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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Courtesy Photo

A crew from Siemens-Gamesa works on a home during the 2020 Paint-A-Thon. Volunteers are still needed to help with this year's homes.

PAINT-A-THON: Volunteer teams still needed for Fort Madison's annual spruce up

BY TIM GOBBLE
Fort Madison Partners

FORT MADISON – The Paint-A-Thon has proven to be successful and we want to continue that success here in Fort Madison, but need the public's help to pull it off. The dates have been set: week of April 26 thru April 30, 2021. During the week of April 26th, teams will prep the house and start painting as soon as prep work is complete.

WHAT IS "PAINT-A-THON"?

The Paint-A-Thon is an event in which volunteer groups paint the homes (owner occupied) of low-income individuals living in the city limits of Fort Madison. This event allows homeowners with financial and physical limitations to have their homes painted free of cost so they can use their income to cover other important costs, such as medication, groceries and utility bills.

Residents will apply to have the exterior of their homes painted, then volunteer groups from civic groups, churches and businesses lend a helping hand to paint, and local businesses and residents donate supplies. This community beautification effort is a great way to help those who qualify.

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LEE COUNTY NEWS

Supervisors form panel to oversee stimulus funding

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A five-person committee will oversee the spending of an estimated \$6.5 million in federal stimulus money that the county is tentatively expecting in the next 80 days.

The American Rescue Plan stimulus package signed into law on March 11 by President Joe Biden, provides funds to almost every incorporated city and county local government in the country.

At Monday's regular meeting of the

Lee County Board of Supervisors, Chairman Matt Pflug recommended appointing supervisors Ron Fedler and Garry Seyb Jr., to the panel, along with County Auditor Denise Fraise, County

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Iowa loss will sting for Garza for a lifetime

March is going to hurt.

March delivers more pain than pleasure in the NCAA Tournament. Sixty-seven of the 68 teams have their seasons ended with a loss, and even Luka Garza, a student of the game, knows that the odds of a happy finish are long.

But Garza wanted to come back to Iowa for his senior season to try to be on the right side of those odds, because he thought the Hawkeyes had the roster to do it.

That chance, he thought, was too good to pass up.

Pain came on Monday, when Garza and the Hawkeyes were eliminated from the tournament in a 95-80 loss to Oregon in the second round in Indianapolis.

March's reality can be cruel to even the best players, which is why Garza sobbed on coach Fran McCaffery's shoulder as he left the court for the final time.

"I really wanted to take this team and lead this team to where we could be," Garza said. "I felt like this was a team where our season wasn't supposed to be over today. That's upsetting to me because I just ... everybody in that locker room worked so hard to be able to get back to this moment, and it's upsetting that we couldn't be able to excel and win the game. That's obviously the most upsetting thing."

"Obviously I love the University of Iowa. I love my teammates. I love my coaches. These guys changed my life, and I worked as hard as I could, and I played as hard as I could, and obviously it just hurts that it's over."

Garza left behind numbers that will live in the program's history. He leaves as its all-time leading scorer at 2,306 points, a two-time consensus first-team All-American, a two-time national player of the

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WEATHER

TUE 23 Mar.....	Heavy Rain, 60° F/50° F
WED 24 Mar.....	Rain, 51° F/41° F
THU 25 Mar.....	Rain, 44° F/39° F

IOWA LOTTERY

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For the Record

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Fort Madison Police Report

03/16/21 – 12:22 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Shelby Nacole Whittaker, 25, of Fort Madison, in the 800 block of Avenue G, on a warrant for a pretrial violation out of Des Moines County. She was transported to the Des Moines County line. 03/16/21 – 12:22 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Jennica Ann Stewart, 39, of Fort Madison, in the 3400 block of Avenue N, on a charge of dependent adult abuse and 1st-degree theft. She was taken to the Lee County Jail. 03/16/21 – 1:05 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 5100 block of Avenue O. 03/16/21 – 3:51 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a

property damage accident at the intersection of 15th Street and Avenue B. 03/17/21 – 6:30 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Layken Nicole Burkhammer, 18, of Keokuk, at the police station, on a charge of driving while revoked. She was released on a promise to appear. 03/16/21 – 4:31 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 900 block of Avenue G. 03/17/21 – 8:21 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Cierre Jamin Pruitt, 35, of Burlington, in the 2100 block of Avenue L, on a charge of driving under suspension. 03/17/21 – 9:39 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Serena Dawn Schnider, 43, of Fort Madison in the 3300 block of Avenue H, on a charge of driv-

ing under suspension. 03/18/21 – 12:17 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2200 block of Avenue G. 03/18/21 – 11:35 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1100 block of 48th Street. 03/18/21 – 1:18 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Chad Richard Barker, 42, of Farmington, in the 4800 block of Avenue L, on a charge of burglary of a motor vehicle. He was released with a court date. 03/19/21 – 1:45 a.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Irene Rose Bengé, 80, of Fort Madison, in the 4700 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving under suspension.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

03/16/21 – 1:15 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Shawn Eugene Stanbridge, 35, of Quincy, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for probation violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 03/16/21 – 9:32 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jacob Allen Anderson, 31, of Keokuk, at Hwy. 61 and Carbide Lane in Keokuk, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, drug trafficking, drug stamp violations and possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 03/18/21 – 7:41 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Hwy. 218 and 61. A vehicle driven by Joseph Mark Kempker, 58, New London, collided with the back end of a vehicle

driven by Clinton Robert Gould, 28, while both vehicle were turning southbound. Kempker was cited for following too closely. No injuries were reported.

