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City to christen new depot

DEC. 10: All of city invited to be part of ribbon-cutting at new depot

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – It's been a long road, and not without controversy, but Fort Madison city officials will step off onto the new Amtrak Depot next Friday, Dec. 10 at 6 p.m.

Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld is welcoming the entire community out to witness the ribbon cutting of the new Amtrak Depot on the east side of the refurbished North Lee County Historical Museum in Riverview Park next week.

"There is an open invitation to the public to come out to this," Mohrfeld said. "We're gonna pull up to that new depot and



MOHRFELD

step off the train and there will be fireworks in the backdrop, a band playing, we're gonna have some speeches and some recognition and then offer some punch and cookies."

Mohrfeld, an avid runner, picked up the baton, so to speak, from former Mayor Brad Randolph, who made a commitment to the late Steve Ireland that he would do everything he could to see the train depot moved back to the park, where it was originally.

Mohrfeld said he was proud to be part of seeing the project

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Fort Madison officials will step off an Amtrak train on Dec. 10 as the first passengers to be dropped off at the relocated Amtrak depot at 6 p.m. with a ribbon cutting at 6:30 p.m. The community is invited to come out to the reception that is set to start at about 6 p.m. with fireworks, bands, speakers, and refreshments.

IOWA NEWS

State AG wraps up look into untested sexual assault kits

DES MOINES – The Iowa Attorney General's Office has wrapped up a six-year effort to address untested sexual assault evidence kits throughout the state. The project has resulted in 1,606 kits tested, four criminal charges to date, and several improvements in

the way kits are processed to benefit victims.

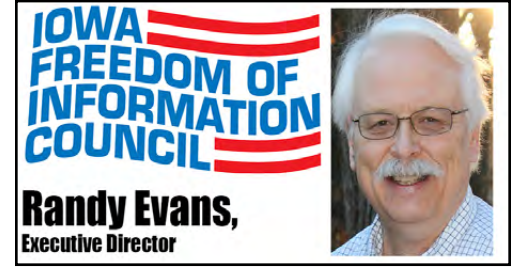
The Iowa Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) project was created in April 2015 to address the issue of untested sexual assault kits. The project was supported by two grants awarded by the

Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) in 2015 and 2016, totaling \$3 million. The grant period ended in fall 2021.

"We applaud this six-year effort to improve how sexual assault kits are

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OPINION



There are other questions for state's schools

When you have orbited the sun as many times as I have, people sometimes want to tap into the insights you have gathered through the years. Young journalists and newsroom managers ask about the lessons I accumulated from a half century in the newspaper business.

One lesson is quite simple, actually: Keep your eyes and ears open, and never hesitate to ask questions.

The lesson came through loud and clear one afternoon in the 1980s when I was an editor on the Des Moines Register's metro desk. The phones were constantly ringing. Calls were coming in from our reporters, or from Joe Citizen asking about something that was in the newspaper or that was occurring around the state.

On this particular day, the young news clerk answered a call on the metro desk's bank of phone lines. She listened for a few moments, then she turned to the editors near her and asked, "Do we know anything about a shooting at a Des Moines school?"

There were shaking heads and startled expressions, since this was years before school shootings became all too common. "No, we don't know anything about that," the clerk said before quickly hanging up — leaving a dozen questions unasked.

As it turned out, the call was just an unfounded rumor. But the lesson was far from phony. It was very real: Watch. Listen. Ask questions.

Based on conversations and emails in recent weeks with people connected with the Ankeny school district, that same "watch, listen, ask questions" advice should be passed to parents and community leaders in that community. And

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

JOAN (MEIEROTTO) BISSELL

Joan "Joanie" (Meierotto) Bissell, 86, of Ottumwa, Iowa, passed away at 1:30 a.m. Friday, November 26, 2021, at Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in West Burlington, Iowa.



BISSELL

She was born on July 21, 1935, in West Point, Iowa, the daughter of Aloysious C. and Dorothy (Holtkamp) Meierotto. On January of 5, 1957, she married Marion E. "Pat" Bissell at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Ottumwa, Iowa. He preceded her in death on January 14, 2002.

