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## Record store owners find good place

*Couple likes feel of Fort Madison for niche store in Hesse building*

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A couple seasoned in global commerce are finding a very comfortable place in a small shop in Fort Madison.

Mike and Allison (Pickard) Park opened Pool 19 Plants and Records in August and are enjoying the resurgence of the retail feel in downtown Fort Madison.

The two opened the store in the Hesse Building which also houses Corks and Barrels, and Harvestville Farm Mercantile and have developed a following in just four months. But co-owner Mike Park said some people still come in not knowing they are there.

“We’re still finding people who have come in saying they live two blocks away and didn’t know we were here,” Park said.

Park is former news consultant with Twitter and Allison has



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon-cutting at Pool 19 Plants and Records Friday morning in downtown Fort Madison. The store is in the Hesse Building at 616 7th Street and is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

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### OPINION



## Comp. Board mandate makes little sense

I sat in a meeting last week that was a source of frustration for me as writer and a county resident.

I try to keep my Sunday writings loose and light, but I gotta talk a bit about Senate File 342, a bill called “Back the Blue” that was signed into law early this year.

The bill does some firm things for our state’s law enforcement officers including giving them support in day-to-day operations, while also putting what can only be called “optical pressure” on county officials to bump county sheriff salaries.

Pen City Current approaches our coverage of law enforcement with a modicum of respect, while asserting our right, as someone minding the public’s business, to be where they are and report on what they do.

One sticking point to that is an effort that seems to have been successful by Keokuk Police Department Police Chief Dave Hinton to block public access to scanner chatter on Keokuk police operations.

It’s a bit of a digression here, but we have a huge problem with that. The police department doesn’t own those airwaves – the public does. And although we whole-heartedly agree that having the public snooping around and heading off breaking police operations isn’t productive for the law enforcement efforts, it is a curse that’s been around for all law enforcement administrators since the advent of the radio scanner.

But fortunately the state legislature hasn’t yet, anyway, made that information part of Chapter 21 or 22 restrictions on records and investigation. I’ll save the tagline for the end of the piece. You know

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### BLOODHOUNDS

## Hounds start year at 3-0

*Fort Madison gets weekend sweep of Williamsburg, MP*

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The Hound Dome’s been rocking here early in the winter sports season.

The Hound faithful rattled the rafters Thursday night when sophomore Teague Smith rallied at 170 pounds to get a pin in a crucial match against Quincy that helped the Hounds to a win.

Then on Friday night, senior Phillip Goldie took a glass pass from fellow senior Miles Dear on a breakaway and put it down with both hands to bring both sides of

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Hounds’ senior Phillip Goldie (30) puts down a two-handed dunk against Mt. Pleasant in the first quarter on a nice leave off the glass by Miles Dear. The Panthers would make a game of it, however, but the Hounds would hold on for a 47-45 win in Fort Madison.

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# Hound Wrestling

## McGowan finishes 4th at Keen Independence Invite

BY PCC SPORTS

### INDEPENDENCE

Fort Madison's Jakob McGowan battled back from a first round loss in the 182 lb. gold bracket to get the best finish for the Bloodhounds for the weekend's Cliff Keen Invitational wrestling tournament in Independence, Iowa.

McGowan, who advanced to the gold bracket after three straight wins in Friday placement matches, lost by pin to No. 2 ranked Des Moines Lincoln's Mickey Griffith in just :57, but shook off the loss to win his next two and advance to a shot for 3rd place against Max Kohl of Lisbon.

McGowan and Kohl battled throughout the first period, but the Lisbon senior scored a takedown with just four seconds left for a 2-0 lead after 1. McGowan scored an escape to start the 2nd period but was then warned for stalling and then surrendered a takedown six seconds later. About 40 seconds later,

McGowan was hit with a 1-point stalling penalty to give Kohl a 5-1 lead at the end of the 2nd period.

A Kohl reversal half way through the third period set the final score at 7-1, giving McGowan the 4th place finish wrestling through the back side of the bracket.

Senior Gavin Wiseman had the next best finish at 7th place at 160 lbs. Wiseman got two byes and then pinned Nathan Black of Greene County at 1:53 to get to the gold bracket on Saturday.

Class 2A No. 2 Nicholas Fox (5-0) of Osage sent Wiseman to the back side of the gold bracket with a 2nd period pin. Fox was seeded No. 1 in the bracket and Wiseman came as the No. 8 seed. Wiseman then went up against Class 2A No. 12 ranked Sam West of Burlington Notre Dame.

