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## John Sheaffer dead at 95

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A man who was part of the heyday of the Sheaffer Pen boom, and a bigger part of its reverberations through Fort Madison died Saturday with family in Memphis, Tenn.

John Dunlap Sheaffer, 95, was born May 10, 1925 the son of Craig Royer and Virginia Dunlap Sheaffer of Fort Madison, where he made his home until moving to Memphis, TN in 2017.

The complete obituary can be found under the Obituaries link at [www.pencitycurrent.com](http://www.pencitycurrent.com).

Sheaffer is the grandson of W. A. Sheaffer, the founder of Sheaffer Pen. His father Craig ran the company from 1938 until he was named Chairman of the Board in 1953, and then unexpectedly died in 1961.

John worked his way up to Vice President of International Operations overseeing manufacturing and sales functions in five different countries.

In 1966 the company was sold to Textron, Inc. out of Providence, Rhode Island. In 1976, the Sheaffer Division of

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John Sheaffer 1925-2021

## POLLMILLER

## LCCB puts up \$100K for trail

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – A project to rehabilitate the Pollmiller Park trail in West Point, got a boost Tuesday night when the board suggested putting \$100,000 up front to help secure grants for the work.

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Lee County Conservation Board of Directors, Director Nathan Unsworth said committing \$100,000 would be a good way to start the effort.

The board approved the motion unanimously.

"We could commit to \$100,000 right now," Unsworth said. "That would be a good starting point for us to show our commitment and it will help us secure grants with some matching funds."

He said the money would come from about \$50,000 in the district's REAP account, and the rest would come from the conservation district's trust fund.

The board heard about proposals to rehab the trail at its last meeting, which included a \$250,000 milling and asphalt seal. There was also an option to completely pull up the trail and put down a concrete trail, but that carried a heftier cost.

Unsworth said he met with the West Point Community Club and said they are more inclined to go with the concrete options and rebuild the trail.

"The consensus of the West Point community is to set the bar high for the trail," Unsworth said.

"The West Point committee would like to see us pursue expanding the trail and going with concrete, which we know increases the cost. But they are willing to dig in and help us find the financing."

The trail is currently eight feet across, but Unsworth said the Community Club would like to see it expanded to 10 feet with the concrete.

Unsworth said he's currently working on a grant with an application deadline of next week. He said he's also researched other grant opportunities for the project.

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## SUNDAY SHOOTING

## Police chief says more arrests are anticipated

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A person of interest in the early Sunday morning shooting in downtown Fort Madison has been charged with eluding and OWI.

The 43-year-old Burlington man, who's name hasn't been released pending a formal indictment by the Lee County Attorney's office, was taken into custody on Sunday morning after a pursuit by a Des Moines County Sheriff's deputy on Hwy. 61.

The vehicle the suspect was operating was subject to a broadcast from the Fort Madison Police as to having fled the scene of the exchange of gunfire.

According to police reports, at about 2:53 a.m. Sunday morning, there was a report of shots being fired in the 800 block of Avenue G.

Officers had been there at a disturbance call approximately a half hour earlier and were still in the

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ROHLOFF



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Fort Madison School District coach Kristin Shaffer gets a COVID vaccination Tuesday afternoon. Staff vaccinations took place at the Fort Madison Middle School for most of the day.

## Cast sought for Old Fort Players summer production

BY DOROTHY SCHULTE  
Old Fort Players

FORT MADISON – Old Fort Players is on a roll. After the successful opening of "The Queen of Bingo" on February 5th the theater

decided to keep up the momentum and has scheduled another comedy for May.

"Leaving Iowa" by Tim Clue and Spike Manton is produced by Special Arrangement with Dramatic Publishing Company of Woodstock,

IL. Directors Ty Clute and Angela Sanford will hold open auditions starting February 15th.

The cast calls for 1-2 each female and male (17-25) and 2-3 each male

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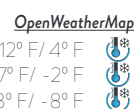
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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### THOMAS E. PAGE

Thomas Eugene Page, 67, of Nauvoo, Illinois, passed away Friday, February 5, 2021 at his home.



