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PAW kicks off campaign

NEW FACILITY: \$150K memorial kicks off capital fundraising campaign

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Officials with the P.A.W. animal shelter in Fort Madison kicked off a capital campaign to raise more than \$5 million to build a new, more efficient facility on Wednesday.

Brad Walker, president the board for the Protector of Animal Welfare shelter, located on 48th Street, said the project could cost in excess of \$5 million, but the group is willing to take on the project bit by bit.

“We have to figure out what our budget’s going to be and get a few people together to work on the campaign.

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VEHICULAR HOMICIDE

Donnellson man charged in Horns’ deaths

54-year-old Davis being held on \$250K cash-only bond

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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DONNELLSON – A Donnellson man has been charged with two counts of vehicular homicide in connection with an Aug. 4 accident east of Donnellson.

According to Lee County Attorney Ross Braden, Chad R. Davis, 54, of Donnellson was arrested by the Iowa State Patrol at Casey’s in Donnellson and charged with two counts of vehicular homicide by operating a vehicle while intoxicated.



MICHAEL & SUE HORN

The accident occurred in a construction zone eastbound on Highway 2. Michael Dean Horn, 67, of Donnellson and Linda Sue Horn, 66, of Donnellson, were both killed when the motorcycle they were riding on was struck in the construction zone near mile marker 250 at about 5:30 p.m Aug. 4.

According to the state patrol report, the Horns were on a motorcycle facing east bound stopped in a string of vehicles waiting in the construction zone. They were behind a 2021 Mack construction dump truck, when a 2005 Nissan Frontier pickup driven by Davis struck the motorcycle from behind pinning the couple between the two trucks.

Davis was booked into the Lee County Jail Wednesday on a \$200,000 cash only bond.

Lee County Sheriff’s deputies and the Lee County G.H.O.S.T. team assisted with the arrest.

Taking temps

Holy Trinity Catholic Elementary Principal Michael Sheerin helps take temperatures on the first day of school in West Point Monday morning. Students were encouraged to wear masks while in class and were required to wear them in hallways and while moving around the building.



Photo courtesy of Holy Trinity Catholic Elementary

COVID-19

Reynolds focuses mitigation on state’s urban areas

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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DES MOINES – Gov. Kim Reynolds pointed her finger directly at the 19-24 year olds as the cause for recent uptick in positive COVID-19 across the state, and closed bars in six counties to help combat the surge.

At Reynolds biweekly press con-



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ference she announced that bars, taverns, breweries and night-clubs in Linn, Polk, Story, Blackhawk, Dallas, and Johnson counties would be closed effective at 5 p.m. today.

She also said restaurants in those counties can remain open but must

stop selling alcohol at 10 p.m.

Lee County, which as of this Thursday afternoon had a 14-day positivity rating in testing for COVID-19 at 15.4%, was left out of any additional mitigation efforts to slow the spread of the virus.

The Iowa Department of Public Health’s coronavirus website at

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Obituaries

JAMES R. LOVELL

James R. "Sonny" Lovell, 89, of Keokuk, died Monday, August 24, 2020 at the Montrose Health Center in Montrose, IA.

He was born on February 13, 1931 in Keokuk, IA, the son of Orville and Marie Haskins Lovell. At the age of 13, he found a job washing dishes at Brazels Lunch. He had to stand on a box to reach the counter, and that is where he acquired the name "Sonny" that lasted the rest of his life.



LOVELL

Sonny married Sylvia Ferguson in 1950 and they divorced in 1955. On June 1, 1962 Sonny was united in marriage to Phyllis Parks in Hamilton, IL. They spent over fifty years together until her death on July 21, 2013.

Sonny was a self-taught painter. He owned and operated Jim Lovell Decorating in Keokuk for fifty-five years and was very respected in the area. There are very few homes on Grand Avenue or banks on Main Street that do not have the stroke of his brush on their walls. He was a very meticulous man. He always cleaned and vacuumed before leaving a job and left everything in immaculate condition. Owners would say you could not tell there was anything being done to their homes except for the new paint on the walls.