Wiseman scored a takedown early but West got out of it and rolled a reversal to tie things up at the end of the first period. West took the bottom spot to start round 2 and

escaped with :30 left in the period and got a takedown just as time expired to take a 5-2 lead into the final period.

After a standing start in period 3, West would get another takedown half way through the 3rd period to set the 7-2 decision. Wiseman would get a pin over Independence's Teagan McEnany 15 seconds into the second period to win the 7th place match.

Teague Smith lost the 9th place match at 170 in the silver bracket Saturday. Smith lost to Brock Ruzicka of Union LaPorte City in an 11-2 major decision in preliminary wrestling Friday to move into the silver bracket where he lost by fall to Waterloo East's Eli Sallis in the 1st period.

Smith won the first two matches in the silver bracket by pins.

At 195, Ike Thacher lost to Keegan Davis of Des Moines Roosevelt in the third round of Friday preliminaries to move to the Silver bracket. The sophomore moved through the bracket with two pins to

get to the 9th place match where he lost by fall to Jahshah Galvan of West Liberty in the first period. Galvan scored a takedown 40 seconds in and turned it to a 3-point near fall before getting the pin.

Other Hound wrestlers to place were Emmett Kruse at 126 (20th), Caleb Bolander at 138 (15th), Aidan Pennock at 152 (17th), and Cory Arnett at 285 (20th).

Complete results of the weekend tournament are listed below.

#### 126: Emmett Kruse (Fort Madison) - 20th

Varsity - Cons. Round 1 - Emmett Kruse (Fort Madison) over Ricardo Rios (Waterloo East) (Fall 4:44)  
Varsity - Cons. Round 2 - Jaxon Rolling (Dubuque Senior) over Emmett Kruse (Fort Madison) (Fall 1:16)  
Varsity - Cons. Round 3 - Emmett Kruse (Fort Madison) over Dakota Moble (Greene County) (SV-1 4-2)  
Varsity - Round 1 - Tyler Lee (Prairie, Cedar Rapids) over Emmett Kruse (Fort Madison) (Fall 1:40)  
Varsity - Round 2 - Emmett Kruse (Fort Madison) received a bye  
Varsity - Round 3 - Quincy Happel (Lisbon) over Emmett Kruse (Fort Madison) (Fall 3:39)  
Varsity - 19th Place Match - Nick Needham (Fennimore) over Emmett Kruse (Fort Madison) (Fall 3:58)

#### 138: Caleb Bolander (Fort Madison) - 15th

Varsity - Cons. Round 1 - Will Emmons (Carlisle) over Caleb Bolander (Fort Madison) (Fall 1:54)  
Varsity - Cons. Round 2 - Ivan Martin (Maquoketa) over Caleb Bolander (Fort Madison) (Fall 2:56)  
Varsity - Round 1 - Caleb Bolander (Fort Madison) over Burke Busta (NH/TV) (Dec 13-7)  
Varsity - Round 2 - Carter Straw (Independence) over Caleb Bolander (Fort Madison) (Fall 1:26)  
Varsity - Round 3 - Caleb Bolander (Fort Madison) over Sullivan Davis (Des Moines Roosevelt) (Fall 2:50)  
Varsity - 15th Place Match - Caleb Bolander (Fort Madison) over Braeden Ellis (North Fayette Valley) (M. For.)

152: Aidan Pennock (Fort Madison) - 17th  
Varsity - Cons. Round 1 - Aidan Pennock (Fort Madison) over Tate Martin (Maquoketa) (Fall 1:25)  
Varsity - Cons. Round 2 - Aidan Pennock (Fort Madison) over Talan Conrad (Independence) (For.)  
Varsity - Round 1 - Drew Morgan (Christian Brothers College) over Aidan Pennock (Fort Madison) (Fall 5:02)  
Varsity - Round 2 - Aidan Pennock (Fort Madison) over Cyrus Mathes (South Tama County) (Dec 7-3)  
Varsity - Round 3 - Brandon Harris (Algona) over Aidan Pennock (Fort Madison) (Fall 1:14)  
Varsity - 17th Place Match - Aidan Pennock (Fort Madison) over Kael Meyers (NH/TV) (Dec 13-9)