PAGE

Thomas was born on May 3, 1953 in Fort Madison, Iowa, the son of Robert and Alice (Seigfried) Knisley.

Thomas was a graduate of the Nauvoo-Colusa High School. He worked for 25 years at the Nauvoo Blue Cheese Factory. He enjoyed fishing, grilling and watching sports, especially the St. Louis Cardinals.

Survivors include four sisters, Janet (Charlie) Young of Woodville, Mississippi, Nancy (Cliff) Crull of Donnellson, Iowa, Gloria James of Kirksville, Missouri and Brenda (Stacy) Gilpin of Niota; several nieces and nephews and several great-nieces and nephews. Also surviving are two uncles, Dennis and Cleve Seigfried.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Marilyn Bohnenkamp; one nephew, Donald Crull and one aunt, Jeannie Allen.

There will be no formal visitation, but friends may pay their respects from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 13, 2021 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City. A private family service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 13th at Banks & Beals with Pastor Mark Anderson officiating. Burial will follow in the Apanoose Cemetery, near Niota.

A memorial fund has been established for the Nauvoo Food Pantry. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit Mr. Page's obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com).

#### Pen City Current obituary policy

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## OBITUARIES

### MARK S. FINLEY

Mark S. Finley, 78 of West Burlington and formerly of Ft. Madison, passed away on Friday, February 5, 2021 at 5:58 PM at the Great River Medical Center.



FINLEY

He was born on January 15, 1943 in Ft. Madison to Jack and Gertrude Kessler Finley. On March 14, 1970 he married Sandra Thoroughman in Hamilton, IL. After graduating from Loras College, Mark served in the US Navy as a Lieutenant Commander during the Vietnam era. He was of the Catholic faith and attended Sacred Heart Church. He worked at Amax in Ft. Madison and Koch Industries in Kansas. Mark was a car enthusiast, enjoyed reading, and was an Iowa Hawkeye and Kansas State Wildcats fan. His greatest love of all was his family, especially his grandchildren.



Survivors include his wife, Sandra Finley of West Burlington; son, Jeff (Tina) Finley of Ventura, IA; daughter, Teresa (Mark) Seyfert of Lewisville, TX; four grandchildren, Megan Finley, Todd Finley, Lila Seyfert and Cora Seyfert; one brother, Eric (Judy) Finley of Davenport; three sisters, Susan (Ron) Coleman of Wilsonville, OR, Barbara Lawrence of Marietta, GA and Kristine Koenig of Gulf Breeze, FL; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother in law, Bill Koenig.

Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A Celebration of Life and graveside service will be held at a later date.

A memorial has been established for PAW Animal Shelter and online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

## OBITUARIES

### BETTY L. BALL

Betty Lou Ball, 81, of rural Donnellson, Iowa, passed away at 9:33 p.m. Friday, February 5, 2021, at Fort Madison Community Hospital in Fort Madison, Iowa.



BALL

She was born on August 8, 1939, in Houghton, Iowa, the eighth of eleven children born to William and Matilda (Hellweg) Holtkamp. She married Leland Ball on July 6, 1968 in Fort Madison, Iowa. He preceded her in death on January 12, 2005.

Betty is survived by three generations of nieces and nephews totaling nearly two hundred.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: Leland; five brothers: Denis, Kenneth, Ralph and David, Raymond Holtkamp; five sisters: Lucine (George) Wallingford, Elaine (Don) St. Clair, Colette (Robert) Schlak, Doris Ann and Irma (Duane) Gabel; sister-in-law: Margaret Holtkamp; brother-in-law: Wayne Ball and several nieces and nephews.

Betty was a 1957 graduate of Donnellson High School. She retired from the paper mill in Fort Madison after twenty-eight years as an executive secretary. She enjoyed singing at grade school programs in Charleston, weddings and on the KOKX radio station with Sagebrush Sandy in the early 1950s (while she was a member of the Sweet Adelines in Fort Madison). Betty also enjoyed family gatherings, cooking, flowers, yard work, hummingbirds, the St. Louis Cardinals, NASCAR, auctions, shopping, girls nights out and bus trips.

Friends may call from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday, February 12, 2021, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson. Attendees will be required to wear masks and social distance.