Hancock County Sheriff's Report

03/15/21 – Dylan J Kreoger, age 26, of Hamilton, IL was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery and Disorderly Conduct. Kreoger was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date. 03/16/21 – Lance W Clark, age 32, of Carthage, IL was arrested and charged with Residential Burglary. Clark remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail awaiting his next court appearance. 03/16/21 – Guy M Stephens, age 54, of Hamilton, IL was arrested and

charged with Disorderly Conduct. Stephens was released on his own recognizance and given a future court date. 03/17/21 – John R Thorn, age 38, of Alexandria, MO was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Unlawful Delivery of Methamphetamine. Thorn remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail awaiting his next court appearance. 03/18/21 – Jessica S Deakle, age 37, of Quincy, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear for Petition to Revoke Probation-Sentencing Hearing. Deakle remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail awaiting her next court appearance. 03/18/21 – Mandy S Ellis, age 25, of Colchester, IL was arrested on a McDonough County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear on original charges of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Ellis was also arrested on an Order for Body Attachment. Ellis was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date. 03/18/21 – Amanda Jo Thompson, age 35, of Keokuk, IA was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine. Thompson was released on her own recognizance and given a future court date. 03/19/21 – Hanna Kay Biswell, age 19, of Carthage, IL was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. Biswell was released on her own recognizance and given a future court date. 03/19/21 – Simon L Cross, age 41, of Bowen, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Criminal Trespass to Real Property, Improper Use of Registration, Operating an Uninsured Vehicle, and Driving While License Revoked. Cross was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date. *Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

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OBITUARIES

JOHN A. FISH

John A. Fish, 73, of Fort Madison passed away at 10:19 AM on Friday, March 19, 2021 at his home.

He was born on December 6, 1947 in Fort Madison to Wendell J. and Viola R. Schwarz Fish. He married Karen Cassidy in November of 1979 and they later divorced. John worked at Lee County Bank for several years and then worked at Alufoil Packaging, North American Van Lines for twenty years and Shopko where he retired from on October 11, 2011. He loved Quarter Horses, going to horse shows and rodeos when he could. He met many lifelong friends over the years and enjoyed their company and going to visit them.

Survivors include many close friends and his cousins in Davenport, Colorado, Naples, FL and Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and a private burial will be held in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.



FISH

OBITUARIES

MICHAEL J. McANDREW

Michael "Mike" Joseph McAndrew, 58, of Waco, Texas died Friday, March 19, 2021 in Waco, Texas.

Survivors include one son, Ryan Cox of San Antonio, Texas; one daughter Loren McAndrew of Waco, Texas; one brother Mark McAndrew of McKinney, Texas; three sisters Jeanne Samiiof of Seguin, Texas, Lucinda "Cindy" Logsdon of Phoenix, Ariz., and Melinda "Mendy" Roberts of San Antonio, Texas, many nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12 noon Monday, March 29, 2021 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Kahoka, MO. Burial will be in the Kahoka Cemetery. Visitation will be held between 2-4 p.m., Sunday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Kahoka, MO with the family meeting with friends at that time. A vigil service will be held at 4 p.m. at the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com. The Vigen Memorial Home of Kahoka, Missouri is in charge of arrangements.



McANDREW

Iowa Dept. of Ed to get \$775M

DES MOINES — The Iowa Department of Education today announced that the state is slated to receive nearly \$775 million in federal relief for Pre-K-12 schools through a fund to address costs incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The amount is Iowa's share of the more than \$122.7 billion in a third round of emergency relief provided in the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (APR ESSER) Fund. The fund is part of the comprehensive \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan, which was signed into law on March 11. This third round of funding is more than double the amount the state received earlier this year through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRSSA) Act and roughly 10 times the amount the state received a year ago through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

"With Iowa's schools open for learning, this new round of funding will provide critical support to address current needs and plan for the future," said Iowa Department of Education Director Ann Lebo. "Schools can use this funding over the next two and a half years to cover a variety of pandemic-related expenses and strategies. This includes addressing disruptions to teaching and learning, meeting students' social, emotional, behavioral health needs, providing summer school and other extended learning and enrichment programs, hiring additional personnel to keep schools safe and healthy, supporting educators in the effective use of technology and meeting the connectivity needs of remote learners."

Of the nearly \$775 million, 90 percent will be available to school districts. The remaining funds will be used for state-level educational efforts to address urgent issues caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The law also requires that at least 20 percent of the funds available to school districts be used to address disruptions to learning through the implementation of evidence-based interventions and to respond to the academic and social, emotional, behavioral health needs of students.