He was a faithful member of Crossview Fellowship in Keokuk and enjoyed attending services and fellowshiping with the people. He was the commodore of the Keokuk Yacht Club for thirteen years and during his tenure many improvements were made. He was also a member of the Painter's Union.

Sonny loved being out on the water, and once won a bass boat in a fishing tournament with his son David. During his younger years he raced boats on the lake above the dam. Sonny was a very giving man, who cared less of himself and loved seeing others receive. He loved his yard and flowers and once his yard was on the Garden Club tour. He was very proud of that.

Sonny could tell you stories of his life that would make you laugh until you cried, most of the time not cracking a smile while talking.

Sonny is survived by two daughters, Julie Gleason and her husband Steve of Hiawasee, GA, Peggy Seigleburg and her husband Jim of Omaha, NE, eight grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by one sister, Janice Prindle of Keokuk, two brothers, Terry Lovell and his wife Ethel and Gary Lovell and his wife Carol all of Keokuk and several nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by those who loved him.

Besides his wife, he was also preceded in death by his parents, one son, David Lovell on July 26, 2019, two brothers, Paul Lovell and Kenny Lovell, three sisters, Maxine Wardlow, Lucille Dawson and one in infancy.

According to his wishes, there will be no visitation or service. If you want to honor Sonny, please be kind to your fellow man and always be honest.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

BEVERLY R. RAHN

Beverly R. Rahn, age 86, of Fort Madison, IA, formerly of Kahoka, passed away Sunday, August 23, 2020 at The Madison in Fort Madison, IA. Beverly was born October 1, 1933, in Macomb Illinois, a daughter of J. Bryan and Ethel M. Benstein Parrish of Edina, MO.



RAHN

She married Robert E. Ballinger and later married Loren E. Rahn who preceded her in death on July 18, 2014. Between them they were blessed with eight children.

Survivors include four children: Barbara S. (James) Schaeffer of Radcliff, KY, Nancy Ballinger of Fort Madison, IA, Thomas (Sara) Rahn of Houston, TX and Teri Cowles of St. Joseph, MO; sixteen grandchildren; forty-one great grandchildren; and, sixteen great-great grandchildren; as well as other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; four children: Linda Ballinger, L. Mike Rahn, Patrick A. Rahn, and Jackie L. Rahn; and nine siblings: Clara Heitman, Nellie Chapman, Glenn Parrish, Archie Parrish, Shirley Stiffler, John Parrish, Helen Balentine, Vernie Majors and Viola Parrish.

Beverly graduated from Quincy High School and from Blessing School of Nursing. She was first employed at Carthage Memorial Hospital and later Montebello Manor, River Hills and Clark County Nursing Home. Even in her last days, she was still trying to care for the residents at her care facility.

Bev and Loren were active members of the community when they lived in Kahoka. They were faithful members of the Kahoka Christian Church where she taught Sunday School. They were active members of the Clark County Food Pantry. She loved doing crafts, crocheting, knitting, doing ceramics and pottery for family and friends, and play a mean game of dice, specifically, zilch.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, August 29, 2020 at 10 a.m. at Wilson Funeral Home in Kahoka with Pastor Shawn McAfee officiating. Burial will follow in the Oak Grove Cemetery near Hamilton.

Family will receive friends on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. service at Wilson Funeral Home.

Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to the family with checks made payable to Nancy Ballinger.

On-line condolences may be expressed at www.wilsonfuneralservice.com.