A private family funeral service will be held at Saturday, February 13, 2021, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson with Father Dennis Hoffman officiating. The funeral service will be posted on her obituary page under her "Tribute Wall" at [www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com).

Burial will be at Evangelical Cemetery, Donnellson, Iowa.

A memorial has been established in her memory for Central Lee Music Boosters or PAW Animal Shelter.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com). Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements.

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# Obituaries/From the Front

## OBITUARIES

### JOHN D. SHEAFFER

John Sheaffer was the second of four children born in Chicago, Illinois on May 10, 1925 to Craig Royer and Virginia Dunlap Sheaffer of Fort Madison, IA where he made his home until moving to Memphis, TN in 2017. After graduating from high school at Culver Military Academy in 1943, he volunteered to serve in the Army. He was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division in the Southwest Pacific theatre of operations. He participated in the Philippine liberation on the Island of Luzon and the Allied transition of the Island of Honshu from Japanese control. He was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor and received an honorable discharge from Military Service in January 1946.



SHEAFFER

He entered the University of Colorado in September of 1946, graduating in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He returned to Fort Madison where he went to work for the W.A. Sheaffer Pen Company, his family-owned business. After serving the company in several capacities, he became Vice President of International Operations, overseeing manufacturing and sales functions in Canada, Australia, Brazil, England, and Argentina. At the time Sheaffer had exclusive dealers in 77 countries. He also served on the Sheaffer Board of Directors until the company's sale.



On February 3, 1951 he married Gertrude Russell Coors in Memphis, TN with whom he recently celebrated his 70th Wedding Anniversary. Together, they raised four children in Fort Madison who survive. John Dunlap Sheaffer Jr (Kathy), Virginia Sheaffer Kemp (Harry), Carolyn Sheaffer Masterson (Daniel) and Russell Walter Sheaffer (Vicki). He also leaves behind nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Walter A. Sheaffer II (Anne) and sisters Harriet Sheaffer Taylor and Susan Sheaffer Taylor (Charlie).

He was an active member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, serving on the Vestry for many years. He was a Rotarian and was Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course and served as President of the W. A. Sheaffer Memorial Foundation. He served one term as the President of the Iowa Good Roads Association and on a number of other community and civic boards in Iowa.

He loved hunting, fishing, boating, and golfing, and especially enjoyed spending time at his home on the beach in Florida with family and friends when not in Fort Madison. He was a member of the Fort Madison Country Club, Burlington Golf Club, Keokuk Country Club, The Union League Club of Chicago, and the Memphis Hunt & Polo Club.

A In lieu of flowers, the family requests any memorial donations be made to the Coffeen Land Trust, 146 Coffeen Hill Road, Four Mile Village, Santa Rosa Beach, Florida 32459.

### JACEIL J. BLANFORD

Jaceil Jolene Blanford, 77, of Keokuk, passed away on Friday, February 5, 2021, at River Hills Village in Keokuk, Iowa.

Jolene was born on August 26, 1943, in Clark County, Missouri, the daughter of Jason Leonard and Emma Josephine (Wilson) Perry. She graduated from Memphis High School in 1961 and moved to Keokuk in 1977. She was united in marriage to Charles Lewis Lantz, who passed away on June 8, 1984, and was later united in marriage to Norman Alton Blanford, who preceded her in death on June 24, 2002.



BLANFORD

Jolene was a member of New Testament Christian Church in Keokuk and was employed at Metzler Automotive Profiling Systems for forty-three years, retiring in 2003. She was very active in her community and was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Women of the Moose, the Eagles Auxiliary, the Elks Lodge and the Local 444 United Steel Workers of America. Jolene was an avid mall walker, golfed and loved her dogs/cats (Birdie). She was proud of her garden and yard and was very dependable.

Jolene is survived by her significant other Gurden Kraus and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Jolene is preceded in death by her parents, her daughter Cassandra Heaton, and two brothers: Leonard Wayne Perry and J. W. Perry.

Funeral services will be held at 1 pm on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk, with burial to follow at Keokuk National Cemetery. For those unable to attend, the service may be live-streamed via Facebook Live at the DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home Facebook page. Visitation will be held from 11 am to 1 pm on Tuesday directly before the service. For the safety of those attending, masks and social distancing will be required.

