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Health leaders ask for help

GREAT RIVER HEALTH: CEO, Medical Director say hope, resiliency needed

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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BURLINGTON – Great River Health System CEO Matt Wenzel said discussion of facts and hope is the best way through the uncharted coronavirus pandemic.

Wenzel and GRHS Chief Medical Officer Michael McCoy spent an hour with more than 100 people on virtual call sponsored by Greater Burlington Partnership Friday at noon.

Wenzel said Iowa is a hot spot on a global scale and the number of cases can be expected to double, triple or even quadruple over

the holidays.

“It stinks... but if people gather with others that usually aren't around and spread this virus, and then we see a double, tripling, quadrupling – who knows where it stops. The request is to avoid gatherings around this Thanksgiving season,” Wenzel said.

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As of this morning, the United States has seen 11.8 million people affected by COVID, which is No. 1 in the world, Wenzel

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Failings with pie, et. al.

It's late Saturday night and I'm stuck fighting that anxiety of the darkness... again.

It's been happening for about nine months now and I'm trying to find something with which to anchor myself. This keyboard seems to be a regular therapy. Sorry, but I'm on the couch and you all get to be therapist, because I haven't found any others I can relate to.

It's weird really. I'm terrible in the one-on-ones, but I have less of a problem dumping on all of you.

As I've said for years, it takes a certain courage to throw a bunch of words together and let other people take it in. I fear that people get 10 or 20 words in, crinkle up their faces in a bit of irritation, and swipe away.

This may be one of those Sunday mornings.

I teased it a little last week, but I kinda like pie. I've been baking more and trying different things. Tonight was caramel apple. It was too runny and that bothers me because the thing about pie is... it's defined. Well... it's supposed to be.

It has a crust and ends right there. It's not something taken out of the middle or scooped from a dish.

I just haven't figured it out yet. And I'm not looking for tips. It'll happen and the joy will be ridiculous.

“Use a damn recipe,” Lee shouts across the kitchen with a laugh as I lean against the kitchen counter with arms folded contemplating the warm apple juice that sogged up my crust. (No, that's not a word, but 'sogged' is the grammatical penalty I pay for not using a recipe)

Pie is defined. I don't really like

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Checking on the lights

A worker with Mohrfeld Electric works on some Christmas lights in downtown Fort Madison Saturday morning. Despite the city's Community Thanksgiving dinner being canceled due to surging coronavirus numbers, the Lighted Parade and downtown holiday events are still going on as planned.

EMPTY NEST by Curt Swarm

Around the Bible in 90 days freshens faith

It's just 12 pages a day for 90 days. Anyone can read 12 pages a day, can't they? (It's quite a commitment, but well worth it.)

The Bible in 90 Days to change your life! Ginnie and I jumped at the opportunity (or challenge) through our church to participate in the program where we read the Bible

in 90 days. For me it would be a renewal of faith, a historical study and educational endeavor. I had read the Bible from cover to cover before as a motivational exercise, and it did motivate me. I was and still am an insurance salesman and had been reading motivational books. All of them, without exception, said that the number one motiva-

tional book is the Bible. So I read the Bible and was motivated. My insurance sales went through the roof.

I should point out that I also read the Book of Mormon (I know Mormons who haven't done that). I found the Book of

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Obituaries

CARL L. WASHBURN

Carl Linn Washburn, 47 of Hamilton, IL died Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at the Ft. Madison Community Hospital.



WASHBURN

He was born April 13, 1973 in Keokuk, IA the son of Martin Eugene and Susan Seyb Washburn.

Carl graduated from Keokuk High School with the Class of 1992. After high school, Carl attended one year of culinary arts at Indian Hills Community College.

In July of 2018 he was united in marriage to Karinsa Hayes at the Crossing Church in Keokuk. She survives.

