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## Board OKs pay bumps

**SHERIFF/EMS:** Supervisors approve 15% increase for sheriff's dept.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber whittled an extra 5% for staff wages out of his budget for next year, but had a bit of a battle getting the Lee County supervisors on board Tuesday.

In January, Supervisors approved a 10% increase for all county employees, with the exception of Weber and his administrative team who got 45% under the new Back the Blue calculations.



WEBER



FEDLER

Weber said Tuesday at the regular Lee County Board of Supervisor's meeting that Chief Deputy Will Conlee was able to thin the budget in the way of equipment to find an additional \$100,000 for the

added increase.

"We've asked the staff to be a little more responsible with the equipment and treat it well so it lasts a little lon-

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## State tourney a gift that keeps giving

Making the trip to Des Moines for the annual state wrestling meet is typically an up and down of epic proportions. As media, we get tucked into a corner room on the floor level of Wells-Fargo, shoulder-to-shoulder with bottled water and a couple large screen tvs showing all eight matches. We listen to the announcements of matches to mats, and then we get up and down throughout the day to observe and photograph the wrestlers we cover.

The other side of this is the emotion that's involved with this high-adrenaline, individual, one-on-one battles. These kids have to win four matches to be the best in the state. That doesn't seem like much at first blush, but as Head Coach Ryan Smith said walking back to the van after Saturday's matches – there's very little room for error in these matches. The kids that lose somewhere along the line have to wrestle even more just to get on the podium. Fort Madison didn't get any kids on the podium this year.

This is the fifth year I've covered the state tournament. I missed two years ago because my daughter died that week. I messaged Smith that year and told him I couldn't find anyone to cover the event for his kids. He messaged back and said I was just where I was supposed to be. Then he bear-hugged me 10 days later as he and about 20 other athletes and coaches came to her funeral to say good-bye.

Kelsey was a huge fan of Coach Smith and Derek Doherty. In a school with a student population that made her regularly feel like an outcast, these two welcomed

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison boys Head Coach Ryan Wilson gets vocal with the Bloodhounds during a third quarter time out Monday night. The Hounds rallied for a 70-60 win over Oskaloosa to advance in Class 3A Substate 5 play. See **SPORTS** inside for the game recap.

### EMPTY NEST

## It takes the Villages of Van Buren County

During the flood of 1947, 17-year old Jack Dorothy was swimming in the flooded waters of the Des Moines River in downtown Keosauqua. Yup. The water was high up on the side of the Hotel Manning. Windows were

open and Jack swam in one window of the Hotel Manning and out the other, like a carp on holiday.

Jack would go on to become a teacher in Douds and basketball coach of both the girls' and boys' high school and junior-high teams. He was one

of the few coaches in Iowa history to take both the girls' and boys' basketball teams to the State Tournament at the same time. He would eventually be the principal at Fox Valley and Van

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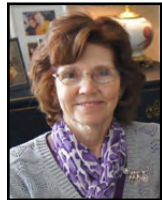
# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### MARILYN S. HOLMES

Marilyn Sue Holmes, 71, passed away at 10:10 pm Sunday, February 20, 2022 at her home after a two year battle with cancer. Per her wishes, her body has been cremated.

She was born April 3, 1950, in Springfield, Illinois, a daughter of H. Moulton and Lorena (Davis) Fulton. She grew up on a farm just outside Ashland, Illinois, where she attended school, graduating in 1968 from Ashland High School.



HOLMES

Marilyn had two children in her first marriage, Matthew Elliott and Jennifer (Elliott) Kelly. On August 26, 2001, she married Charles Holmes, who survives.

After graduating from high school, she was employed by the Illinois State Police, then later by the Iowa Department of Transportation in Fairfield, and most recently by her husband in his dental office in Fort Madison.

Marilyn began playing the piano and organ in grade school and continued to play both for the next 60 years in churches and for special musical productions. She was a volunteer for many years for various groups and events, including the Fort Madison Community Hospital Auxiliary, of which she was a member and past president. She was a member and musician of the First Baptist Church in Fairfield for many years before moving to Fort Madison, where she was a member and musician of the First Baptist Church, and active with it's Red Hat Ladies and Thursday Evening Sewing Ministry. She was a member of the Tri State Quilt Guild, the Bessie Morrison Kings Daughters, and enjoyed baking, bringing home numerous blue ribbons from the Lee County Fair.