Memorials may be directed to River Hills Village.

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

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

## OBITUARIES

### DENNIS W. BRUMBAUGH

Dennis Wayne Brumbaugh, 68, of Dallas City, IL passed away Thursday, February 4th, 2021 at the Great River Hospice House in West Burlington, Iowa.



BRUMBAUGH

He was born April 6, 1952 to Robert and Anna Mae Brumbaugh in Belleville, IL. He graduated from Dallas City H.S. in 1970 and married his High School sweetheart, Kathy Ferrill. They celebrated over 47 years of marriage together.

He worked at the Iowa State Penitentiary in Fort Madison, Iowa for 32 years working as a Supervisor and as a Prison Guard. Dennis served over 22 years in the Iowa National Guard and Army Reserves, earning the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. While company commander for Company D, his unit was activated as a part of Operation Desert Storm.

Dennis was a proud family man, and loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed traveling, including: England, Scotland, the Smoky mountains, family vacations to Destin, FL, and snow birding in Arizona. Dennis loved music and enjoyed playing the guitar, was a master trumpeter, played in the praise band at church, and could often be found listening to his records, especially the Beatles. He enjoyed playing golf, was a Cowboys fan, and loved watching or listening to Cardinals baseball.



He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Mike. Survivors include wife, Kathy; son Eric; daughter Amy (Irakli) Shengelia; son Adam (Heidi); grandchildren, Nikolas; David; Maximus; Aubrey; Jackson; Liberty; Sadie; and Annika.

While no formal visitation is planned, friends are welcome to call at the Banks and Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City, IL on Saturday, 2/13/21 from 1pm-6pm. A private Celebration of Life for the family is scheduled on Sunday, 2/14/21 at 1pm. In recognition of his service to our country, a flag presentation and Taps will be performed as part of the celebration. In lieu of flowers, any memorial contributions can be made to the Great River Hospice House in West Burlington, Iowa. To leave a condolence, please visit Dennis' obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com).

## Lee County Attorney's office may file indictment in shooting

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vicinity at the time. The involved parties had fled the scene prior to officers' arrival. The block was closed for about an hour to facilitate interviews and collect evidence.

There were no reports of injuries.

The role of the subject apprehended, and the circumstances that led up to the incident, remain under investigation by the police. Witness statements, surveillance video, and physical evidence, support this was a dispute between individuals and not a random occurrence, according to Fort Madison Police Chief Mark Rohloff.

Rohloff wrote in a follow up release Tuesday, that in the interest of protecting the integrity of the investigation, the results of the search warrant, case details, and suspect information will not be release at this time.

Additional arrests are anticipated.

Several Fort Madison businesses and apartments have reported several thousands of dollars in window damage and other property damage resulting from the gunfire.

Rohloff said officers recovered multiple casings at the scene.



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## From the Front/Sports

# OFP plans “Leaving Iowa” for summer production

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and female (over 25).

The idea behind “Leaving Iowa” comes from being children of parents from the now dubbed “greatest generation.” The story is a toast to their idealism and character and a little roast of their undying dedication to the classic family road trip.

More specifically, it is the story of Don Browning, a middle-aged writer, who returns home and decides to finally take his father’s ashes to his childhood home, as requested. But when Don discovers Grandma’s house is now a grocery store, he begins traveling across Iowa searching for a proper resting place for his father. This father-and-son road trip shifts smoothly from the present to Don’s memories of the annual, torturous vacations of his childhood.

Don’s existential journey leads him to reconcile his past and present at the center of the United States. “Leaving Iowa” is a postcard to anyone who has ever found himself or herself driving alone on a road, revisiting fond memories of his or her youth. “Leaving Iowa” premiered at the Purple

Rose Theatre Company on January 22, 2004 in Chelsea, Michigan, directed by Antony Caselli.

Drop by the OFP downtown location Monday, February 15th, Thursday, February 18th at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday February 21st at 3 p.m. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. No experience or preparation is necessary. Also needed are volunteers to fill in as Stage Manager and Sound and Lights Technician. Experience is preferred but not required for either of these and training will be provided.