Other survivors include his children, Brixton Hunter (Drew Lovdahl) of Monmouth, IL, Brandon and Brookie Washburn both of Keokuk, Brooke Leffler (Andrew) of Hamilton, IL and Dalton Hayes (Ashley Odell) of Elvaston, IL, his grandchildren, Kellen, Kowen, Braeden, Baylor, Avery, AvaLynn and one on the way. He is also survived by his father, Martin Washburn (Maria) of PA, three brothers, Chris Washburn, Kenny Alvis (Brier) and Robert Watts all of Keokuk, many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins and his four legged companion, Max.

He was preceded in death by his mother and one brother, Johnny Alvis.

Carl had an intimate and personal relationship with Christ and was baptized at the Crossing- Keokuk Campus. Because of his love and dedication many others have been baptized.

Carl was the owner and operator of JDMC Contracting Company. He donated his time and talents to several organizations and the church.

He was a member of the Southside Boat Club and the Crossing Church both in Keokuk and the Roofers Union Local 142 in Des Moines, IA. He volunteered for the Hamilton Local Boy Scouts.

Carl enjoyed spending time outside riding his Harley, boating and camping with his family and friends. Carl loved to travel and go on vacation. He was an avid football fan and was one of the Oakland Raider biggest fans. Most of all, Carl loved his family and friends. He was the life of every party he attended. Carl was brightened the lives of many with his smile and a laugh that was contagious.

A Celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, November 24 at the Crossing - Keokuk Campus with Pastor A.J. Fuhrman officiating. Friends and family are welcome to attend. Masks are required. Following the Celebration, around 1 p.m., friends and family will gather at 707 Main St., (Dave Baum) building for storytelling and sharing memories of Carl.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

ELEANOR E. HAGMEIER

Eleanor Eunice "Ellie" Hagmeier, 94 of Keokuk, IA died Thursday, November 19, 2020 at her home surrounded by her family and her faithful companion Bella.

She was born October 27, 1926 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of Arthur and Bertha Mosley Orth.



HAGMEIER

Ellie graduated from Keokuk High School with the Class of 1946.

On October 26, 1952 she was united in marriage to Richard Henry Hagmeier. He preceded her in death on December 10, 1986.

Ellie had been employed by AT&T Telephone Company until her retirement in 1953. She enjoyed being a homemaker and spent her life making a wonderful home for her husband and children as well as caretaking for several local families children. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Keokuk.

Ellie was known for her service to the community. She worked for many years heading up calls to ask people to donate blood for the American Red Cross and getting donations for The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. She enjoyed traveling with her husband and friends, golfing, bowling, jitterbug dancing and tap dancing. Ellie liked going to garage sales together with her sister Pauline looking for treasures and playing cards with her sister and her husband Rose and Ernie. She faithfully attended her grandchildren and great grand children's events and loved spending time with them. Ellie was always a graceful lady with a funny sense of humor with a lady like tone.

She is survived by two sons, Carl Hagmeier (Dale) of Phoenix, AZ and Craig Hagmeier (Lisa) of Bozeman, MT, daughter, Kim Riddle (Randy) of Keokuk, four grandchildren, Miranda Benner (Dalton), Kayla Butler (Zeb), Erin Neil (Jake) and Katie Taylor (Chris) and seven great-grandchildren and another on the way, Sawyer Benner and her soon to be little brother or sister, Macy and Brinkley Butler, Remi and Roxie Neil, Carson and Parker Taylor.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Rose Arnold and Pauline Diamond.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, at the Sandusky Cemetery in Sandusky, IA. Friends may come to Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk from 10 a.m.-12 noon, Tuesday, to sign the register book and view Eleanor. Social distancing requirements will be in place and masks are required at the funeral home and cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the American Red Cross or Keokuk Humane Society.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

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SANDRA E. BREMHORST

Sandra "Sandy" E. Bremhorst, 81, of Nauvoo, Illinois, passed away peacefully Saturday, November 21, 2020, at the Bird House Hospice Home, Iowa City, Iowa.