The Iowa Department of Education will provide more information soon about how the APR ESSER funding will be allocated.

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Random Acts of Kindness

The Fort Madison and Keokuk Area Chambers of Commerce are recognizing Friday March 19 (3-19) as Random Acts of Kindness day in the 319 area code. They are encouraging good acts of neighbors, businesses and individuals through the day on Friday.

Legislative Luncheon

LEE COUNTY – The monthly Legislative Luncheon sponsored by the Fort Madison and Keokuk Area Chambers of Commerce will be held Friday at noon. Register at <http://bit.ly/leeleg3192021>. State Reps. Joe Mitchell (R-84th District) and Martin Graber (R-83rd District), and State Sen. Jeff Reichman (R-42nd District) are scheduled to join virtually.

Egg-Stravaganza

FORT MADISON – Shug's Tiny Town in Fort Madison will be holding a children's Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 27, from 10 to noon for 4 and under, and from 1 to 3 p.m. for ages 5 to 8. Space is limited and cost is \$25 per child. Prizes and treats for the egg hunters.

Family Fixins

LEE COUNTY – ISU Extension and Outreach will be hosting a one-skillet meal cooking class for the whole family on March 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Fort Madison YMCA. The class is free for the whole family and the family will prepare one recipe to take home. To register, call the ISU Extension office at 319-835-5116.

Understanding Dementia

FORT MADISON – The Kensington will be hosting a virtual event featuring Cheri Theesen on "Understanding Changes as Dementia Advances". Theesen will offer insights for those who love and care for someone with dementia. The event is Monday, March

29 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. RSVP to Cindy Greer at cgreer@kensington-evergreen.com to receive an event link.

Read Across Iowa

WEST POINT – Preschool story time through the Iowa State University Extension is being held on Mondays in March beginning at 10 a.m. at the West Point Public Library. This year's theme is agriculture.

Faeth's Annual Tractor Show

FORT MADISON – The event will be held at Faeth's Cigar Store in Fort Madison on Saturday, April 3, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a parade at 1 p.m.

YMCA registering for programs

FORT MADISON – Little Tykes Soccer and Lee County Soccer registration is now open through the Fort Madison YMCA. Call 319-372-2403 to register and for more information. The YMCA is also scheduling private youth gymnastics lessons for boys and girls ages 10 and up.

Y Kids & Company preschool enrollment is now open for the 2021-22 school year. Call the YMCA for additional information.

Blue and Silver Celebration

FORT MADISON – Holy Trinity Catholic will hold it's annual Blue and Silver celebration, an annual tribute to teachers. This year's event will be Saturday, March 27, 2021 and limited to teachers and guests only. The HTC Teacher of the Year will be announced.

Community Clean-up

FORT MADISON – The annual community clean up has been set this year for April 24. Contact the Chamber at 319-372-5471.

United Way Golf Outing, Virtual 5K

LEE COUNTY – The United Way annual golf outing

will be held on May 7 this year with a noon shotgun start. Registration and sponsorships are now available by contacting Karen at 319-524-4504 or at director@unitedwaygrr.org. The group is also sponsoring a virtual 5K event from May 21, to May 31. Registration is ongoing with a cost of \$20 per person including a t-shirt, \$15 to participate with no shirt. Shirts can be picked up at 511 Blondeau St. in Keokuk or you can include an additional \$5 to have it shipped to you.

Jack Morris Florida of Iowa

LEE COUNTY – After being canceled due to COVID in 2020, the annual Jack Morris Memorial Florida of Iowa Golf Outing is set for June 11. Sponsorships are available and registrations are being taken by contacting the Chamber at 319-372-5471 or by email at chamber@fortmadison.com.

FMCH Foundation Golf Classic


LEE COUNTY – The Fort Madison Foundation golf outing will be held Friday, June 18 at Sheaffer memorial Golf Course with morning and afternoon flights. Sponsorship and Team opportunities are now available. All money raised benefits Fort Madison Community Hospital. Contact Carrie at 319-376-2747 or cgreen@fmchosp.com for more information.

Green Team Fundraiser

The Fort Madison Green Team is soliciting funds for One Tree Planted, a non-profit whose mission is to plant trees in every corner of the world. To make a donation, click on the link provided: <https://www.bonfire.com/the-green-team-fundraiser/>.

Fort Madison Public Library

All Booked Up! is held Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. This week discussion will focus on the Underground Railroad. At 3:30 each Thursday is Thursday Crafternoons at the library. Facemasks are required.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

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CITY COUNCIL
3/16/2021**

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, 3/16/2021, at

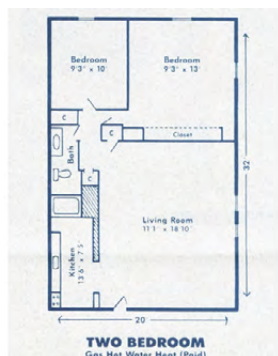
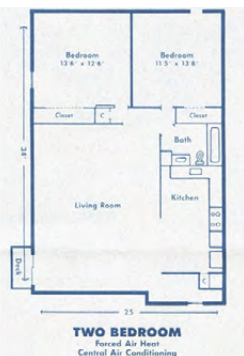
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City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Andrews, Bowker, Lair, Schulz, Rink, Cangas and Amandus present. This meeting was held with Council and staff present but was also available electronically (pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8) due to social distancing issues because of COVID-19.