160: Gavin Wiseman (Fort Madison) - 7th  
Varsity - Quarterfinals - Nicholas Fox (Osage) over Gavin Wiseman (Fort Madison) (Fall 3:09)  
Varsity - Cons. Round 2 - Samuel West (Notre Dame, Burlington) over Gavin Wiseman (Fort Madison) (Dec 7-2)  
Varsity - Round 1 - Gavin Wiseman (Fort Madison) received a bye  
Varsity - Round 2 - Gavin Wiseman (Fort Madison) received a bye  
Varsity - Round 3 - Gavin Wiseman (Fort Madison) over Nathan Black (Greene County) (Fall 1:53)  
Varsity - 7th Place Match - Gavin Wiseman (Fort Madison) over Teagan McEnany (Independence) (Fall 2:45)

182: Jakob McGowan (Fort Madison) - 4th  
Varsity - Quarterfinals - Mickey Griffith (Des Moines Lincoln) over Jakob McGowan (Fort Madison) (Fall 0:57)  
Varsity - Cons. Round 2 - Jakob McGowan (Fort Madison) over Ben Thines (Maquoketa) (Dec 8-3)  
Varsity - Cons. Round 3 - Jakob McGowan (Fort Madison) over Felipe Molina (West Liberty) (Dec 11-5)  
Varsity - Round 1 - Jakob McGowan (Fort Madison) over Aaron Mack (Dubuque Senior) (Fall 0:59)  
Varsity - Round 2 - Jakob McGowan (Fort Madison) over Luke Schneider (Alburnett) (Fall 1:34)  
Varsity - Round 3 - Jakob McGowan (Fort Madison) over Justin Adams (Xavier, Cedar Rapids) (Fall 0:54)  
Varsity - 3rd Place Match - Max Kohl (Lisbon) over Jakob McGowan (Fort Madison) (Dec 7-1)

285: Cory Arnett (Fort Madison) - 20th  
Varsity - Cons. Round 1 - Cohen Pfohl (Dubuque Senior) over Cory Arnett (Fort Madison) (Fall 1:20)  
Varsity - Cons. Round 2 - Cory Arnett (Fort Madison) over JJ Wright (Dubuque Senior) (MD 8-0)  
Varsity - Cons. Round 3 - Cory Arnett (Fort Madison) over Cody Nielson (Algona) (Fall 2:52)  
Varsity - Round 1 - Ivan Delgado (Des Moines Lincoln) over Cory Arnett (Fort Madison) (Fall 1:08)  
Varsity - Round 2 - Quintyn Rocha (West Liberty) over Cory Arnett (Fort Madison) (Fall 1:57)  
Varsity - Round 3 - Cory Arnett (Fort Madison) over Quentin Krogmann (Independence) (Dec 10-9)  
Varsity - 19th Place Match - Aiden Kniffen (Notre Dame, Burlington) over Cory Arnett (Fort Madison) (Fall 4:43)

Logan Pennock (Fort Madison) - DNP  
Varsity - Cons. Round 1 - Logan Pennock (Fort Madison) over Jacob Ingebritson (Clarion-Goldfield-Dows) (Fall 1:30)  
Varsity - Cons. Round 2 - Logan Pennock (Fort Madison) over Briar Mast (Union, LaPorte City) (Fall 1:15)  
Varsity - Round 1 - Alex Bumba (Prairie, Cedar Rapids) over Logan Pennock (Fort Madison) (Dec 13-6)  
Varsity - Round 2 - Darren Adams (Osage) over Logan Pennock (Fort Madison) (Fall 4:37)  
Varsity - Round 3 - Logan Pennock (Fort Madison) received a bye  
Varsity - 17th Place Match - Logan Pennock (Fort

Madison) over Tyler Jessup (Solon) (Fall 1:10)  
106: Tatum Schelich (Fort Madison) - DNP  
Varsity - Tatum Schelich (Fort Madison) over Tyson Wheeler (Solon) (Fall 2:42)  
Varsity - Cons. Round 1 - Tatum Schelich (Fort Madison) received a bye  
Varsity - Cons. Round 2 - Tatum Schelich (Fort Madison) received a bye  
Varsity - Round 1 - Cale Nash (Clear Creek-Amana) over Tatum Schelich (Fort Madison) (Fall 0:44)  
Varsity - Round 2 - Aiden Serrano (Carlisle) over Tatum Schelich (Fort Madison) (Fall 0:17)  
Varsity - Round 3 - Evan Burg (Solon) over Tatum Schelich (Fort Madison) (Fall 5:07)