BREMHORST

Sandy was born July 27, 1939, the daughter of Edward and Dorothy (Dachroth) Reinhardt. She graduated from Nauvoo High School in 1957. After graduation she began her career at Sheaffer Pen Company, Ft. Madison, Iowa, where she was a loyal employee for 40 years. On November 14, 1959, she was united in marriage to Bernard L. Bremhorst. He preceded her in death on January 27, 2007. From this union she was blessed with two children. Randy (Kathleen) Bremhorst, Appleton, Wisconsin, their sons Henry (Sydney), Hans and Jack, Lynn (Brad) Hahn, Amana, Iowa, their sons Eric (Ashley), Alexa, Aubrey, and Allison, Justin (Rachel) Logan, and Jeremy (Mariah) Quinn. Survivors also include a sister, Roseanne (Jim) Bertschi, sister-in-law Bernadette (Bud) Flesher, brother-in-laws Doyle Hoyer and David (Janice) Bremhorst as well as several nieces and nephews.

Sandy's love of her life was her family. She loved attending her grandchildren's and great grandchildren's events whether it was a sporting event, piano recital, or birthday party. Sandy was our "rock star" and an inspiration to all of us. She retired from running with more victories in the Sweet Corn Festival 5K than any other female competitor! She was truly, truly loved and will be greatly missed.

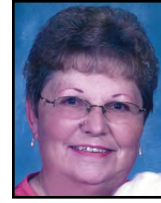
The family would like to thank the staff at the Bird House Hospice for making her final days peaceful and comfortable. The staff at the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center UIHC, especially Abby and Amber, and the staff at the GRMC, Burlington, Iowa, for all the care and support throughout this journey.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7

A graveside service for Sandy will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at Gethsemane Cemetery in Fort Madison. Memorials may be directed to St. Peter and Paul Church, St. Peter and Paul School, Holy Family Parrish, or Holy Trinity School. Memorials may be sent to Lynn Hahn, P.O. Box 121, Amana, IA 52203. Online condolences to Sandy's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com. King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory in Fort Madison is assisting the family.

MARY E. NOEL

Mary E. Noel, 76, of Montrose passed away on Saturday, November 21, 2020 at 3:57 AM at the University of Iowa Hospital.



NOEL

She was born on May 10, 1944 in Armstrong, MO to Clarence and Catherine Rockenfield Dunn. On February 4, 1978 she married Elmer Turner in Ft. Madison and he passed away on December 29, 1992. She then married George L. Noel on July 20, 1996 in Montrose and he preceded her in death on June 4, 2006. Mary worked at Sheaffer Pen, Ortho and at Central Lee Schools in the kitchen retiring after twenty one years of service.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Montrose and the Three Rivers Tractor Club. Mary enjoyed dancing, doing genealogy work and being outdoors. She especially loved spending time with her friends and socializing.

Survivors include three brothers, Benjamin Dunn of Ft. Madison, Robert (Gloria) Dunn of Ft. Madison and David (Melva) Dunn of Huntsville, MO; two nieces Sherri (Seth) Hora and Lora Dunn; one nephew, Robert R. (Michelle) Dunn; several great nieces and nephews; a step daughter, Sherri Turner of Ft. Madison and her children, Dustin and Carolyn; a step son, Nicholas Turner of Ft. Madison and her companion, Sam Dagg of Montrose. She was preceded in death by her parents; both husbands and her beloved dog, Chelsea.

The funeral service for Mary will be held on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 11 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Joseph Phung officiating. The family will meet with friends from 10 AM until the time of the service at 11. Burial will follow in Montrose Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established for PAW Animal Shelter and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

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Pie stands up to its reputation, cake's a fraud

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cake. It has no boundaries. It's loose and dry most of the time, and it's 6-to-5 and pick 'em if the frosting is too heavy or too light. That fondant stuff should be saved for the carpenters.

The dryness of cake mandates ice cream. Think about it. You have to have ice cream to help the cake go down. Or milk... but it just doesn't happen on its own.

Now pie...pie hits all your taste buds if it's done right. The sweetness and warmth and acidity, lays on the sides of your tongue and the back recesses of your taste buds. And there's never any left over. You always finish a pie.

How many times have you thrown out half a cake? You do that because deep down, in the dark recesses of places you don't like to talk about... you only like it a little...don't you. Think about it.