On motion, Council approved the agenda. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 3/2/2021; Payroll of 3/12/2021; February Manual Claims, February Financial Report; and Liquor License Renewal: Dollar General Store #15777, 429 Avenue H.

The Historic Preservation Commission Chairman's Annual Certified Local Government Report was presented by the Commission's Chairman, Chris Sorrentino.

Mohrfeld opened the public hearing concerning the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget at 6:09 P.M. Mohrfeld closed the public hearing at 6:07 P.M. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-17, adopting the Fiscal Year

2021-22 Budget, and directing the appropriate filing be made by law. On motion, Council approved the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 2, Chapter 11, by adding a new Section 11, and Title 3, Chapter 2, by adding a new Section 4. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-18, ratifying a settlement agreement with the Fire Fighters Association, Local 607.

On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a Lease Agreement with River Rocks, LLC, for the use of a portion of the marina building and attached

EXPENDITURES	
General	\$47,094.52
Special Revenue	129,135.06
Road Use	39,520.79
Capital	23,252.58
Water	30,992.67
Sewer	8,694.22
Solid Waste/IWC	25,166.90
Storm Water Util.	880.00
	\$304,736.74

PAYROLL	
General	\$ 179,051.24
Old Fort	2,766.89
Road Use	28,058.09
Tourism	1,314.50
Water	30,113.85
Sewer	40,627.07
Solid Waste	12,046.63
Airport	312.77
Storm Water	3,725.43
	\$298,016.47

shelter in Riverview Park. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's reappointment of Jacqueline Lumsden and Jill Stull to the Park Board, terms expiring 3/31/2024. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on an Engagement Agreement with Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., for services to prepare an Amendment to the City's Urban Renewal Plan.

At 6:51 P.M., the meeting adjourned until April 6, 2021, at 5:30 P.M.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

REVENUES	
General	\$ 51,435.50
Special Rev.	373,543.65
Road Use	15,135.62
Water	560.45
Sewer	1,627.45
Solid Waste/IWC	260.53
SW Utility	44.26
	\$442,607.46

CLERK OF COURT, COURT COST 180
 COMPANY NURSE LLC, ON JOB INJURY 172
 CORE & MAIN LP, TUBING 746.2
 CULLEN PEST CONTROL, MARINA - RODENT REFILL 189
 CURE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, FEBRUARY COMPLETE PLAN 9,282.50
 DAILY DEMOCRAT, PUBLICATIONS 375.31
 DIGITAL ALLY, CABLE REPLACE/BATTERY COVER 745
 DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY, INK CARTRIDGES 85.93
 EBERT SUPPLY, TOWELS 80
 ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING, KNOB KIT 397.8
 FLOYD'S E-Z WAY, TRASH REMOVAL (ADDITIONAL) 695.1
 FULLENKAMP, MIKE, LAPEL PIN SET 52.25
 GALL'S, AN ARAMARK COMPANY, DOUBLE MAG POUCH 38.94
 GREAT RIVER REGIONAL WASTE, GARBAGE DISPOSAL 11,080.69
 GREENWOOD CLEANING SYSTEM, FLOOR CLEANER 102.5
 HACH CHEMICAL CO., TESTING SUPPLIES 508

BROWN SUPPLY CO. INC., CURB STOP 3,584.00
 BROZENES HYDRAULIC EQUIPMENT, REBUILD SALT SPINNER 2,072.41
 BUILDING MATERIALS INC, BOARDS/PARTS 4,320.52
 BURLINGTON MUNI WATER, BACTERIA SAMPLES 85
 CALHOUN-BURNS AND ASSOCIATION, PROF FEE - BRIDGE PROJ 7,681.60
 CENTRE STATE INTL TRUCKS, RADIATOR 884.11
 CESSFORD CONSTRUCTION CO., UPM PERFORMANCE 1,354.30
 CITY OF FORT MADISON, LEACHATE DISCHARGE 1,662.57

CLAIMS 3/16/2021

AHLERS & COONEY, PC PROF FEE - SRF FUNDING & URBAN RENEWAL 9,159.97
 ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC 2,427.29
 ALTORFER INC., CUTTING EDGE FOR LOADER 1,974.55
 ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, UNIFORM 965.04
 B&B PROPANE, HEAT 493.89
 BARCO MUNICIPAL PROD INC., FLUSH MOUNT/POSTS 1,522.00
 BATES SANITATION & ASPHALT, PORTA-POTTIE RENTAL 150
 BEACH & ENKE TRUCKING, HAULING SNOW 720