170: Teague Smith (Fort Madison) - DNP  
Varsity - Cons. Round 1 - Teague Smith (Fort Madison) over Jake Miller (Osage) (Fall 0:38)  
Varsity - Cons. Round 2 - Teague Smith (Fort Madison) over Jes Krill (Carlisle) (Fall 5:29)  
Varsity - Round 1 - Teague Smith (Fort Madison) received a bye  
Varsity - Round 2 - Teague Smith (Fort Madison) over Thomas Hansen (Dubuque Senior) (Fall 1:02)  
Varsity - Round 3 - Brock Ruzicka (Union, LaPorte City) over Teague Smith (Fort Madison) (MD 11-2)  
Varsity - 9th Place Match - Eli Sallis (Waterloo East) over Teague Smith (Fort Madison) (Fall 1:23)

220: Daniel Sokolik (Fort Madison) - DNP  
Varsity - Cons. Round 1 - Daniel Sokolik (Fort Madison) over Draysen Henle (South Tama County) (Fall 3:13)  
Varsity - Cons. Round 2 - Jack Laughlin (Carlisle) over Daniel Sokolik (Fort Madison) (Dec 9-2)  
Varsity - Cons. Round 3 - Cohen Reffer (Algona) over Daniel Sokolik (Fort Madison) (Fall 5:41)  
Varsity - Round 1 - Daniel Sokolik (Fort Madison) received a bye  
Varsity - Round 2 - Gavin Bridgewater (South Tama County) over Daniel Sokolik (Fort Madison) (Fall 4:13)  
Varsity - Round 3 - Daniel Sokolik (Fort Madison) over Zach Utley (NH/TV) (Fall 3:03)  
Varsity - 13th Place Match - Daniel Sokolik (Fort Madison) over Wyatt Miles (Fennimore) (Dec 8-2)

195: Isaac Thacher (Fort Madison) - DNP  
Varsity - Cons. Round 1 - Isaac Thacher (Fort Madison) over Chase Roof (Algona) (Fall 2:41)  
Varsity - Cons. Round 2 - Isaac Thacher (Fort Madison) over Michael McGriff (Des Moines Lincoln) (Fall 0:40)  
Varsity - Round 1 - Isaac Thacher (Fort Madison) received a bye  
Varsity - Round 2 - Isaac Thacher (Fort Madison) received a bye  
Varsity - Round 3 - Keegan Davis (Des Moines Roosevelt) over Isaac Thacher (Fort Madison) (Fall 1:47)  
Varsity - 9th Place Match - Jahshah Galvan (West Liberty) over Isaac Thacher (Fort Madison) (Fall 1:26)

132: Henry Wiseman (Fort Madison) - DNP  
Varsity - Henry Wiseman (Fort Madison) over Bryson Garcia (West Liberty) (Fall 2:38)  
Varsity - Cons. Round 1 - Bryson Garcia (West Liberty) over Henry Wiseman (Fort Madison) (Fall 0:25)  
Varsity - Cons. Round 2 - Henry Wiseman (Fort Madison) received a bye  
Varsity - Cons. Round 3 - Henry Wiseman (Fort Madison) over Jaxson Holec (Des Moines Roosevelt) (Fall 1:52)  
Varsity - Round 1 - Levi Livermore (Maquoketa) over Henry Wiseman (Fort Madison) (Dec 11-6)  
Varsity - Round 2 - Tate O'Shea (Notre Dame, Burlington) over Henry Wiseman (Fort Madison) (Fall 1:30)  
Varsity - Round 3 - Noah Noland (Carlisle) over Henry Wiseman (Fort Madison) (Fall 1:58)

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## Sports/From the Front

# Customers remind owners of role family played in FM

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had national success in marketing campaigns while working on the east and west coasts, and living in Japan.

"We've lived in Japan, San Francisco, and New York City," Park said. "During the pandemic, and our story is not unique, it's shaken up a lot of different people. We have a 1,000 square foot apartment in Brooklyn, New York. I was doing work from home, my son was doing school from home, and we were on just on top of each other."

He said Allison's parents wanted to move out of their larger home and the timing worked well for the two to move back to Fort Madison into the home.

Allison's father Jerry was an English teacher at Fort Madison High School for 35 years and Mike said the shop has been effective at rekindling memories of Allison's childhood.

"That's the other part that's kinda been nice, and I would be remiss if I didn't mention Allison's dad passing. He was a fixture, a ninth grade teacher for 35 years here. What the store has become - and it's not just about selling plants and records because we'll be the first to tell you we're not going to retire selling this stuff - but it's about speaking with people," Mike said.