There is also a need for several actors who can fill multiple small roles.

Performances run May 7-9 and 14-16, 2021. Evening shows begin at 7:30 p.m. and the curtain rises on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. (Adult \$15; Senior, Military, Vet \$12; Student \$10.)

Tickets will be available online and the link to purchase will be posted on [www.oldfortplayers.com](http://www.oldfortplayers.com) and the theater’s Facebook page. For those wanting to pay cash or credit for tickets at the door, you can and should reserve your seat by phone or Facebook Messenger. Seating is limited due to COVID-19. Masks will be required.

This season would have been Old Fort Players’

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40th anniversary but the celebration has been postponed until the Covid lockdown ends and a full season can be scheduled.

The theater is located in downtown Fort Madison at 725 Avenue G. Send a Facebook message, send an email to [oldfortplayersfm@gmail.com](mailto:oldfortplayersfm@gmail.com) or call 319-372-9559 for more information. Like them on Facebook (Fb@oldfortplayers) or visit [www.oldfortplayers.com](http://www.oldfortplayers.com) to keep up with everything that’s going on at the theater.

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## HTC falls to New London on the road

*Turnovers at end of first half set Crusaders in a hole*

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP  
 PCC SPORTS

NEW LONDON — John Hellige knew that New London liked to feast on turnovers.

The three turnovers Hellige’s Holy Trinity boys basketball team had in the final 60 seconds of the first half of Tuesday’s game were like red meat to the Tigers.

A quick burst by New London at the end of the first half carried over into the second half, and the Tigers pulled away for a 71-53 win.

Holy Trinity was down 26-22 with the ball with less than a minute to go, but had three empty possessions with the turnovers. New London converted those into five points, and swiped any momentum the Crusaders had after trimming the lead.

“When you turn the ball over against New London, turnovers are layups,” Hellige said.

It was a half of missed opportunities for the Crusaders (10-10 overall, 8-8 SEI Superconference South Division).

“We missed a few bunnies there in the first half, and a couple of free throws,” Hellige said. “You make those,

you go into the half up one, maybe down a couple, and we’re not playing catch-up the whole second half.”

Instead, the Crusaders were chasing the Tigers (15-4, 14-2), who clinched the division title with the win. New London outscored Holy Trinity 40-31 in the second half.

Holy Trinity was able to shut down sophomore guard Blaise Porter in the second half. Porter had 13 in the first half, but only three in the second half.

But Kade Benjamin had 19 of his 23 points in the second half, and Devin Swanson had 14 of his 23 in the half.

“We held Porter in the third quarter, but kids like Swanson and Benjamin stepped up and made shots,” Hellige said. “We weren’t able to slow those two down tonight.”

“There’s some weapons there. You can pretty much count on Benjamin and Porter being there night in and night out. You kind of hope one of the other players has an off night.”

The Crusaders were off early, falling down 18-9 in the first quarter. Hellige used two timeouts in the quarter to try to get something going.

“We were just a little lethargic, and I was surprised by that,” he said.

Jason and Vasin Thurman each had 14 to lead Holy Trinity. Chandler Rung had 11.

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**Sports**

# Lady Hounds overcome slow start to roll Danville

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The Lady Hounds shook off a rare weekend loss and slow start Tuesday to rebound for a 62-45 win over Danville in Fort Madison.

Brandy Walker had a season-high 21 as she went to work inside in the second half to propel the Lady Hounds to 16-2 on the year.

Danville opened the game with 7-0 run, but Fort Madison Head Coach Tony Sargent held off calling a time out and let Fort Madison fight their way out of the deficit.

Once the girls got their bearings, the Hounds raced to a 15-13 first quarter lead on Malarie Ross' 3-ball from the right wing at the buzzer.

Danville ran a match up zone in the first quarter and chased Ross, who's averaging right at 20 points a game, all over the court.

"We tried to get some screens for her in the first quarter, but that wasn't working. We were able to get her some open looks the rest of the night, though," Sargent said.

Walker had just six points in the first half and she struggled with Danville's Drew Fox in the post.