HENDERSON PRODUCTS, INC, TARP/ALUM MOUNT 936.01
 HEUSS PRINTING, INC, ADVERTISING 265.5
 HOLT SUPPLY COMPANY, MALE ADAPTER 274.75
 HOWARD R GREEN COMPANY, PROF FEE - GIS SERVICES 12,479.60
 HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE, STEEL 614.73
 HUMBURD'S AUTO SERVICE, TIRE REPAIR 1,377.34
 ICONNECTYOU, INTERNET 7.17
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 IDEXX DISTRIBUTION, INC., TESTING KITS 2,140.23

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 WEST CENTRAL FS, INC, HOSE/HOSE GUARD..... 77
 WINDSTREAM, PHONE 259.85
 TOTAL 181,591.37
 GENERAL 40660.74
 SPECIAL REVENUES 35271.76
 ROAD USE 22873.84
 CAPITAL PROJECTS 23252.58
 WATER 28160.02
 WASTEWATER .. 6495.11
 SOLID WASTE 23440.71
 AIRPORT 556.61
 STORM WATER 880
 TOTAL 181591.37

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ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC 19,608.18
 B&B PROPANE, HEAT 759.68
 RATHBUN REG'L WATER ASSOC, WATER 28.09
 U.S. CELLULAR, PHONES 1,015.06
 VERIZON WIRELESS, HOTSPOTS POLICE 320.08
 WELLMARK BC/BS, MARCH HEALTH INS PREMIUMS 93,278.60
 WEX BANK, FUEL USAGE 8,135.68
 Total 123,145.37
 GENERAL 6,433.78
 SPECIAL REVENUES 93,278.60
 ROAD USE 16,646.95
 WATER 2,832.65
 WASTEWATER 2,199.11
 SOLID WASTE .. 1,726.19
 AIRPORT 28.09
 TOTAL 123,145.37

**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fort Madison
Community School
District
1930 Avenue M
Minutes of the
Regular Meeting
February 16, 2021,
6:05 p.m.**

I. The meeting was called to order by President Hope at 6:06 p.m. Directors Wykert, Ross, DiPrima, Wondra, Stefensmeier and Menke were present. Also present were Superintendent

Slater, Director of Curriculum and Student Services Harmon, and Secretary Elmore.
 II. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS. President Hope 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 Goals for the Fort Madison Community School District.
 IV. MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS
 A. STUDENT REP REPORT – There was none.
 B. CURRICULUM CORNER – SEL Family Night Series – The Board was presented with information regarding recent Social and Emotional Learning nights that were held for FMCS D families.
 C. "DID YOU KNOW?" – Superintendent Slater referred Board members to the FMCS D website and other social media for information regarding the Fort Madison Community School District. Information was also shared regarding the recent visit of Governor Kim Reynolds.
 D. SUPERINTENDENT GOAL REPORT – The Board was referred to the Indicators of Progress

document for the latest updates.
 E. DISTRICT PRESENTATIONS
 1. Instructional Tour: Lincoln Elementary School – The Board viewed an instructional tour of Lincoln Elementary.
 V. APPROVE THE AGENDA. It was moved by Wondra and seconded by DiPrima 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 Wykert to approve the consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda consisted of:
 A. MINUTES
 1. January 18, 2021 Regular meeting
 2. February 1, 2021 work session minutes
 B. FINANCIAL REPORTS
 1. January Balance

Sheet
 2. Revenue Summary Report
 3. Expenditure Report
 4. Student Activity Report
 C. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
 1. January General Account Board Bills for Approval AMEX
 2. February General Account Board Bills for Approval
 3. Student Activity Account Board Bills for Approval AMEX
 4. Nutrition Account Board Bills for Approval
 D. PERSONNEL RESIGNATIONS
 1. Christopher Perez, bus associate
 2. Suzanne Peak-Ross, teacher
 3. Cindy Schmitz, food service
 4. Sebastian Seifert, Director of Technology
 5. Donna McVeigh, teacher
 6. Brenda Sporkman,



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 Fort Madison IA 52627
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- Current PALS

EMT Qualifications:

- High School Diploma (GED or High School Equivalence Certificate)
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- Valid Driver's License/insurable
- Current BLS

Applicants must be eligible to work in the U.S. Veterans will be given preference but all candidates will be considered. Applications and job descriptions may be found online at www.leecounty.org and may be also obtained at the Lee County Auditor's Office, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison Iowa. Applications accepted through April 5, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Complete background check, drug screening and post-offer physical required. Lee County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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teacher
 7. Sabrina Snaadt, on-line support, IT secretary
 8. Debra Moeller, teacher

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JOB DESCRIPTION:
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REQUIREMENTS:
 Graduation from an accredited law school and admission to practice law in the State of Iowa with a law license in good standing and no history of discipline.

Must be able to simultaneously handle multiple areas of responsibility with minimal supervision, properly prioritizing tasks and duties as dictated by changing demands. Must be able to simultaneously advance all assigned cases in a large trial caseload.

Prior trial experience and prosecution experience is preferred but not required.

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 Salary range to start at \$71,300.00 per year commensurate with experience, as well as a competitive benefits package.