"People are coming in now and saying, 'I had her dad in 9th grade and he made me do XYZ', and I'm learning about what and who my father-in-law used to be. The store is helping with that."

The store is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and sells used record albums, potted plants, and some accessories and turntables.

Park said the market for vinyl records is higher than it's been in the past three decades with some people actually buying up records for the collection value.

"Some people are coming in here and buying records and they don't even have a turntable," he said.

"But if you look at the market, it's growing faster than any other music format. Believe it or not, tapes are making a comeback, too."

The two observed the increase in retail presence in the downtown area with outlets like Swed Coffee.

"We nibbled at it. Our son did the logo. I started buying records and Allison found people to buy pots and plants from. We found a local person to make the furniture in here," he said.

"We saw what the Sweds were doing and said, 'Wow, there's something happening here and it feels kinda good.'"

## CRUSADERS

# Mad rally in 4th quarter comes up short for HTC boys

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

PCC EDITOR

MEDIAPOLIS - A wicked fourth quarter rally came up just short for the Holy Trinity boys as the Crusaders slipped to 0-3 on the year with a 51-48 loss at Mediapolis Saturday.

The Crusaders scored 21 points in the final 4:30 of the game, and 18 points in the last 90 seconds to cut the gap to a bucket with less than a minute to go, but HTC couldn't get over the hump.

Senior Tyler Snaadt and freshman Luke Hellige each nailed three 3-pointers in the rally to help the Crusaders get back into the game. Hellige hit his 3-balls on three straight possessions. Snaadt finished with 14 points to lead HTC. Connor Gehling had 13 for the Crusaders.

Mediapolis pulled to a 18-6 first quarter lead after HTC started with a 6-4 lead. The Bulldogs held HTC scoreless the rest of the 1st period.

The Bulldogs would jump ahead 34-15, doubling up the Crusaders at the half,

and held a 42-24 lead going into the crazy fourth quarter that saw HTC put up an 18-0 run before finally falling short.

"I told the guys it's like when you get into a cold pool. It's uncomfortable and is almost painful until you get used to the temperature," Hellige said. "Then you relax and have fun when you adjust to the temperature and you forget how cold the water is."

"We've made amazing strides this week. Still a long ways to go."

On Friday, Maddox Rung had 11 points to lead Holy Trinity in a 56-38 loss to Cardinal on the road in Eldon. Holy Trinity was held scoreless in the first quarter sporting Cardinal a 13-0 lead, but got things going in the second to trail 28-11 at the half.

The Crusaders trailed by 30 going into the fourth quarter, but outscored Cardinal 22-9 in the fourth quarter, but the game was out of reach.

HTC hosts Van Buren in a varsity girls/boys doubleheader on Tuesday before traveling to West Burlington on Friday night.

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## Sports/From the Front

# Davis leads Hounds over weekend

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the Hound Dome to its feet as Fort Madison eeked out a 47-45 win over Mt. Pleasant in the Bloodhounds' season opener.

The dunk came early with Fort Madison up 13-4. On a Mt. Pleasant turnover, Dear came out on the left side on a breakaway, peeked back and saw Goldie trailing. Dear pushed the easy layup off the glass nicely to Goldie who took it on the right side and put it down.

Mt. Pleasant would go on a run from that point, however, cutting the lead to 18-10 on a bucket by Payton Hagans, ending a 6-3 run and the first quarter.

Senior Tate Johnson would hit a 3-ball from the right wing to open the second quarter and give Fort Madison a 21-10 lead.

The Panthers would go on another run, this time a 16-7 spread behind seven points from Dewon Trent to cut the lead to just two at 28-26 at the half.

Trent and Fort Madison's Dayton Davis would tie for game-high scoring honors with 17.

Mt. Pleasant's Owen Vansickle opened the third quarter with a bucket to tie the game at 28. The two teams would work ties at 31 and 33 before Mt. Pleasant took its first lead of the game at 34-33 on a free-throw from Dylon Hagans.

A Davis 3-pointer from the left wing would put Fort Madison back up by one and the game never had a deficit of more than four the rest of the way. However, the Bloodhounds never again gave up the lead.

At 42-41, Miles Dear missed a 14-foot jumper from the right baseline, but Davis gobbled up the rebound and missed inside the lane. Dear streaked back across to grab up Davis' miss and he missed inside, but grabbed his own rebound and scored with 3:19 left in the game for a 44-41 lead.