In addition to being survived by her husband, Charles, she is survived by her two children, Matthew (Stacey) of Phoenix, Arizona and Jennifer (the late Chris Kelly) of Urbandale, Iowa; three grandchildren: Claire, Grace, and Henry Kelly; two siblings, Stanley (Jeanne) Fulton and Judy Kaye Fulton, all three of Ashland; two nephews, Dustin (Kristen) Fulton and Cale Fulton and one niece, Brandi (Ron) Tolley. She is also survived by many friends who valued her friendship and kindness, and loved ones of the Fulton, Elliott, Kelly, and Holmes families. She was preceded in death by her parents and son-in-law, Chris Kelly.

Her family will greet friends from 5:00 – 6:00 pm Thursday, February 24, 2022 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. A Memorial Service will be held at 10:30 am Friday, February 25, 2022 at the First Baptist Church, Fort Madison, with Pastor Dean Graber and her nephew, Pastor Dustin Fulton, officiating. Interment will immediately follow in the Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison, with a luncheon to follow at the First Baptist Family Life Center, Fort Madison.

Memorials may be made to the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice or the First Baptist Church, Fort Madison. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Holmes family and an online guest book may be found at [www.barrmemorialchapel.com](http://www.barrmemorialchapel.com).

## OBITUARIES

### MARTHA R. DOHMAN

Martha Rose Dohman, 86, of West Point, Iowa, passed away at 1:29 p.m. Friday, February 18, 2022, at Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in West Burlington, Iowa.

She was born on February 7, 1936, on the family farm near Donnellson, Iowa, the daughter of Benidict and Elizabeth (Menke) Panther. On April 16, 1955, she married Aloysius T. Dohman at St. Johns Catholic Church in Houghton, Iowa. He preceded her in death on June 30, 2011.



DOHMAN

She is survived by thirteen children: Peggy (Warren) Rickleman of Fort Madison, Iowa, Ted Dohman of West Liberty, Iowa, Dan (Deanna) Dohman of Kirksville, Missouri, Steve (Renae) Dohman of Fort Madison, Iowa, Paul (Jan) Dohman of West Point, Iowa, Ed (Teresa) Dohman of West Point, Iowa, Vince Dohman of West Point, Iowa, Teresa (Allen) Wellington of Fort Madison, Iowa, Patty (Kent) Rubey of Montrose, Iowa, Angie (Jeff) Heald of Burlington, Iowa, Jenny (Ron) Marshall of Donnellson, Iowa, Tom (Jana) Dohman of Waukee, Iowa, Jeremy (Julie) Dohman of West Point, Iowa. Also surviving are 23 grandchildren; 6 step grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; 10 step great-grandchildren; 1 great great-grandchild and two sisters: Carol Fullenkamp of West Point and Rita Steffensmeier of Fort Madison; one sister-in-law: Bertha Panther of Fort Madison, Iowa; one brother-in-law: Norman Parker of Lee Summit, Missouri.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Al; three brothers: Urban, Albert, Eugene Panther and three sisters: Mary Winnike, Loretta Blind and Agnes Miller.

Martha was a member of St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church, Daughters of Isabella and the West Point American Legion Auxiliary. In her early years she enjoyed cake decorating, making bread and crossword puzzles. Most of all she loved her children, grandchildren and laughter.

Friends may call after 12:00 noon, Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point, where the family will receive friends from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. a Rosary will be recited at 3:30 p.m. and Christian Wake Service will be held at 5:30 p.m.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 23 at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point with Father Dan Dorau as celebrant.

Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in West Point, Iowa.

Memorials have been established in her memory to Fort Madison Food Pantry or West Point Fire and Rescue.

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



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## Obituaries/From the Front

# Village makes wedding come true

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Buren County School.

Jack's wife, Laurie, was an RN and founded the Van Buren County Public Health Nursing Service.

One of Jack and Laurie's daughters, Connie, followed in her father's footsteps and became a Special Education teacher and Guidance Counselor in the Centerville school.