Applicants should submit, by email or mail, a cover letter, resume, writing sample, and three references to:

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 Lee County Attorney
 710 Avenue F
 Fort Madison, Iowa 52627
rbraden@leecounty.org

Applications must be received by March 19, 2021 at 4:30 PM.

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9. Ashley Gelsthorpe, secretary
 10. Mandi Eid, food service
 11. John Hager, IT
 12. Karen Jones, HS student gov't sponsor - 1/2 time

E. EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL
 1. Stephanie Brownlee - HS Student Gov't Sponsor - Full Time
 2. Ashley Gelsthorpe - Clerical Associate Class A - Richardson
 3. John Hager - Directory of Technology
 4. Kayla Horner, General Ed. Associate - Class C at Lincoln Elementary
 5. Jennifer Nye, Receptionist/Clerical Associate - High School

6. Marilyn Shipman, Special Ed. Associate - Class E at the High School

7. Isaac Steffensmeier, Asst. Boys Track coach
 8. Tonya Todd, Special Ed. Associate - Class E at the Middle School
F. CONSIDER CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS
G. CONSIDER LEAVE OF ABSENCES
H. CONSIDER OPEN ENROLLMENT REQUESTS

I. OTHER REPORTS
 1. Activity and athletic fundraisers
 The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.
VII. ACTION ITEMS
A. DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES - KIM

HARMON
B. SUPERINTENDENT - DR. ERIN SLATER

1. Consider approval of request to purchase new risers for use by the band. The Board reviewed the request. Discussion followed. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Wondra to approve the risers as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

2. Consider approval of the 2021-2022 calendar. The Board reviewed the 2021-2022 Calendar. Discussion followed. It was moved by Wykert and seconded by Menke to approve the 2021-2022 Calendar as presented. The motion passed on a

7-0 voice vote.
 3. Consider approval of policy changes

• Policy 403.2 - Employee Injury on the Job. It was moved by Steffensmeier and seconded by Menke to approve Policy 403.2 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

• Policy 403.3 - Communicable Diseases - Employees. It was moved by Wykert and seconded by Wondra to approve Policy 403.3 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

• Policy 403.3-R-1 - Universal Precautions. It was moved by Menke and seconded by Wykert to approve Policy 403.3-R-1 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

• Policy 403.3-E-1 - Hepatitis B Vaccine Information and Record. It was moved by Steffensmeier and seconded by DiPrima to approve Policy 403.3-E-1 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

• Policy 403.4 - Hazardous Chemical Disclosure. It was moved by Menke and seconded by Wykert to approve Policy 403.4 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

• Policy 403.5 - Substance-Free Workplace. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Menke to approve Policy 403.5 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

• Policy 403.5-R-1 - Substance-Free Workplace Regulation. It was moved by Wykert and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve Policy 403.5-R-1 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

• Policy 403.6 - Drug and Alcohol Testing Program. It was moved by Wykert and seconded by Menke to approve Policy 403.6 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

• Policy 403.6-E-1 - Drug and Alcohol Testing Program Notice to Employees. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Ross to approve Policy 403.6-E-1 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

• Policy 403.6-E-2 - Drug and Alcohol Program and Pre-Employment Testing Acknowledgement form. It was moved by Steffensmeier and seconded by Menke to approve Policy 403.6-E-2 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

• Policy 403.6-E-3 - Consent for Request of Information. It was moved by Steffensmeier and seconded by Wykert to approve Policy 403.6-E-3 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

• Policy 403.6-R-1 - Drug and Alcohol Testing Program Regulation. It was moved by Steffensmeier and seconded by Wykert to delete Policy 403.6-R-1 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

• Policy 403.6-R-2 - Drug and Alcohol Testing Program Definitions. It was moved by Wykert and seconded by Steffensmeier to delete Policy 403.6-R-2 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

• Policy 403.6-E-6 - Drug and Alcohol Reasonable Suspicion Observation. It was moved by Wykert and seconded by Steffensmeier to delete Policy 403.6-E-6 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

• Policy 403.6-E-10 - Post-Accident Drug and Alcohol Testing Instructions to Drivers. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Wykert to delete Policy 403.6-E-10 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

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Lee County is taking applications for an Engineering Technician Supervisor to work out of our Fort Madison, Iowa office. Duties will include: to direct and oversee the work of a small crew of engineering technicians, perform research and fieldwork for land surveys, engineering surveys, and construction surveys; drawing plans and preparing specifications, conduct inspections of work performed by contractors, and preparing right-of-way descriptions and drawings for the purchase of land to improve and construct roadways and operate survey equipment.

Lee County provides equal opportunity in employment to all persons regardless of age, race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion or disability.

To apply, download an application from our county website, www.leecounty.org or request one from the Engineer office, and return your completed application, along with a resume to: Lee County Engineer, P.O. Box 158, Fort Madison, IA 52627, or email it to engineer@leecounty.org. Applications will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., Monday, March 22, 2021.

If you have any questions please contact Lee County Engineer, Ben Hull, at (319) 372-2541 or email him at engineer@leecounty.org.