Danville would fight back to knot things up at 17 in the second quarter on a bucket by Ava Smith with 3:34 left in the half.

Fort Madison scored on a couple free throws from Ross with just over a minute gone, but Danville held the hosts scoreless until Molly Knipe broke a Lady Hounds 0-6 streak from the field and scored inside on a nice no-look bounce pass from Ross through the lane for a 19-17 Hounds lead.

Makenzie Morris would answer for the Bears and then Walker would score on Fort Madison's next possession on an assist from Camille Kruse. The Hounds

would take a 23-20 lead into the half.

Ross and Walker both would shake off the rusty first half and combine for 27 of Fort Madison's points in the second half as the Hounds pulled away quickly in the 3rd period outscoring the Bears 23-8.

"Brandy played really well in the second half," Sargent said. "I think that's probably her best game in a couple years."

At one point in the third Fort Madison was on a 11-0 run before Danville's Cassidy Yaley got a bucket out of a Bears' timeout, but that's all the scoring the visitors would get the rest of the period with the Hounds leading 49-28.

Fort Madison would maintain leads of 22 to 23 points before Sargent began emptying the bench with about four minutes left in the game.

Sargent said Irelynd Sargent had a nice game on the boards hauling in 13 on the night from her guard position. The scrappy freshman had seven offensive rebounds in the first half.

"That's probably the best game rebounding we've had here in a while. I think Molly Knipe had 12 or something last year, but that was impressive."

Ross would finish with 17 on the night behind Walker. Kruse had eight points, while Delanee Seay finished with six and Nadia Boeding had a 3-pointer. Knipe, Sargent and Taylor Johnson all had two points in the win.

The Hounds are off until Friday when they wrap up Southeast Conference action at home against Burlington. Then Fort Madison will play Missouri's No. 1 Class 3 team in Monroe City on Saturday for the last scheduled regular season game.

Sargent said he would entertain the idea of finding another game if the Hounds were to get a bye in the first round of regionals.

The 4A brackets are due out this week.



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Fort Madison senior Brandy Walker looks to score in the second half of Tuesday night's 62-45 win over Danville in the Hound Dome.



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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
FORT MADISON  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
PUBLIC HEARING  
February 16, 2021  
6:00 P.M.**

<https://zoom.us/j/93060358308?pwd=N24xYmx5WmVm-MjRzK1VFL1RpOSTF-dz09>

**AGENDA**

- II. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum
- III. Hours / Days of instruction for the 2021-2022 school year
- IV. Receive written comments
- V. Receive oral comments
- VI. Adjourn

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
FORT MADISON  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 16, 2021  
6:05 P.M.**

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

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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.

Finance: Ross/Wykert

**AGENDA**

- I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum
- II. Recognition of guests
- III. Reading of Foundation documents
- IV. Monthly communications
  - A. Student Rep Report - Tyler Horn and Kylee Cashman
  - B. Curriculum Corner - SEL Family Night Series C. "Did You Know?"
  - D. Superintendent Goal Report
  - E. District Presentations
    - Instructional Tour: Lincoln Elementary School
  - V. Approve the agenda
  - VI. Consent Agenda
    - A. Minutes
      1. January 18, 2021 Regular Meeting
      2. February 1, 2021 Work Session
    - 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 Fund Board Bills for Approval
    - D. Consider 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, teacher
      7. Sabrina Snaadt, on-line support, IT secretary
      8. Debra Moeller, teacher
      9. Ashley Gelsthorpe, secretary
      10. Mandi Eid, food service
      11. John Hager, IT
    - E. Consider employment of personnel
      1. Ashley Gelsthorpe - Clerical Associate Class D - Richardson
      2. John Hager - Director of Technology
      3. Kayla Horner, General Ed. Associate - Class C at Lincoln Elementary
      4. Jennifer Nye, Receptionist/Clerical Associate - High School
      5. Deva Ross, Special Ed. Associate - Class E at the 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
      1. G. Consider leave of absence
      - H. Consider open enrollment requests
        1. 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
        - B. Superintendent - Erin Slater
          1. Consider a request to purchase new risers for use by the band.
          2. Consider approval of 2021-2022 calendar