Jack, always the swimmer, built an enclosed lap swimming pool at Laurie and his house in Keosauqua and ingeniously heated both the pool house, that also contained a garage, and the house with wood. He swam laps for exercise. Laurie used the pool to find relief from Parkinson's and arthritis.

Connie, the daughter, now Connie Steinbach, had a dream one night. She saw her daughter, Emily, descending the steps of the Hotel Manning in a wedding dress. Sure enough, when Emily and her fiancé, Dan Swehla, became engaged, Emily wanted to be married in the Hotel Manning. Grandma Laurie, now 91, and in poor health, wouldn't have to travel for the wedding and there would be plenty of room for her wheelchair.

Well, Emily came down with COVID before the wedding and lost weight. When she tried on her wedding dress, two weeks before the wedding, it was too big and would be too difficult to alter. In a panic, Emily ordered another wedding dress online and it came in three days! But it needed to be hemmed. Christy Daugherty, of Keosauqua, who used to be one of Grandma Laurie's caretakers, jumped right on it. (The original wedding dress is for sale.)

The Hotel Manning, being a hotel, was without a cross. The Steinbachs called around and the old United Methodist Church of Milton provided a stand-alone cross.

## EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



They needed a platform for the bride and groom to stand on when

they were married. The Hemm brothers of Keosauqua, who were handymen for Grandma Laurie since Grandpa Jack passed away, built the platform. The platform needed a cover. Another person who had helped Grandma Laurie, Rita Holdon, made the cover.

The wedding was to be on Saturday, January 22. On Wednesday, before the wedding, Grandma Laurie became congested with pneumonia and CHF and had to be hospitalized. On Friday she went into Hospice. But she was determined to go to the wedding. The hospital and hospice staff rallied—they knew Laurie from when she was a nurse. A wheelchair with oxygen was provided, and Grandma Laurie made it to the Hotel Manning for Granddaughter Emily's wedding. Whew!

Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue. Emily, the radiant bride, wore Grandma Laurie's necklace, which Mother, Connie, had also worn at her wedding. For something blue, Emily said Grandma Laurie was her blue, because Grandma Laurie was decked out in blue.

Two days later, Grandma Laurie passed away, but she made it to the wedding, by golly, and it took the Villages of Van Buren to get her there.

*Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, find him on Facebook, email him at [curtswarm@yahoo.com](mailto:curtswarm@yahoo.com), or visit his website at [www.empty-nest-words-photos-and-frames.com](http://www.empty-nest-words-photos-and-frames.com).*

## OBITUARIES

### WYMOND LODER, JR.

Wymond "Stubby" Loder, Jr, 90, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 4:09 PM at the Madison.



LODER JR

He was born on August 18, 1931 in Brighton, IA to Wymond and Mamie Pencil Loder, Sr. On August 3, 1958 he married Eva Sharp in Chicago. Wymond was a forklift driver for a trucking company and enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping.

Survivors include his wife, Eva Loder of Ft. Madison; one daughter, Brenda (Bill Harry) Wade of West Point, IA; three sons, James Loder of Iowa City, Randy (Christine) Loder of Batavia, IL and Brian (Debbie) Loder of Romeoville, IL; nine grandchildren, Aaron (Ashley Reidner) Wade, Amanda (Clint) Huebner, Joshua (Emma Schau) Wade, Janelle (John Rodgers) Wade, Drew Loder, David Loder, Hannah (Jonathan) Seffinga, Emily Loder and Reagan Loder; eight great grandchildren and his sister, Romelle Buckley of Picayune, MS. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

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## Sports

# Bloodhounds rally in second half to down Oskey

BY CHUCK  
VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – It wasn't quite what the 7th-ranked Bloodhounds wanted to do with Oskaloosa in the opening round of Class 3A boys basketball post season play.

But a second half surge and some timely buckets from senior Reiburn Turnbull helped the Hounds roll to a 70-60 Substate 5 quarterfinal win over the Indians (6-15).

The Bloodhounds will tangle with Clear Creek-Amana (15-7) in the semifinals Thursday night in Fort Madison. The winner will advance to the substate final against the winner of Marion/Mt. Pleasant in the top half of the bracket. That game will be played in Muscatine next Monday at 7 p.m. with the winner punching a ticket to the state tournament.