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Lee County is taking applications for an Assistant to Engineer to work out of our Fort Madison, Iowa office. Duties will include conducting National Bridge Inspection Standards inspections of in-service bridges, preparing engineering plans and specifications for road-related construction or maintenance projects and serving as project lead inspector on construction projects, including directing and supervising contractors and County employees. Wage based on experience and qualifications.

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C. BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS MANAGER – SANDY ELMORE

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES

1. Curriculum Report – Director of Curriculum and Student Services Kim Harmon presented information to the Board around the topic of Science is Reading.

B. SUPERINTENDENT

1. FMCSAD AD HOC Committee recommendation. The FMCSAD Ad Hoc committee presented

their recommendation to the Board regarding the facility Master Plan for the FMCSAD.

2. Consider Policy Changes. The Board reviewed policies. These policies will be brought back at a future meeting for final approval.

- Policy 403.8 – Bloodborne Pathogens

- Policy 403.9 – Student/Staff Relations

- Policy 404 – Employee Conduct and Appearance

- Policy 404-R-1 – Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics Regulation

- Policy 404-R-2 – Code of Rights and Responsibilities Regulation

- Policy 405.1 – Licensed Employee Defined

- Policy 405.2 – Licensed Employee Qualifications, Recruitment, Selection

- Policy 405.2a – Appointment of Professional Personnel

- Policy 405.2b – Selection of Department Head(s), Department Chair(s), Vocation Chair

- Policy 405.2c – Qualifications for School Nurses

- Policy 405.3 – Licensed Employee Individual Contracts

- Policy 405.4 – Licensed Employee Continuing Contracts

- Policy 405.5 – Licensed Employee Work Day

3. Certified Staff Attendance. The Certified Staff Attendance report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

4. Board Member Attendance. The Board Member Attendance report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

C. BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS MANAGER

March 15, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting, Board Room

1. Certified Budget for FY2021-2022. Secretary Elmore reviewed the Certified Budget process with the Board. Discussion followed.

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE. There were none.

X. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE. The Board received a Legislative update.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

March 1, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. Work Session, Board Room, Central Office

XII. ADJOURN. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Exempt session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 20.17(3) for the purposes of a negotiation session. The Board held an exempt session for the purpose of discussing negotiations.

Dianne Hope, Board President

Sandra Elmore, Board Secretary

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From the Front/Business News

Chair says supervisors will be frugal with funds

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Budget Director Cindy Renstrom, and Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission Executive Director Mike Norris.

Fedler said the panel should be kept to just five.

"I would recommend we keep it to five. I don't want to have a real large committee and not get anything accomplished. I know it's a large amount of money, but anything the county comes up with will still need this board's approval," Fedler said.

Seyb suggested that Lee County Economic Development Group be included in the panel, but the board kept the group to five, saying Norris would be plugged into the same discussions as economic development officials.

He also said language of the law is still being analyzed.

"The other thing is that this is changing day to day," Seyb said. "We need to slow it down and really let the rules be defined," Seyb said.

Pflug said he wanted the taxpayers to know that the county will be very prudent with the funds.

Supervisor Rick Larkin said Community Action of Southeast Iowa has been having discussions in their meetings about governments getting the stimulus funding, and have offered to help with housing information in the region.

"They're not asking to be on the committee, but they have experience with that and are willing to help."

Fraise said there has been talk among state legislators of not accepting the federal stimulus money at the state level, which would eliminate any pass through to the local governments.

In other action, the board:

- approved a \$9.2 million budget amendment to account for bond proceeds and expenses.
- heard from Lee County Health Department administrator Michele Ross, to continue to wear face covering and be cautious and not spread the virus. The county's 7-day positivity rate is now at .2%, but she said there are variants out there and with spring break, everyone still needs to be vigilant in fighting the spread.

Paint-A-Thon works to help beautify Fort Madison

BEAUTIFICATION - Continued from Page 1

ify to maintain their property (therefore helping your property values), increase energy efficiency, beautify the community and lend a helping hand to someone that may not be able to do it on their own.

Who Can Volunteer?

The Paint-A-Thon is a major volunteer event. It takes 15 to 20 people per house to paint a home and one volunteer leader. Volunteers will need to be available at some point during the hours of 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. throughout the week of April 26th. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age (parental/guardian signature on waiver will be required) to be a part of a team and willing to put in the work to get the house ready, painted and yard cleaned up. Waivers will need to be signed by all volunteers. Teams of volunteers are needed from businesses, churches, schools, industry, social service and civic groups, etc. We will need a "Team Leader" to be a point of contact that can then pass information along to their volunteers (teammates). We will be looking for people who can crawl up ladders (if needed) and able to stand for long periods of time during this process.

All are welcome to participate but the team leader will be responsible for delegating the tasks to those team members- knowing any limitations they may have. This project is great for anyone looking for an opportunity to help out others in the community. If your group is interested in volunteering, contact Fort Madison Partners via email at tgobble@fortmadison.com. To guarantee a 2021 Paint A Thon t-shirt, the volunteer list will need to be turned in (emailed) by March 26th.