Survivors include her four children: Cheryl (Jon) Simplot of Ottumwa, Iowa, Michael (Dawn) Bissell of Knoxville, Tennessee, David (Linda) Bissell of Agency, Iowa and Trish (John McNulty) Bissell of Crestwood, Kentucky; grandchildren: Clint (Claire) Simplot, Nate (Maria) Bissell, Marissa (Michael) Wetrich, Calum McNulty, Alec Bissell and Lily Bissell; great grandchildren: Alexis, Nick and Finn and sister-in-law: Mary Pester and close family friend: Sr. Caridad. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; still-born son: Joseph; two brothers: Robert and Delmar Meierotto; sister-in-law: Sr. Kevin Bissell and two brothers-in-law: Timothy Bissell and Theodore Bissell.

Joanie was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ottumwa. She had worked as a registered nurse at St. Joseph Hospital in Ottumwa. She enjoyed gardening, mowing her yard, playing cards, reminiscing with her St. Joe nurse friends and she loved a good bargain.

Her body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

A memorial Mass will be held at a later date at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ottumwa with burial at Greenglade Cemetery in Farmington.

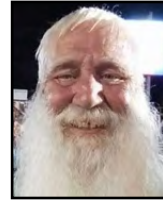
A memorial has been established in her memory for St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Southeast Iowa Regional Home Health and Hospice or local Alzheimer's Association.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhome.com. Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements.

OBITUARIES

MICHAEL D. MANKA

Michael "Mike" Dean Manka, 75, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away unexpectedly of a stroke, on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical



MANKA

Center in Fort Madison. He was born on October 15, 1946 in Fort Madison, IA to Robert John & Vivian Corine (Breen) Manka. He married Candace L. Freese on October 24, 1982 in Fort Madison, IA. He was an engineer with the BNSF Railroad for many years. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He loved driving around town and visiting with people, especially going to Humburd's.

He spent numerous hours watching his son work.

Mike is survived by: his wife: Candy Manka of Fort Madison, IA; 1-daughter: Sam (Andrew) Cochran of LaSalle, Ill.; 1-son: Alex Manka of Fort Madison, IA; 2-sisters: Jacqueline (Bill) Kurtt of Rogers, AR & Beverly (Gregg) Brockman of Fort Madison, IA and 1-brother: Bob (Marta) Manka of Fort Madison, IA. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A visitation will be held from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A memorial has been established in his memory. Online condolences to the Manka family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.



RICHARD L. FETT

Richard Lee Fett, 76, of rural West Point, Iowa, passed away at 5:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at his home.



FETT

He was born on June 2, 1945, in Monona, Iowa, the son of Charles and Dorothy (Huff) Fett. On April 18, 1970, he married Joyce Walljasper.

Survivors include his wife of fifty-one years: Joyce; his son, the light of his life: Travis Fett; sister: Marge (Bob) Schmidt of Monona, Iowa and brother: Chuck (Sandy) Fett of Jamesville, Wisconsin. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Charles and Dorothy; brother: Gary (Joan) Fett of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and sister: Darlene (Gordie) DeSotel of Dallas City, Illinois.

Richard was a 1963 graduate of Monona High School. He served in the United States Marine Corps. During his service in the Marines, he earned a marksmanship medal, specialized in morose code and had secret clearance. He was a member of the West Point American Legion Holtz - Geers Post #668, the Farm Bureau and a lifetime member of the NRA. Richard had worked for West Point Feed and drove a semi for S&H and and Ruan both of West Burlington, driving over a million miles with no accidents! He was avid Iowa Hawkeye Football fan and enjoyed hunting ducks and pheasants.

Friends may call after 12:00 noon, Thursday, December 2, 2021, at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point, where the family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. that evening.

Following the visitation, his body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

Burial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established in his memory for West Point Fire and Rescue or Southeast Iowa Regional Home Health and Hospice.

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From the Front/Sports

Questions could turn up realities in state schools

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people in every other school district in the state would be wise to follow the advice, too.

The focus of the Nov. 2 school election and the recent school board meetings in Ankeny and other Des Moines suburbs has been such hot-button issues as whether masks should be mandatory for students and school employees and on what should be done with school library books that some parents find objectionable.