The first 12 minutes of the game had the large Bloodhound crowd a bit uneasy as Oskaloosa raced out to a 14-6 first quarter lead. Fort Madison, who's been battling illnesses and injuries for the past two weeks, shot a queasy 3-of-11 from the field in the first period.

Indian guard Keaton Flaherty scored 10 of Oskaloosa's first 14 and was helping keep the Bloodhounds' press on its heels with some solid ball handling.

Fort Madison slipped behind 13 when Flaherty scored on his second 3-ball of the night from the right wing. Flaherty would rack up 19 in the first half.

Head Coach Ryan Wilson would call a full time out after Flaherty's 3-pointer with the Bloodhounds down 21-8. The time out seemed to stop Oskey's run, but Fort Madison struggled to gain ground quickly.

Seniors Dayton Davis and



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Dayton Davis puts up a jump shot over a couple Oskaloosa defenders Monday night in Fort Madison. Davis finished with 28 points on the night which was tied for game high.

Tate Johnson both scored inside in a small 4-0 run with 3:17 left in the half. Flaherty

would score again inside. Matt Hopper would miss on a short jumper and Oskaloosa

loosa would grab the board, but Johnson would get a steal and dish over to Davis who scored to cut the lead to nine.

David Nelson would score in transition, sliding through the Hounds' man press, and then Fort Madison would miss three straight from the field before Davis scored again off a Johnson assist to again cut the lead to nine 27-16.

The Hounds took advantage of three personal fouls in the last 30 seconds and cut the lead to eight at 29-21 despite a circus shot by the Indians' Waylon Bolibaugh, who threw up a shot as he fell to the floor off a rebound.

Turnbull's half court shot at the buzzer just missed clipping the front of the rim.

The conversation at half-time centered around this not being the last game for the senior-laden squad.

"We came out a little rough but by the time half time came around, we knew we weren't going to lose on our home court and would get the win," Turnbull, who finished with 16, said after the game.

Davis said things weren't happening the way the Hounds had drawn them up in the first quarter.

"In the beginning, we were hoping to come out

strong, and it didn't end up happening that way. I wasn't finishing and we weren't running our things," Davis said. "But at the half we knew we weren't going to fold. We didn't want this to be our last time playing. We talked about coming back and it didn't matter how much we were down."

Davis came alive offensively and the Hounds' top perimeter defender, Landes Williams, put the clamps on Flaherty, holding him to just nine points in the second half and five of those were in the final minute.

Fort Madison went to a spread five-out offense and opened up some lanes to drive off the dribble, while giving Davis room to work in the lane.

Turnbull and Davis scored the Hounds' first 10 points of the second half and Turnbull's scoop on a drive from the left side cut the lead to five at 36-31. Oskey's Jacob Stek buried a 3-pointer from the right baseline to make it 39-31, but Flaherty was whistled for a technical foul for something said after the bucket.

Miles Dear hit the front end of the freebies. Bolibaugh would score at the other end for a 41-32 lead, but Fort Madison would score four unanswered to again cut the lead to five on a floater in the lane from Dear.

The Hounds would get a stop at the other end and Davis would score in the paint and get fouled on Fort Madison's next possession. He would convert the 3-point play and the Hounds would

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## Sports

# Johnson, Landes lead Hound D in win

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be within two at 41-39.

Dear would seal the inbound pass but would miss the layup that would have tied the game. Fort Madison's defense again came up big in the next possession. Turnbull would get a steal and would get fouled. He converted the freethrows for the first tie of the game at 41.

Fort Madison would get a stop and then Dear and Turnbull would both miss at the other end and the Indians would get the rebound, but Davis would get another steal and miss the layup.

Nelson would score as Oskey slipped through the Hounds' press for an easy bucket, but Turnbull would score again inside to knot it up at 43.

Dayton Davis would then score nine of the the game's next 14 points, including the Hounds' only 3-ball of the night, with 6:08 left in the game to give the Hounds a six-point lead at 51-45.

It was the lowest output of 3-pointers on the season for the Hounds.