The Paint-a-Thon is a collaborative effort between Community Action of Southeast Iowa, Kempker's True Value & Rental, Inc and Fort Madison Beautification Foundation. This is a partnership venture to get something started for the betterment of Fort Madison. Monetary or supply donations are being accepted to help off-set costs associated with the supplies needed for the Paint A Thon.

For more information on how to get involved, please call the Partners office at 319-372-5471.

Hy-Vee hosting local brand summit

WEST DES MOINES, Iowa (March 19, 2021) — Hy-Vee, Inc. announces today that it will host its second "Best of Local Brands" summit in May to expand and enhance the product offerings at its more than 275 retail stores in Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Hy-Vee is currently accepting submissions for its "Best of Local Brands" summit online at <http://www.rangeme.com/hyveelocalsummitq2> in the following categories of retail ready products: grocery, produce, deli, general merchandise, frozen, dairy, and health and beauty care.

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Hawkeyes next big seed to make early tourney exit

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year by so many outlets, a two-time Big Ten player of the year. His jersey number 55 will be retired.

His final game was a 36-point effort, his final performance on a big stage in a season played during a pandemic.

Garza hugged teammates who came into the game in those closing seconds, young players who will be part of the program in the future. He has given them an education all season, Iowa coach Fran McCaffery has said, and it's a role Garza has embraced.

"Yeah, it just kind of all hit me at once, just obviously looking up at the scoreboard and knowing that I would never put on this jersey again," he said. "I think it just all hit me at once. I was trying to tell those guys, the next time that they get back there, back here, they're going to be able to push us to where we need to go. I couldn't do it, but they can, and they're all a bunch of hard workers and they're going to be able to do it."

"His leadership, his work ethic, his determination, his example for the young players, his consistency of effort and performance — we may never see another one like him," McCaffery said. "Certainly we've had some great ones that have worn the black and gold, and he's right there at the top with his production, and like I said, his consistency. I think that's the legacy that he will leave, and that's why I think everybody in Hawkeye Nation just so appreciates who he is."

"I think that's the message that I have. I just told him I just appreciate so much who he is more so than what he's done. It's been an honor."

The Hawkeyes joined the casualties on a bracket of carnage for the big seeds. A little more than a week ago, the semifinals of the Big Ten tournament — Ohio State vs. Michigan, Iowa vs. Illinois — resembled a Final Four, all top-10 teams considered contenders for a title. By mid-afternoon Monday, the only team left in that group was Michigan.

Garza remembered his first season, when the Hawkeyes went 14-19. A year later, they were back in the NCAA Tournament. They would have been there last season had the tournament not been canceled.

His final opportunity at a championship fell agonizingly short — something, he said, he's not going to forget.

"To come here again and fall short again and not being able to get to the Sweet 16 and beyond, that's heartbreaking," Garza said. "The one thing I know is that I couldn't have played any harder. I couldn't have worked any harder. I put everything I could into this, and it just wasn't meant to be. Like I said, that's something that's going to sting for the rest of my life because I won't ever have another opportunity at it."

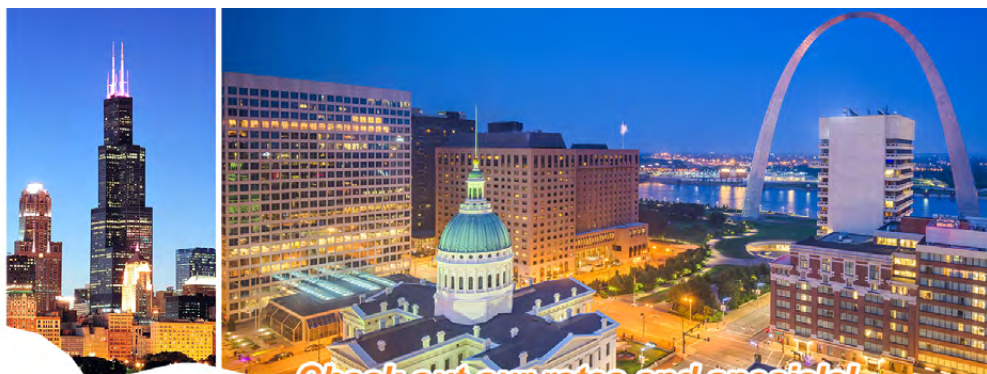
John Bohnenkamp is an award-winning reporter and editor, and a regular contributor to Pen City Current

HTC students earn EISEF awards

FORT MADISON - The following Holy Trinity Catholic students received awards at the Eastern Iowa Science & Engineering Fair held virtually in Cedar Rapids, Iowa over the weekend.

Holy Trinity, Ft Madison
EISEF: Honorable Mention, Junior Physical
Ellie Hellman
EISEF: Honorable Mention, Senior

Laura Mehmert
EISEF: Participation Achievement Award: 5th Year Student
Jack Blint
Laura Mehmert
Inspiring Excellence: Alan B. Adams Meritorious Achievement
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