Payton Hagans would convert a couple freethrows after Reiburn Turnbull fouled him trying to drive the lane. Turnbull would then get fouled in the next possession and get his only point of the night on the front end of the one-and-one for a 45-43 lead.

The Hounds' defense would hold on the next possession before Davis would put back a Tate Johnson miss for a 47-43 lead. Fort Madison would call a timeout to set up a defense on the inbounds. Trent would get the ball inside on the right baseline and score to cut the lead to two, 47-45, but Fort Madison was able to run out the clock for the win.

Head Coach Ryan Wilson said the Hounds started great and then got sloppy on defense.

"I said at the beginning of the season the key to us this year will be defense and transition," Wilson said.

"But they just kicked our butt in dribble penetration in the second quarter. They had 20 points in dribble penetration in the first half. They had five in the second. We can't just let them dribble right down our throat over and over and that was the first half."

He said the dunk from Goldie was a big part of keeping a very active student body and crowd checking.

"We get up 15-4 and we get that huge dunk from Phillip, and that was awesome and everyone goes nuts... we need that kinda stuff. Then Phillip and Miles tried to get a little cute and we have to know when we can do it and when we can't.

"We were better in the second half overall. Dayton was active on the board, but how many open layups did we miss. If we make even 70% of those layups we're talking a bit different now. But it's the first game and we gotta get better in those situations."

Dear had 14 points on the night, while Fort Madison got nine from Corey Hopper who had the first five



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Fort Madison's Reiburn Turnbull (3) tries to disrupt the shot of Mt. Pleasant's Dewon Trent (10) in the third quarter of the Bloodhounds' 47-45 win over the Panthers. The Hounds won again on Saturday over Williamsburg.

points of the game. Tate Johnson and Goldie each had three points and Turnbull had one.

The Hounds put up their 1-0 record on Saturday, again at the Hound Dome, against Williamsburg.

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## Central Lee boys fall on the road at West Burlington

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**WEST BURLINGTON** – Central Lee's boys basketball team is still learning the system of first-year head coach Kritter Hayes.

The Hawks were pushed around by West Burlington in a 67-31 loss in Southeast Iowa Super-conference action Friday night in West Burlington.

West Burlington opened up a quick 13-9 first quarter lead and that included a 5-0 run by the Hawks to wrap up the quarter. But West Burlington would hold Central Lee to just

five points the rest of the first half while ripping off 25 points in the second quarter for a comfortable 38-14 first half lead.

The Falcons held Central Lee to just four points in the third quarter to pull away for the win.

Head Coach Kritter Hayes said the Hawks lacked confidence in handling the ball and West Burlington's press.

"They were able to move the ball around like we had no defense out there at all," Hayes said. "We just really struggled to handle the ball tonight.

We were loose with it and made very poor decisions in our ball movement."

The Hawks failed to get a player in double figures on the night. Alex Sandoval and Brayden Wyrick each had eight points in the loss. Corbin Pohren, Cory Jones, and Dante Merschman all had three points. Aden Ross, Bryce Finney and Maddox Doty all chipped in with two points apiece.

The Hawks fall to 0-2 on the season and travel to Davis County on Saturday night before hosting Danville Tuesday night.

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### PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Lee County, Iowa**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**Agenda**  
**DATE: Monday,**  
**December 6, 2021**  
**MEETING**  
**CONVENING TIME:**  
**9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.**  
**(CDT)**  
**LOCATION:**  
**933 Avenue H**  
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Pledge of Allegiance  
 Approve Agenda  
 Public Input  
 Presentation from XI-PHOS Technical Services for Pipeline Inspection  
 Consider Approval of Filling Open Position on Conservation Board  
 Consider Approval of Filling Two Open Positions on Board of Health  
 Consider Approval of Resolution Awarding Contract for HMA Resurfacing of 255th St (J62) from Hwy 27 East 7.5 miles to Hwy 61 and Authorize County Engineer to Execute Contract  
 Consider Approval of Resolution Lifting Embargo on Primrose Road  
 Consider Approval of Resolution Removing Mobile Home from Tax System

Consider Approval of Class C Liquor License for Hy-Vee Catering Brown Wedding at Small Grand Things, West Point  
 Consider Approval of Taxable and Assessed Values for Utilities for FY21

Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolutions (11)

Consider Approval of Monday, November 22, 2021 Board Minutes

Consider Approval of

Claims  
 Personnel Actions:  
 A. Status Transfers  
 (2)-EMS  
 B. Reclassifications (4)-Health Department  
 C. Step Increase-Health Department  
 Reports:  
 A. Recorder's Report of Fees Collected  
 B. Auditor's Report of Fees Collected  
 Commission or Committee Reports  
 Adjourn