"If you would have told me we would win with one 3-pointer and I would've been the one to make it, I wouldn't have believed you," Davis laughed after the game.

Fort Madison would pull away from

that point extending their lead to as many as 12 on a Dear steal and layup in transition.

Flaherty would try to get the Indians back in it almost single handedly with a two-handed stuff and a 3-ball in the final minute to cut the lead to eight at 69-60, but Davis would score again with :30 left and the Hounds would be able to run out the clock for the win.

Wilson said the Hounds had to change the way they were playing in the first half.

"We had to make them play our style of basketball. We had to stop gambling and giving them free stuff. We just have to be better disciplined and better defensively in those situations," Wilson said.

Wilson said Turnbull's game was timely in the Hounds' turnaround.

"It's weird to watch him play. He's crafty and has a way to get to the basket and finish. He was really doing the little things and finding little angles today. He just has a knack for scoring and it's been an adjustment for him to realize that we need him to go to the basket," Wilson said.

But Wilson said the defensive play of Johnson and Williams was a key in the

second half.

"Tate and Landes - those are the guys who don't score a lot but do a lot. Landes gets all the credit for holding (Flaherty) to nine points in the second half. Every team needs players like Landes and Tate," Wilson said.

Wilson credited Oskaloosa for coming with the mindset of upsetting the Hounds.

"We weren't ourselves early on. We were the nail and they were the hammer," he said.

"Hats off to them and how they came out, but our guys responded and didn't just go away."

Turnbull said the Hounds were in the opposite position last year trying to upset the No. 2 seed. This year the Hounds were the No. 2 seed.

"Last year we were the seventh seed playing the two seed, so we knew how it was to come into this game. We know what it's like to play as the seventh seed and want to upset the No. 2 seed like we wanted to last year," he said.

Davis finished with 28 points on the night. Miles Dear had 18, Tate Johnson finished with six points, and Phillip Goldie had a couple freethrows to go with Turnbull's 16. Flaherty tied Davis for game-high scoring honors with 28 for Oskaloosa.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Reiburn Turnbull (3) gets fouled by Oskaloosa's Waylon Bolibaugh (2) in the second half as the Hounds rallied past the Indians in Sub-state 5 quarterfinal action Monday night

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### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE

The Mount Pleasant City Council will meet in Regular Session Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at City Hall, 307 E. Monroe Street, second floor meeting room at 5:30 p.m.

#### AGENDA

1. Roll Call.
2. Consent Agenda: To the Public – All items with

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3. Receive & file communications- communications regarding item 8a.

4. Approve agenda.

\*5. Approve minutes of previous meetings.

\*6. Approve payment of bills.

\*7. Receive reports of Officers.

8. Old Business-

a) Motion to remove item tabled from February 9, 2022 meeting to uphold Steven Dykstra's January 13, 2022 removal from his

position of police officer by the Police Chief and City Council and motion to uphold Steven Dykstra's January 13, 2022 removal from his position of police officer by the Police Chief and City Council.

b) Public hearing to adopt Amendment No. 2 to Mount Pleasant Urban Revitalization Plan.

c) Resolution adopting Amendment No. 2 to the Mount Pleasant Urban Revitalization Plan.

d) 5:30 p.m. public hearing on proposed FYE 2023 proposed maximum levy request.

e) Resolution authorizing the City to set maximum budget dollar for FYE 2023 budget.

\* g) Renewal application of a Class E Liquor, Class C Beer, Class B Wine and Sunday Sales Permit for Hy-Vee Food Store #1433, 1700 E. Washington Street.

9. New Business-  
a) Resolution approving the ADA Transition Plan.

b) 1st reading of proposed ordinance on no parking on W. Pearl Street.

c) Motion to approve an Encroachment Permit at 110 N Jefferson.

d) Motion to approve an Encroachment Permit at

404/406 N. Lincoln Street (Mount Pleasant Community Schools)

e) Motion to approve Mayoral Appointment to Board of Adjustment.

10. Public Forum.

11. Adjourn to meet in adjourned session on Monday, March 7, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

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## From the Front

## Fort Madison wrestlers represent well on, off mat

**WRESTLING** - Continued from Page 1

her and made her high school bearable, and for that they are both considered treasures to Lee and I.