What is not the focus in Ankeny is the behavior problems caused by some students who are disrupting the learning environment for other students and for themselves. This is not just a problem with a few kids. This behavior occurs with far too many kids from kindergarten through the 12th grade, teachers say.

These students are sitting in class, ignoring the teachers' instructions, ignoring teachers' guidance to participate in classroom discussions, and willfully refusing to do the work teachers assign. Some are even using vulgar language toward the teachers,

including calling some the B-word multiple times.

Or, they are sitting at their desks, or on the floor, playing games on their cellphones or watching YouTube videos or Netflix movies on those phones. Their school-provided laptop computers have full Internet access, which these students can use to gain access to all manner of lurid stories, photos and videos — all while their parents are having a tizzy over mask requirements or over library books with raw language.

There are issues that need to be dealt with in our public schools. But based on the comments I've heard about from some Ankeny educators, I think parents should direct their questions to school officials about these don't-discipline-the-student instructions or the policy that prohibits teachers from temporarily confiscating the cellphones from students who use them during class.

Just as the news clerk at the Register needed to ask more questions of the person calling about

that supposed school shooting 35 years ago, parents today need to talk with teachers and teacher associates about what is occurring in their classrooms that impedes students from learning.

The teachers will tell you about kids who have been allowed to wander aimlessly through the school day. They will tell you about their frustration growing when school administrators seem more intent on moving students up through the grades just to get them graduated, rather than whether they learn anything along the way or not.

But you have to ask questions. And you need to listen.

Randy Evans is the executive director of the Iowa Freedom of Information Council and his column appears regularly in Pen City Current. Pen City Current is a member of the Iowa Freedom of Information Council.

HTC girls move to 2-0

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON – It was like the season opener all over again for the Holy Trinity girls basketball team.

The result was the same for the Crusaders — a big win.

Holy Trinity's 55-30 win over WACO on Tuesday was the Crusaders' first game in a week that included time off for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Plus, Kassi and Natalie Randolph were back with the team after missing the season opener.

So, coach Tony Johnson was back to mixing and matching players, trying to find the right combinations.

"We're still searching for certain groups," Johnson said. "Sometimes you have groups that don't work well together, and then you take one player out and put another in and it works great. We're still trying to figure out who works well together and meshes well."

The different com-



binations worked well enough for Holy Trinity (2-0), which opened the season with a 62-29 win over New London last Tuesday.

"We didn't even really talk about that game," Johnson said. "With the time off for the holiday, it just seemed like a long time ago."

The Crusaders led for all but the first 2:08 of this game. They trailed 2-0 before Mary Kate Bendlage hit a 3-pointer, and then never trailed again. The lead was double digits for the rest of the game after the 4:30 mark of the second quarter.

Bendlage, who had 24 points in the opener, had 14 in this game to lead Holy Trinity. Brooke

Mueller and Raquel Schneider each had nine points.

"We're making our points on defense now," Johnson said. "We're getting open looks, we're getting good shots. The offense will come eventually, the more you work with it."

"The easiest way to get on the floor right now is defense and rebounding, because the offense will catch up."

The Crusaders play Friday at Cardinal and Saturday at Mediapolis, still a work in progress but still winning.

"Win by one or 50, it's still a win," Johnson said. "We'll take it at this point, and keep working to get better."

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Central Lee Sports

Warriors spoil Hayes' debut

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELLSON – It looked early on as though the Central Lee boys basketball team might start the Ritter Hayes tenure with a win out of the gate.

The Hawks held a lead throughout the first half until about 5:30 left in the second quarter when Van Buren's Jackson Manning converted a 3-point play after getting fouled by Brayden Wyrick to tie things up at 16.

The Warriors would tie things up a couple more times in the first half before pulling away for a 49-42 win in both teams' season openers.

Central Lee opened the game with some stingy defense coupled with a cool-shooting Warriors' team. A 9-5 first quarter advantage was stretched to 12-7 in the opening moments of the second period. Van Buren junior Jackson Manning converted to cut the lead to three, but Central's Bryce Finney would fill it up from beyond the arc to make it 15-9.