But pie, you can do that in the morning with a cup of coffee because it's eerily similar to pastry. Lunch - a ham and cheese sandwich, some chips and glass of milk... oh, and that last slice of cherry pie.

So I've tried lots lately. Strawberry. Blueberry-lemon. A gorgeous bourbon peach/cream thing with a sugared crust. Yeah...that thing was the stuff of literature right there, but it was runny, and sogged up my damn crust. The flavor was on

point, but I can't get the density right.

Now when all is said and done, it all gets chewed up and taken down the gullet like everything else, so density isn't necessarily a priority when it comes to flavor profile, but I want it to hold up to its reputation... ya know?

And how many times do you get a piece of cake at the lunch counter. No...It's the pie in the desert display that grabs your attention. Oh sure, sometimes the big slice of the Death by Chocolate makes you think about it. But then you realize that at least the pie has fruit... so there's that.

Then you see that slender cut of strawberry-rhubarb with a full crust. Not any of that lattice crap, might as well call a lattice pie a crumble. I mean, one gentle downward push with a side of a small fork and you've got a crumble.

Anyway, I'm a pie guy. Lee and Taylor enjoy eating them, but I think they get more enjoyment out of watching me struggle with density and tilt their heads with a smile at my stubbornness about using a recipe.

My great-grandmother Margaret never used recipes... at least when I was around.

She was a beautiful woman that carried a tattered rag around in her brazier she used to wipe the sweat from her forehead throughout the day,

well into her 70s. She always had baked sweets for us, but then made us eat asparagus and red apples and other healthy options.

She taught us the best decorations for Christmas trees were made in the kitchen.

On Sundays she sent her granddaughters out to the "Colonel's" for a large chicken lunch after church. She was a warrior and died at the age of 90 when I was 22. I thought I knew heartbreak then.

I hope she's holding hands with my daughter as the two laugh at my struggle with the perfect pie.

In my faith, they are together with Lee's mom Sam, my dads and the whole group cheering me on, knowing I'm scrambling day-to-day to find things to ease the pain.

There's no recipe here.

Speaking of pie, with the Community Thanksgiving dinner succumbing to the ravage of the coronavirus, Hy-Vee announced Friday the Fort Madison store will be donating 50 Thanksgiving meals to the Food Pantry.

With Iowa Fertilizer taking literally a ton of food over there, they're stocked pretty well. No one should go hungry on Thanksgiving... But that's Beside the Point.

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Hy-Vee to donate meals

WEST DES MOINES, Iowa (Nov. 20, 2020) — Starting today, all Hy-Vee stores will donate Thanksgiving meals to local families in need this holiday season. More than 260 Hy-Vee and Dollar Fresh stores are donating up to 100 meal kits each to a local non-profit partner in their community who will distribute the meals to local families in need. Each kit will make a Thanksgiving meal for a small family of four.

The meal kits include a turkey, stuffing mix, corn, green beans, rolls and a pumpkin pie. Each non-profit partner will make the determination on who receives the meals.

"The effects of COVID-19 continue to impact families across all of our communities, especially when it comes to food insecurity," said Randy Edeker, chairman, CEO and president of Hy-Vee, Inc. "As a company, we wanted to give back to those in need this Thanksgiving so more people could enjoy a nice traditional meal with their family. As the holidays continue, we will be supporting our communities and local food banks to help ensure no one goes hungry this holiday season."

Empty Nest

Life got smoother during reading

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Mormon in a hotel nightstand beside a Gideon Bible. The Mormon story is quite interesting and, Southeast Iowa being this close to Nauvoo and Carthage, Illinois, where Joseph Smith and his brother, Hyrum, were murdered, added to the intrigue.

I should also point out that I become what I read. I take on personalities of main characters and live vicariously through them. (Ginnie won't let me read "Frankenstein.") I'm aware of this character defect and have made peace with it. So, when reading the Bible, all of these characters came alive for me, from Adam through Paul. Example: one morning while working outdoors, I was trying to move something that wouldn't budge. I said, "Dear God, give me the strength of Sampson!" And was able to move the heavy object. True story. I paid the price the next day when my old hernia repair popped out, but what the hey?