Derek messaged me last week and said he was sitting at a desk and Kelsey popped into his head – it brought a smile to his face. The message couldn't have come at a better time and I think was ushered in by angels because about 30 minutes before then I left this poor woman on the phone at the Iowa Medical Board wishing she had another job.

The board reported to me that they had denied any disciplinary action against the pulmonary hypertension specialist who sent Kelsey home with an improving diagnosis, against the recommendation – just six hours earlier – of the ER staff and cardiology team at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, that Kelsey be admitted as her PH was worsening. That was three weeks before she died.

I left this woman angry and frustrated, not nearly as much as I was, and then I pitched a fit and threw some things around the room, stomped and screamed a little bit. Then I called the director of the IMB and did the same thing to him.

But here's the thing with that. It accomplished nothing. But I had no choice. It just came out.

I witness similar, albeit different, exhaustive passion from wrestlers at Wells Fargo each year. It never fails that someone who loses one of these gut checks, will go down the halls screaming and yelling and throwing chairs, slamming things, yelling – but it's understood. They put everything into that weekend, some upwards of a dozen years.

But as I put in a post after Fort Madison's Ike Thacher and Daniel Sokolik were both eliminated on Thursday, these Bloodhounds are a little different. I typically give them a few minutes after their final matches of the day before I chase them down for an interview.

These two boys were the epitome of what Fort Madison's athletic programs have become. They were poised and mature in their comments. They sat face-to-face with me and talked about what they didn't do right and what the future holds for them. If I you don't see this happening in Fort Madison, you're just not looking hard enough.

Senior Jakob McGowan won his first match over the 6th-ranked wrestler in the state Thursday, and then moved to the quarterfinals on Friday where he lost both matches and was eliminated before getting to the podium.

After searching for McGowan and Smith after the match, I tracked them down outside on the way to the van as they headed back to their hotel. There I found a group of coaches and wrestlers who were accepting of the results and moving on.

McGowan had a smile on his face as he walked back hooded up to the van working his cellphone. There's little doubt he left everything on the mat and his body language showed his confidence in that. All three of the boys did.

There were no fits. There were no tears evident. This was a group of boys and coaches who once again prepared for the best in the state and, even though they don't get a medal around their neck, they are clearly proud of their efforts.

If the social media traffic following our posts on the weekend's events is any indication, this community is

once again proud of their efforts as well.

It's a culture of accomplishment that runs deeper than any other in FMHS history. The names hang on the wall in the wrestling room. Ike Thacher said that is his motivation – to join those names on the wall. And as just a sophomore who blamed himself for not being mentally prepared, I'd take the odds today, he returns in 12 months.

Daniel Sokolik said he was going to come back as a heavyweight. He has to put on about 25 pounds and he said he didn't want to "come back fat" so he would work hard to put the weight on the right way. And if you don't know Sokolik, get to know him. He's one of the genuinely happiest kids on the earth. A kid who values, and getting every drop out of life, is someone always on my radar.

These boys, moments away from having their season ended, were already in a state of mind of preparation, and not blame or anger.

Looking back at my behavior with the Iowa Medical Board, these boys taught me a little something about myself. I still believe there is something wrong with a board so sanitary in their investigation that all my family gets after close to a year of investigation is a simple statement that there will be no discipline.

It's doctors protecting doctors, and attorneys who feel that the slide rule determining risk and reward doesn't measure up for my daughter. Of course it's a tough battle, but nothing compared to what she faced.

It's a rough weekend for sure and my impatience with God is only outweighed by the heartbreak I feel for my wife. There's something about watching these boys deal with adversity, obviously not even close to being on the same level, but still – it makes me smile a little.

As long as we produce Pen City Current we'll make the trip, even if we leave a day early because a winter squall is on the way. These kids work hard, balance, learn, and grow. They deserve that coverage.

I thank them for providing a unique and needed distraction during a tough time. That's a gift that will keep on giving... but that's Beside the Point.

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From the Front

# County approves EMS premium pay program

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ger. That sacrifice will be in cars and the equipment that goes into them.” Weber said.