Workshop to Follow

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**FORT MADISON**  
**COMMUNITY SCHOOL**  
**DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**December 6, 2021**  
**6:00 P.M.**

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

<https://zoom.us/j/94718756578?pwd=MEIxT2VObmZNaX-VuazIEcHIDS3pNQOT09>

#### AGENDA

I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum  
 II. Recognition of guests  
 III. Approve the agenda  
 IV. Board Policy – Action  
 Chronological  
 • 603.1 Basic Instruction Program - **ACCEPT CHANGES**

• 603.4 Multicultural/Gender Fair Education - **ACCEPT CHANGES**  
 2nd Quarter IASB  
 • 206.1 President - **ACCEPT CHANGES**  
 • 206.2 Vice-President - **ACCEPT CHANGES**  
 • 213 Public Participation in Board Meetings (OLD) - **DELETE**  
 • 213 Public Participation in Board Meetings (NEW) - **ADOPT**  
 • 302.5 Superintendent Evaluation - **ACCEPT CHANGES**  
 • 904.1 Transporting Students in Private Vehicles - **ACCEPT CHANGES**  
 V. Resolution Appointing Paying Agent, Bond Registrar, and Transfer Agent, Approving the Paying Agent, Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement and Authorizing the Execution of Same  
 VI. Approval of Tax Exemption Certificate  
 VII. Approval of Continuing Disclosure Certificate  
 VIII. Resolution Authorizing the Terms of Issuance and Providing for and Securing the Payment of School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds.  
 IX. Approve the Request for Modified Supplemental Amount from the SBRC for Excess LEP costs for serving English Language Learners during the 2020-2021 School Year in the amount of \$9,918.  
 X. Open Enrollment Out Not on Prior Year's Headcount. Authorize Administration to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for a modified supplemental amount of \$424,994.40 for open enrolled out students who were not included in the district's previous year certified enrollment count.  
 XI. Approve Election Canvass Summary and

Abstract of Votes from Election held on November 2, 2021.

XII. Public Comments  
 XIII. Selection of chair for organization meeting  
 XIV. Adjourn for 2021-2022 Board sine die

**FORT MADISON**  
**COMMUNITY SCHOOL**  
**DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**ORGANIZATION**  
**MEETING**

I. Call meeting to order and determine a quorum  
 II. Administer oaths and election of officers  
 A. Oath of office to new Board members  
 B. Election of president  
 C. Oath of office to president  
 D. Election of vice-president  
 III. Consider Board appointments  
 A. Sandra Elmore, Board secretary / treasurer  
 B. Emily Ellingson - Lynch Dallas, PC, school district attorney  
 C. Daily Democrat, official publication  
 IV. Adopt meeting rules, procedures and committee assignments  
 A. Establish time, day and location for regular meetings  
 B. Determine seating arrangement  
 C. Determine finance review teams  
 D. Selection of County Conference Board representative (1)  
 E. Selection of negotia-

tions committee representative (2)

F. Selection of vocational program representative (1)

G. Selection of SIAC representative (1)

H. Selection of audit committee (2)

I. Selection of community foundation group (1)

J. Appoint LAN member

K. Appoint Delegate assembly member

V. Consider approval of Financing Option for Middle School and High School Additions and Renovations - Summary of Finance Plan

VI. Consider approval of Revised Schematic Design - Overall Project Budget for Middle School and High School Additions and Renovations -

• Approved Project Budget 08/16/21

• Revised Project Budget

• Option 1 with Alternate 1st Grade

• Option 2 with Alternate Gym and Locker Room

VII. Announcements  
 December 20, 2021, 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting, Board Room, Central Office

VIII. Adjourn

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## Iowa News/From the Front

# State should have put funds behind mandate

**SALARY** - Continued from Page 1

what it is.

But this Compensation Board meeting Wednesday night had me a bit uncomfortable in my seat. The state mandates that the Comp Board set the sheriff's salary at a rate comparable to administrators of such state law enforcement agencies as the state patrol and Department of Criminal Investigations. The new law also says the board must incorporate police chiefs in cities that have similar populations to any respective county, into figuring the new rate.

Local attorney Rich Fehseke, representing Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber on the board, had come up with a formula that incorporated police chief salaries of cities close to Lee County in population and DCI and Iowa State Patrol administrator salaries. That ad-hoc formula represented a 45.4% increase in salary for Weber.