Van Buren would then go on a 7-1 run to tie things up at 16 on Manning's 3-point play. Sophomore Corbin Pohren would convert a 3-pointer with 2:05 left in the half to give the Hawks a short-lived 19-16 lead. Izaak Loeffler would answer with a 3-ball at the other end to tie things up.

Sophomore Cory Jones would then score inside for Central Lee, but Manning would counter with just :13 left in the half to tie things up going into the locker room

at 21.

Senior Owen Loeffler would open the scoring for the Warriors out of the break with a 3-pointer from the left baseline to give Van Buren a lead they would never give up.

A Wyrick bucket off a nice inside pass from Pohren brought Central Lee to within two points out of a Hawks' timeout, but Van Buren, behind Jackson's game-high 22 points, would slowly pull away for a 36-32 third quarter lead.

Wyrick had been having some success in the third quarter getting some mismatches under the basket, at one point scoring six unanswered points on moves under the hoop.

But the Warriors were then able to get Wyrick out of the paint and neutralize the freshman.

"They pushed him out a little bit and people are going to do that," Hayes said. "He's never really had to work in the post before. He's always been able to take the ball against smaller guys as a middle schooler. His game is going to develop and we saw some of that tonight."

Van Buren pushed the lead to 10 at 44-34 on a couple Manning free throws. A bucket by Wyrick cut the lead to six at 46-40, but a couple turnovers down the stretch sealed the deal for Van Buren. Central Lee also missed three of their last four shots from the field with less than a minute left.

Wyrick led the Hawks with 13 points, followed by Alex Sandoval with 11.

Central Lee girls roll past Van Buren 64-24

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELLSON – The Central Lee Lady Hawks started the year trying to learn to win without graduated senior Mya Merschman.

Those wins are coming faster than even Head Coach Jay Baldwin thought would happen.

Central Lee is now 2-0 after opening the year with a decisive win over Cardinal of Eldon and then the girls dumped Van Buren 64-24 on Tuesday.

The Hawks have also had three girls in double figures in both games this year, a balance Baldwin said could have happened last year.

"They could have done that last year, but with Mya, ya know, it was unfortunate for them last year, but they're quickly getting there. They're really starting to gain confidence."

Central Lee jumped out to a quick 13-4 lead to set the tone for the night. The run was sparked by a suppressive full court press that gave the Warriors fits trying to get the ball up the floor.

Junior Mya Lampe opened the scoring with a 3-ball from the left key and then hit on another in the first quarter to open a 7-2 lead. Then seniors Makayla Morrison and Alivia Myhre went to work inside to give the Hawks the 9-point first quarter lead.

Morrison and Myhre would tie for game-high scoring honors with 18 each.

But it was the Hawks' defense and pressure on Van Buren's inbounds that set the pace for the day. Central Lee held the Warriors to just four points in the second quarter on buckets by Zoe Best and Shea Scott.

In the midst of stifling pressure, Central Lee would rattle off 19 points, mostly in transition off Van Buren turnovers, to open a 32-11 halftime lead with Myhre firing in eight in the quarter, all off layups on fast breaks.

The second half would be more of the same as Morrison and senior Macy Watkins, who finished with 12, kept constant pressure on the Van Buren ball handlers opening up breakaways and a lot of layups.

Baldwin pulled the press off at close to the end of the third quarter with the Hawks up 48-21 and the game well in hand.

"We're not tall so we really have to put some pressure on. Rotations have to be right and we have to stick to our style," Baldwin said.

"But I think we're going to be quicker than most teams as we were basically playing five guards so I'll take 45 points or so in transition."

Lampe finished with six points, while Maura Watkins had four and Karlie Pohren, Abby Simmons, and Kodi Moeller each had two points.

The Hawks are off until Friday when they travel to West Burlington for a girls/boys varsity double header with the Falcons.



Central Lee senior Makayla Morrison looks for a teammate as Van Buren's Callie Kracht (12) defends in Tuesday night's win over the Warriors.



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1. Call To Order
2. Approval of Minutes from November 9, 2021
3. Public Input

PUBLIC NOTICES

This is the time of the meeting that a citizen may address the Board on any matters pertaining to the Lee County Conservation Board. The Board cannot take formal action at the meeting on matters not included on the regular agenda, but may ask the staff to research the matter or have the matter placed on a subsequent agenda.

