parents. Most parents work hard to be the best they can and do the right thing for their children. My job is to help give them the tools and knowledge to keep their kids healthy."

– Dr. Bryan Blacker

Fort Madison Community Hospital is pleased to welcome Dr. Bryan Blacker. Dr. Blacker is a Board eligible Pediatrician and will join the FMCH Pediatric Clinic on Monday, August 3, 2020.

Dr. Blacker is coming to FMCH after completing his Pediatric Residency at the University of South Dakota. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Nutritional Sciences from Brigham Young University and his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University Of New Mexico School Of Medicine.

Pediatricians specialize in the health care of children from preventive to diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases. They collaborate with the child's parent or guardian to deal with the physical, emotional and social development of their children.

Dr. Blacker will see patients from newborn through the teenage years in the clinic along with Dr. Kolleen Burnett, Dr. Libby Balbort, Dr. Greg Gorski and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Susan Holtkamp.



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