Anywho, our Bible-in-90-Days class met once a week by Zoom for discussion. One of the criticisms or concerns about the Old Testament is that it is so bloody and full of violence. Our pastor pointed out that we've been in continuous war for the last 18 years and it wasn't all that long ago that the atomic bombs were dropped on Japan. Touche.

The Bible we're reading for the 90-day study is the New International Version (NIV) and is easy reading. It has the 12-day segments marked off. Many of the stories I can't remember reading in my previous excursion through the Bible, which was the Revised Standard Version. Hmm. Maybe God got in there and slipped a few more passages in, or, more than likely, I don't remember. By far, the most moving part of the Bible for me, was the Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, each recounting the life and death of Jesus Christ. I found each book to grow in depth, detail and power as I traversed through them. If I ever had any lapse of faith, or questions as to the truth of the Resurrection, all doubt was erased.

During the 90-day reading, I found my life going smoother. I was less irritable, and more patient with other people and events that I had no control over. Contrary to the naysayers who are proclaiming the present day world turmoil as signs of End Times, I am at peace with the feeling that everything is going to work out. God is in control, I'm not.

Several tidbits: I read a lot. During this 90-day study of the Bible, I found any other reading to be boring and lacking in substance. I feel about the same as when Ginnie and I returned from our trip to the Holy Land this spring: it's a life changing event. I was finally able to make a major life decision that I've been putting off for way too long. True, The Book of Revelation is alarming, but if we follow the teachings of Jesus, what is there to fear?

I don't know if this was planned by our pastors who organized our 90-day reading of the Bible, but we finished up just in time for Thanksgiving. Hallelujah! Even with the pandemic, we have so much to be thankful for. God bless this planet we live on.

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We wish you a very warm & wonderful Thanksgiving.

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From the Front

McCoy: health leaders feel like they're talking into the abyss

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said. He also said Iowa is in the top five of U.S. states in total cases per 100,000 and is 4th in the country in growth over the last seven days.

"By any indicator, that's how fast this is growing," he said.

At the peak of the virus last summer, the hospital was losing \$10 million to \$12 million per month, but when the governor reinstated elective procedures, Wenzel said things evened out, but now the hospital is back to losing \$1 million per month and headed down.

He took the time to address what he called the insulting rumor that hospitals make money off of COVID cases.

"That's absolutely insulting. I go up and around and look in on a nurse in full garb and to suggest that they get paid more if that patient dies is ludicrous and has to stop," he said.

"We do get paid more based on a COVID diagnosis, but we spend more taking care of that patient based on the needs of that patient. We lose less money with a

COVID diagnosis. Anything else is just insulting."

Fort Madison Community Hospital CEO Shelby Burchett said in a Pen City Current interview Thursday that staffing there is being stretched thin as numbers rise locally.

McCoy said the same thing about staffing at GRMC.

"It's the same story up and down the region. We all have a lack of staff. GRMC has had an average of 82 staff members not at work. Today that number is 97," McCoy said. "Twenty-seven at Klein are not at work. That's a crisis staffing situation."

Wenzel said there isn't more staffing available anywhere.

"No cavalry is coming in. We've got what we got and we've asked more people to pick up shifts. We don't have enough staff. We are preparing for a doubling (of cases) of where we're at currently. There are only a few beds open - period. This is the reality across Iowa and in this region."

McCoy said treatments are focusing on steroids and some monoclonal antibody outpatient treatments. The system does have a share of Remdesivir on hand and is using that in acute patients, but he said the success of the drug has been met with conflicting reports.

Plasma has been used on site at GRMC, but currently the system is out. He said those who've been exposed to COVID and recovered could be tested at Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center for antibodies which would allow donating of plasma.

Wenzel said however, it isn't a time to panic. Residents need to be armed with accurate information and stay positive.

"We will get out of this. I can't tell you when, No one can. We have to have resolve and hope for the future and if you lose, that... you just have to have resiliency," he said.