3. Policy changes:
  - 403.2 Employee Injury on the Job - **minor changes: recommend to move to IASB model**
  - 403.3 Communicable Diseases - Employees - **minor changes: recommend to move to IASB model**
  - 403.3-R-1 Universal Precautions - **minor changes: recommend to move to IASB model**
  - 403.3-E-1 Hepatitis B Vaccine Information and Record - **same as IASB**
  - 403.4 Hazardous Chemical Disclosure - **minor changes: recommend to move to IASB model**
  - 403.5 Substance-Free Workplace - **minor changes: recommend to move to IASB model**
  - 403.5-R-1 Substance-Free Workplace Regulation - **minor changes: recommend to move to IASB model**
  - 403.6 Drug and Alcohol Testing Program - **changes: recommend to move to IASB model**
  - 403.6-E-1 Drug and Alcohol Testing Program Notice to Employees - **changes: recommend to move to IASB model**
  - 403.6-E-2 Drug and Alcohol Program and Pre-Employment Testing Acknowledgement form - **minor changes: recommend to move to IASB model**
  - 403.6-E-3 Consent for Request of Information - **recommend to move to IASB model**
  - 403.6-R-1 Drug and Alcohol Testing Program Regulation - **ours only: recommend to delete**
  - 403.6-R-2 Drug and

- Alcohol Testing Program Definitions - **ours only: recommend to delete**
- 403.6-E-2 Drug and Alcohol Reasonable Suspicion Observation - **ours only: recommend to delete**
- 403.6-E-10 Post-Accident Drug and Alcohol Testing Instructions to Drivers; **ours only: recommend to delete**
- C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager - Sandy Elmore
  1. VIII. Discussion Items
    - A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services - Kim Harmon
      1. Curriculum Report
      - B. Superintendent - Erin Slater
        1. FMCS D AD HOC Committee recommendation
        2. Consider Policy Changes
      - 403.8 Bloodborne Pathogens - **ours only: recommend to delete**
      - 403.9 Student/Staff Relations - **ours only**
      - 404 Employee Conduct and Appearance - **changes; recommend move to IASB model**
      - 404-R-1 Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics Regulation - **changes; recommend move to IASB model**
      - 404-R-2 Code of Rights and Responsibilities Regulation - **minor changes; recommend move to IASB model**
      - 405.1 Licensed Employee Defined - **minor changes; recommend move to IASB model**
      - 405.2 Licensed Employee Qualifications, Recruitment, Selection

- **changes; recommend move to IASB model**
- 405.2a Appointment of Professional Personnel - **ours only; recommend to delete**
- 405.2b Selection of Department Head(s), Department Chair(s), Vocational Chair - **ours only; recommend to delete**
- 405.2c Qualifications for School Nurses - **ours only; recommend to delete**
- 405.3 Licensed Employee Individual Contracts - **minor changes; recommend move to IASB model**
- 405.4 Licensed Employee Continuing Contracts - **changes; recommend move to IASB model**
- 405.5 Licensed Employee Work Day - **minor changes; recommend move to IASB model**
3. Certified Staff Attendance
4. Board Member Attendance
- C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager - Sandy Elmore
  1. Certified Budget for FY2021-2022 discussion
  - IX. Comments from the audience
  - X. Legislative update
  - XI. Announcements
    - March 1, 2021 - 6:00 p.m. Work Session, Board Room, Central Office
    - March 15, 2021 - 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting, Board Room, Central Office
  - XII. Adjourn
  - Exempt session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 20.17(3) for the purposes of a negotiation session

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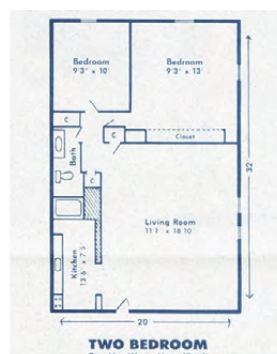
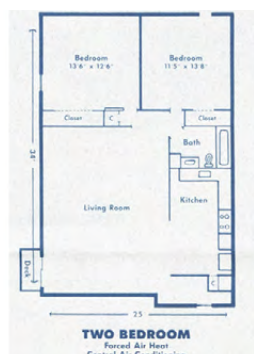
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## Sheaffer was a "gentleman from a generation passed"

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Textron was merged with Eaton Paper Co. Sheaffer-Eaton was then sold to Gefinor (U.S.A.) Inc, who in turn sold off the division to Bic in 1997.