His salary is tied to Chief Deputy Will Conlee, Capt. Craig Burch, and Jail Administrator John Canida by policy.

That's a hefty pay raise to be sure, even Weber acknowledged that and said it put the panel in a pickle. But he reminded them that it wasn't a local request but a state mandate to correct salaries that don't reflect the work the state's sheriffs do.

Raise or no raise, it's a 10-mile run to go two blocks. This is what people hate about politics. Why pass legislation aimed at resetting salaries, when there's no chance of it resetting salaries? These county boards not only will have trouble finding that money without cuts elsewhere, probably within that budget, but how do they explain it to an Auditor or Recorder or Treasurer who deal with the public on regular bases and might see a 3% raise?

It's a tough call. Put on a vest and snap on a gun belt. I think if we're all being transparent - and Lee County Recorder Nancy Booten said it best when she said she couldn't do that work out of fear of what's behind the door - we'd settle for the smaller salary for the safer work.

But now, also a new state law, County Auditor Denise Fraise can technically be thrown in jail if one of her election officials goofs on a signature or verification that doesn't get caught. That's ratcheting up the rhetoric and penalties for a cost of living increase?

And the really weird part is that the same law says that county Boards of Supervisors can all but disre-

gard the recommendation. But the one catch that may reset the county salary anyway is that if the Supervisors move the recommendation back down to say 5%, the 10% recommendation for the rest of the elected staff, would have to be reduced by the same amount.

A 5% raise for the sheriff would result in about a 1.1% increase for the other elected officials. A 5% raise would be 1/9th of what the comp board recommended and 1/9th of a 10% increase is just over 1%, which probably wouldn't go over well in the county offices.

It would seem that cutting the comp board's recommendation in half would yield a 22.5% increase for the sheriff's salary and leave a 5% increase for the other elected officials, which by most reports is what the cost of living increase will be calculated for in 2022. If the Board decides on a 3% increase for the elected staff to stick to precedent over the past few years, then the sheriff would get about 1/3 of the 45% increase or 15%.

But if the state really wanted to bump the rates of the sheriffs' pay, they should have put some money behind it. They have a surplus, they clearly want to get law enforcement's backs while making sure they aren't using a choke hold. So use some of that surplus to help fund the pay raises and take pressure off local taxpayers to foot the bill.

To us this isn't an issue of local politics, but state politics. That part of the Back the Blue bill didn't even go through any committees, but was added on the floor vote. Clearly the diligence wasn't there on this one and when you look at the potential cost for the state to get across that finish line in all counties, they should have created a supplemental funding stream.

If you haven't heard, or read, city, state, and Amtrak officials will be bringing an Amtrak train in from Galesburg on Friday at 6 p.m. to the newly relocated Amtrak Depot in Riverview Park. The mayor will step off the train, after the media so we can get a great photo, at 6 p.m. to the earned pomp and revelry that comes with about 15 years of planning, negotiating and pleading at all levels to get the project completed.

This a strong move that adds value to the ever-changing riverfront landscape in Fort Madison, and it's something that should be attended by many, with a look to the heavens at former Mayor Steve Ireland who is most assuredly smiling down with arms folded - a job well done by all. But that's Beside the Point.

# Governor taps Boddicker for 8th District seat

PCC STAFF

DES MOINES- Gov. Kim Reynolds today announced her appointment of Clinton Boddicker as a district court judge in Judicial Election District 8B.



BODDICKER

Boddicker, of Keokuk, Iowa, currently serves as a district associate judge in Judicial Election District 8B. He previously served as the Lee County Attorney and has also worked in private practice. Boddicker received his undergraduate degree from the University of Iowa and his law degree from the University of Iowa College of Law.

Boddicker fills the vacancy created by the upcoming retirement of District Court Judge Mary Ann Brown. Judicial Election District 8B includes Des Moines, Henry, Lee, and Louisa counties

# Marion County man killed in deer hunting accident

MARION COUNTY, Iowa - Authorities have identified 37-year-old Nathan Allen Sharpnack, of Winterset, as the victim in a fatal hunting incident that occurred in Marion County on Saturday. According to authorities, Sharpnack was participating in a deer drive on the Whitebreast Arm of Lake Red Rock with a large group of hunters when he was fatally struck in the torso.

The investigation into the hunting related shooting is ongoing at this time. An autopsy is pending on Sharpnack at the Iowa Office of the State Medical Examiner in Ankeny.

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