4. Approval of Bills
5. Approval of Financial Report
6. Discuss and Approve Updated Conservation Aide Job Description
7. Discuss and Take Possible Action on Bid for New Shed Electrical Work
8. Review and Approve Updates To LCCB Bylaws Discussed at November Meeting
9. Review and Approve LWCF Grant Boundary Map at Pollmiller
10. Discuss and Take Possible Action on Interim Director
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- Possible Action on Denning Demolition Project Bids
12. Discuss and Take Possible Action on Wilson Lake Playground Project Bids
 13. Discuss and Take Possible Action on the Purchase of a Skid Loader and a Forestry Mower

14. Strategic Planning Updates
15. Discuss and Take Possible Action on Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Proposal
16. Review and Take Possible Action on Park Ranger Job Description
17. Staff and Director Reports

18. Board Members Comment
 19. Adjournment
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From the Front

City invited to Dec. 10 ribbon-cutting

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through, even though he had his doubts at the beginning. "I will tell you, that I'm proud to be a part of completing it. To take a vision that's been entrusted to me from Steve (Ireland) and then Mayor Brad and now to me. It means something that they had faith in giving this project to me," Mohrfeld said.

The depot relocation was a \$1.3 million project that pooled money from Amtrak, the city, and the Iowa Department of Transportation, through the Federal Rail Association.

The city went back and forth moving forward with the project and had to foster agreements that were over a decade in the making. At one point the council said they were done with the project and were flushing the idea of moving the depot back to the museum site.

But former Mayor Brad Randolph and Councilman Chris Greenwald put in overtime working the phones with federal and state officials trying to get additional funding to offset the city's shortfall in covering its share of the ever-increasing costs of the project.

Several different lease agreements between Burlington Northern Santa Fe, Amtrak, and the city were written and rewritten and rewritten before eventually going back to an original agreement that requires a manned ticket booth inside the depot.

But with all that in the city's rearview mirror, Mohrfeld and about 14 other dignitaries will board the train Friday morning on the 10th and take the train into Galesburg for lunch and a short stay to look at the Galesburg railroad district. Then the group will reboard the train and head back to Fort Madison where they will step off onto the platform, kicking off the celebration.

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds has been invited to the reception, but Mohrfeld said he couldn't confirm if she would be able to make it down to the event. He's also invited the rest of the district's elected local, state, and federal legislators to be part of the ribbon cutting.

The event train will arrive at approximately 6 p.m. with the official ribbon cutting taking place at 6:30 p.m. with a few addresses and recognition of dignitaries in attendance.

"As a generality, I'm really excited to see the project to completion. When I first came on to the council and saw this struggling to move forward and then got involved, it gave me an appreciation of this being a very good project," Mohrfeld said.

"It's a great Fort Madison project, especially when you put it in a view of revitalization - the new highway, reuse of the depot, a resurgence of sorts downtown, the rehab of the marina, and the historic rehabilitation of buildings downtown starting with the Lee County Bank building.

Mohrfeld said the Fort Madison history is embedded in the river, the fort and the railroad and the new rail fan cam on the Kingsley bears out the interest that railroad enthusiasts have for rail history.

"It's like a plan that's really starting to come together. I've even ridden the train a couple times recently to get a feel for it. There's certainly a niche for it. This isn't just a cool thing... it's a Fort Madison thing," he said

Six-year look opens up new investigations

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handled," Attorney General Tom Miller said. "Not only has the SAKI program been able to reduce the number of untested sexual assault kits, it has also created meaningful and lasting changes to the processes by which state

and local practitioners respond to and investigate sexual assault cases."

Untested Sexual Assault Kits

When the SAKI project began, the AG office's Crime Victim Assistance Division surveyed all 387

active police departments and sheriffs' offices and found 4,275 unsubmitted sexual assault kits.

The grant protocol excluded many kits from testing for several reasons, including the lack of police reports or victim information, or being too recent. Only kits collect-

ed before April 28, 2015, could be tested under the grant.

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