McCoy said hospitalization rates across the state have doubled in the past two weeks, a fact that was shared



Virtual meeting image

Great River Health System's CEO Matt Wenzel talks with about 100 attendees of a virtual health care update Friday sponsored by Greater Burlington Partnership.

by Governor Kim Reynolds in a press conference earlier this week.

McCoy said hospitalizations are now at 1,500 compared to just 700 at the start of November. He said GRMC's highest COVID census prior to Monday was around 20 in August. He said this week started with 39 and the hospital is now trying to plan for a surge of at least double that amount.

He said walls are being built in other wings and elective procedures have been reduced to urgent and emergent cases and those staff have been moved to COVID care.

McCoy also said the increase in positive cases is not due to an increase in overall testing.

"We've had a 30% increase in new cases in the past week while only a 10% increase in tests in the same time frame. Just getting more positives due to more testing is not the case, and it's not what we were seeing in the hospital," he said.

Wenzel said volunteers are needed to fill some capacities that would permit trained staff to move back to patient care and he said the donations to the hospital have been monumental in keeping staff morale high. Volunteers can contact the systems HR offices to see how to help.

McCoy said he feels like health leaders are talking into the abyss.

"Stop sharing air. It isn't political. This virus doesn't

care. The only thing we can control is our behavior and how we interact with each other. That's the only thing we can control until we have a vaccine and immunity," McCoy said.

McCoy also addressed reinfection saying that only a handful of people around the world have been documented to have contracted COVID a second time. He said the Centers for Disease Control is indicating you shouldn't need to be retested for at least 90 days after a recovering, but he said there are still too many unknowns about what to tell people clinically.

"Most people would say you would be immune for more than three months, but the CDC has said 90 days."



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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
FORT MADISON
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
November 23, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

Note: To view this meeting please see the link on the FMCSO Website Calendar or click on the link below
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Finance: Ross/Hope
AGENDA

- I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum
- II. Recognition of guests
- III. Reading of Foundation documents - resume at December 21, 2020 meeting
- IV. Monthly communications
 - A. Student Rep Report - resume at December 21, 2020 meeting
 - B. Curriculum Corner - CTE at FMHS - reschedule to December 21, 2020 meeting
 - C. "Did You Know?" - resume at December 21, 2020 meeting
 - D. Superintendent Goal Report - resume at December 21, 2020 meeting
 - E. District Presentations - reschedule to December 21, 2020 meeting
 - Tech Plan - 5 Year Plan
 - V. Approve the agenda
 - VI. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes
 - 1. October 12, 2020 Special Meeting
 - 2. October 19, 2020 Special Meeting
 - 3. October 19, 2020 Regular Meeting
 - 4. November 2, 2020 Work Session
 - B. Financial reports
 - 1. October Balance Sheet

- 2. Revenue Summary Report
- 3. Expenditure Report
- 4. Student Activity Report
 - C. Accounts payable
 - 1. October General Account Board Bills for Approval American Express
 - 2. November General Account Board Bills for Approval
 - 3. Student Activity Account Board Bills for Approval American Express
 - 4. Nutrition Account Board Bills for Approval American Express
 - D. Consider personnel resignations
 - 1. Kent Bailey, varsity volleyball
 - 2. Jade Nabors, associate at Lincoln
 - 3. Nancy Butler, associate at the high school
 - 4. Jerry Junkins, bus driver
 - E. Consider employment of personnel
 - 1. Scott Roen, assistant softball
 - 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. Superintendent - Erin Slater
 - 1. Approval of Request for Modified Supplemental Amount (MSA) to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for Open Enrollment Out in the amount of \$433,440
 - 2. Approval of Request for Modified Supplemental Amount (MSA) to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for Limited English Proficient (LEP) Instruction beyond 5 years in the amount of \$1,550
 - 3. Consider annual Board appointments
 - a. Kim Harmon, Title IIA, Title VI, Title IX, ADA and 504 coordinator
 - b. Kim Harmon, compliance officer (Step II) of grievance procedure as it relates to discrimination issues