Chairman Matt Pflug said he had given it a lot of thought even though he didn’t vote yes on the 10% increase.

“I’ve had a few calls on it and basically people are saying, ‘Where does this thing stop?’” he said. “I know your officers are going up and down the road and they are at risk. There’s no doubt about it.”

Fedler said he’s had phone calls and private conversations around the raises, but he hears the same thing.

“Once you pass it, it’s not going away next year. It’s not like your buying an item and that’s it. This will continue on year after year. They were not happy with the amount of increase.”

Fedler say he understands inflation is high, but said in comparison he can find bacon and hamburger on sale.

“I’m a frugal shopper and I’ll look for bargains to hold my costs down. When I think of that and the 10% to the majority of the public I represent – they weren’t happy with it.”

Weber said it was his goal with the budget this year to get his staff to \$25 an hour for jail staff and \$30/hour for deputies.

“I’m going to appeal to you again. It’s 5% that we found again in our budget. We don’t pad our budget. These are things that we do need, but my staff understands and they’re willing to get by on less to get that extra 5%,” he said.

Weber said when he first approached the board with his budget, he said this was the year of the employee.

“I don’t just say that. I mean that. We gotta walk

the walk. I don’t just talk the talk,” he said.

“I cannot strongly suggest this enough to you. I know it’s just 5% but it means a lot to my staff. It’s a nod to them. It’s an appreciation and it’s going to keep staff here.”

Weber said it costs \$180,000 to train a new deputy, and it’s cheaper to pay them more than to hire and train them.

He also said there are other departments around the state watching on zoom to see what the county is going to do with wages because it’s that competitive.

Fedler told Weber the 10% increase was a huge increase and next year Weber won’t be able to keep those budget cuts in the department. Weber said his message to the staff is this is how it gets funded and those behaviors that yielded the savings this year would continue.

The motion to approve the extra 5% was passed 3-1 with Fedler being the dissenting vote.

In an unrelated issue the county also approved a Lee County EMS premium pay policy that will compensate non-exempt staff at double time and a half for hard to fill shifts.

EMS administration designates open, hard to fill shifts no earlier than 48 hours prior to the start of the shift and lets all employees know at the same time. Then employees can notify either Director Dennis

Cosby or Director of Operations Jason Dinwiddie that they are willing to pick up the shifts.

The move comes after Cosby informed the board two weeks ago that staffing was at a critical state.

In other action, the board:

- approved 4-0, the purchase of three pieces of equipment for secondary roads including a motor-grader, wheel loader, and excavator from Caterpillar at a cost of \$726,395. Caterpillar offered a 3.7% total discount on the equipment if the county purchased all three pieces. Caterpillar’s bid was \$893 over the bid of John Deere for the three pieces without the discount.

- approved 4-0, the 10% increase in wages under the administrative personnel contracts.

- approved 4-0, to lift leave time requirements for county staff.

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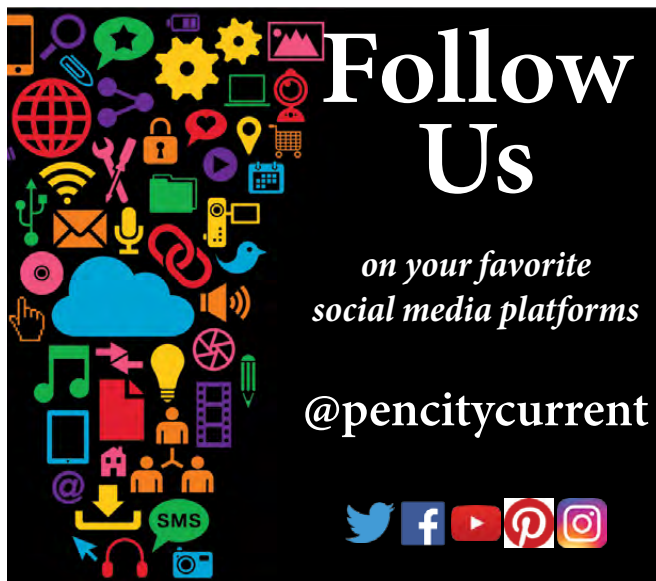
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