Early in 2004 Bic announced their intentions to close the Sheaffer plant by the end of 2006, ending nearly one hundred years of pen manufacturing by Sheaffer in Iowa.

After graduating from high school at Culver Military Academy in 1943, Sheaffer volunteered to serve in the Army, where he was decorated with the Bronze Star for Valor after stints in the Southwest Pacific Theatre of Operations.

He was honorably discharged in January of 1946 at enrolled at the University of Colorado graduating in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

He returned to Fort Madison and went to work for the W.A. Sheaffer Pen Company, his family-owned business.

In 1951 he married Gertrude Russell Coors in Memphis and the two raised four children John II, Virginia, Carolyn, and Russell.

Sheaffer was active in many Fort Madison organizations and served on the W. A. Sheaffer Memorial Foundation and was Chairman of the Board of Trustess of the Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course.

"My dad lived in Fort Madison for 91 years," Russell Sheaffer said Tuesday. "He loved the community and the area. He and my mother moved to Memphis for the sole purpose of being closer to family and not being able to manage their large home on High Point. It was very bitter sweet for him to leave."

Sheaffer said his father felt very strongly that the foundation continue to support the city and surrounding areas.

"The family will continue to do that. That's what my father wanted."

Sheaffer said his father and uncle Walter established what was the beginning of the Sheaffer Foundation that built the golf course just north of the city, under the watchful eye of his grandfather who was running the company at the time.

"My grandfather didn't even play golf," Sheaffer said with a chuckle. "But he felt the city needed it. At the time there wasn't a public golf course in town and they wanted the citizens to have one. So they built it and gifted it to the city."

Giving back to the community was very much a part of the company's philosophy, Sheaffer said.

"Dad certainly felt it was a responsibility to give back to the community that gave so much to them," Sheaffer said.

"When we owned the company it was the employees that made Sheaffer what it was at the time. There was a very close knit relationship between my family and the employees, as well as the businesses that supported Sheaffer in Fort Madison."

Sheaffer said his father used to share stories about going onto the plant floor to talk with employees and getting ideas on how to improve the brand.

Sheaffer said his father will be buried with a Sheaffer pen in his pocket. He said a tribute to his father will be held at some point in Fort Madison, but those details are still being worked out.

Gene Enke, a retired insurance salesman in Fort Madison, met John through his connections there and called him a true friend.

"We were personal friends. We met through the insurance office and from there John recruited me to be on the Sheaffer golf board," Enke said.

"John was a gentleman from a generation passed. He was a gentleman in every respect. He was involved in the Sheaffer Foundation and that foundation took care of a lot of Fort Madison needs for many decades. He was just a good man."

## Pool 19 project focusing on Illinois

**TRAIL** - Continued from Page 1

The project is probably a 2022-23 budget year project, but could happen sooner if financing comes in line quicker, Unsworth said.

In an unrelated issue, the board heard from Jim Noll, a conservation advocate in Lee County who's spearheading an effort to get Mississippi River Pool 19 in Lee County declared a wildlife refuge.

Noll has been researching the project for about three years and says when the Army Corp of Engineers dammed the river at Keokuk it backed up the waters and flooded most of the islands damaging the ecosystem.

Noll said his focus now is connecting with Illinois legislators and community officials in Hancock County.

He said U.S. senators Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth, both Democrats, are critical as contacts because of their position in the majority party in Congress.

"The ultimate goal is to attain sponsorship from Sens. Durbin and Duckworth over there," Noll said.

"Durbin is the Majority Whip and Duckworth has been involved in many programs she's had success getting passed. Those two secured \$21 million through Congress for a similar project in Quincy."

Noll said he's received letters and resolutions of support from more than a dozen municipalities, schools and other partners.

He also wants to get more information to elected officials in Lee County.

"I'm working at getting information into the hands of newly elected officials and hope to get them a bit more excited than they have been so far."