- c. Erin Slater, child abuse (Level 1)/harassment alternate investigator (Level I), AAO/EOE officer
 - d. Kim Harmon, child abuse (Alt. Level 1)/harassment investigator (Level I)
 - e. Nic Chiri, asbestos coordinator
 - f. Sandra Elmore, insurance trustee IEBP
 - g. Reconsideration committee
 - i. Licensed employee - Cory Byrne
 - ii. Media specialist - Michelle Bentler
 - iii. Administrator - Kim Harmon
 - iv. Community member - Janice Burch
 - v. High School representatives - Lily Arnold, Kiley Bohenkamp
 - h. Affirmative Action Officer - Erin Slater
 - i. Bus Driver Testing Program - Nic Chiri
 - C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager - Sandy Elmore
 - 1. VIII. Discussion Items
 - A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services - Kim Harmon -
 - 1. Special Education Count
 - B. Superintendent - Erin Slater
 - 1. Board instructional virtual tour - December 21, 2020 meeting: FMMS
 - 2. Consider approval of 100% online learning stipends for Trimester 2
 - 3. Certified Staff Attendance
 - 4. Board Member Attendance
 - C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager - Sandy Elmore
 - 1. IX. Comments from the audience
 - X. Legislative update
 - XI. Announcements November 16-20: American Education Week
 - December 7, 2020 6:00 PM, Special Meeting/ Work Session, Board Room, Central Office
 - December 21, 2020 6:00 PM, Regular Meeting, Board Room, Central Office
 - XII. Adjourn

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Tue, Nov 24, 2020
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Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Agenda
9:01 a.m. Public Hearing for Comments on Bonding for Digital Radios
Consider Approval of Resolution Approving Bonding for Digital Radios
Consider Approval of Contract with Motorola for Digital Radios Public Input

Consider Approval of November 17, 2020 Board Minutes
Consider Approval of Claims

Consider Approval to Replace Deputy in Sheriffs Office
Consider Approval to Allow Ambulance Director to Send Out RFP for Three New Type II Ambulances and Three New Type III Ambulances

Consider Support for Lee County Board of Health Statement
Consider Approval of Resolution Transferring Funds from Capital Projects - Maintenance Fund to General Basic Fund
Consider Approval of Resolution Approving Annexation of Property Owned by Mohrfeld Green Houses into the City of Fort Madison

Consider Approval of Homestead, Military and Disabled Veteran Tax Credits for 2020 Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolution

Personnel Actions:
A. Step Increase-Secondary Roads
B. Part-time New Hire for Treasurer's Office (Replacement)

C. Step Increase-Sheriffs Office (2) Reports:
A. Manure Management Annual Update for Mehmert Farms in Pleasant Ridge Township Commission or Committee Reports
Closed Session Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c) To discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation
Possible Action on Closed Session to Authorize County Engineer and County Attorney to Pursue Negotiations with Manatt's for Settlement of Contract Closure
Adjourn

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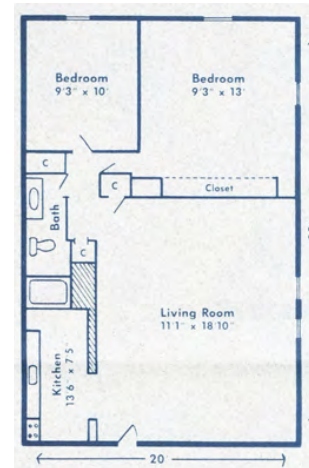
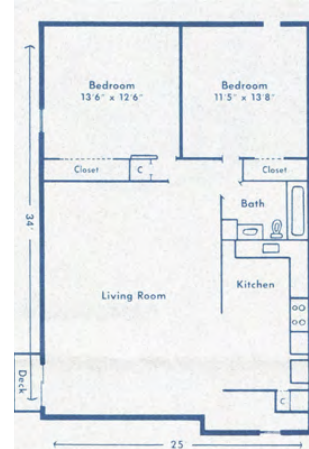


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