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For the Record

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Fort Madison Police Report

08/12/20 – 5:04 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 400 block of Avenue G.
 08/12/20 – 9:56 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 400 block of Avenue F.
 08/12/20 – 10:58 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 400 block of Avenue G.
 08/12/20 – 2:10 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Chad Ray Davis, 54, of Donnellson, on the 800 block of Avenue G, on a charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/12/20 – 3:57 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1300 block of Avenue H.
 08/12/20 – 2:10 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Raymond Gerard Carle, 57, of Fort Madison, in the 2600 block of Avenue L, on a charge of public intoxication, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance -3rd or subsequent offense. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/13/20 – 8:49 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3000 block of Avenue H.
 08/14/20 – 11:10 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L.
 08/14/20 – 4:18 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1200 block of Avenue B.
 08/15/20 – 11:29 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1400 block of 38th Street.
 08/15/20 – 3:08 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1800 block of Avenue H.
 08/16/20 – 9:02 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 800 block of Avenue G.
 08/16/20 – 10:50 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism on Richards Drive.
 08/16/20 – 2:13 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Tyler James Jenkins, 31, of Cedar Rapids at Ivanhoe Apartments on two warrant services and violation of a no-contact order. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/16/20 – 2:13 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Brandi Nicole Summer, 31, of Cedar Rapids, at Ivanhoe Apartments on two warrant services and a charge of violating a no contact order. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/16/20 – 7:49 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Tricia T. Friant, 36, of Fort Madison in Aztec Trailer Park on a warrant for contempt. She was released on a promise to appear.
 08/16/20 – 8:04 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested David B. Fulton, 56, of Fort Madison, in the 3000 block of 213th Street, on a charge of interference with official acts. He was released on a promise to appear.
 08/17/20 – 3:39 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L.
 08/17/20 – 4:24 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2400 block of Avenue I.
 08/17/20 – 6:36 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of property damage accident in the 1100 block of Avenue E.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

08/12/20 – 1:46 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kimmi Jo Nelson, 22, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for violation of parole. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

08/12/20 – 4:58 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kurstin Joan Malone, 29, of Wayland, Mo., on a warrant for violation of probation. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/12/20 – 7:50 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Joseph Steven Schier, 29, of Denmark, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of OWI-1st offense.
 08/14/20 – 3:26 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Blaine Michael Burford, 22, of Niota, Ill, at the sheriff's office on charges of OWI-2nd offense, eluding officers, possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond.
 08/15/20 – 2:55 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Amanda Leigh Boggs, 32, of Fort Madison, in the 2300 block of 263rd Avenue on a charge of trespass.
 08/15/20 – 7:06 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Morgan Paige Burns, 32, of Carthage at the intersection of Richards Drive and Middle Road in Keokuk on a temporary hold. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/17/20 – 2:09 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Christopher Lee Davis, 33, of Keokuk, at the Lee County Jail on a charge of violation of a no-contact order. He was held in custody.
 08/17/20 – 6:23 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Douglas William Washburn, 38, of Burlington, at the Lee County Jail on a warrant for violation of parole. He was held in custody.
 08/17/20 – 11:06 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michael Robert Scott, 41, of Fort Madison, no location given, on a warrant for violation of parole. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Hancock County Sheriff's Report

08/10/20 – Billi L Fahnstrom, age 28, of Carthage, IL was arrested on a Monroe County, MO Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear on original charges of Possession of Controlled Substance. Fahnstrom remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting her extradition to Missouri.
 08/10/20 – Brandon L Bough, age 27, of Warsaw, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear on original charges of Driving Under the Influence and Illegal Operation of ATV on Roadway. Bough was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 08/10/20 – Dalton W Branham, age 27, of Warsaw, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear/Failure to Pay on original charges of Criminal Damage, Driving While License Suspended, Leaving the Scene, Domestic Battery. Branham was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 08/11/20 – Tiffany A Stice, age 26 of Hamilton, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear/Failure to Pay on original charges of Domestic Battery. Stice was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 08/11/20 – Anthony L Sprinkle, age 30, of Plymouth, IL was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended. Sprinkle was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 08/11/20 – Jonathan WK Newlan, age 22, of Hamilton, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Driving Under the Influence, Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an

Accident, and Leaving the Scene of an Accident. Newlan was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 08/11/20 – Ross E Smith, age 36, of Bowen, IL was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence, Open Container, and Driving While License Revoked. Smith remains in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.
 08/11/20 – Daphne K Akers, age 40, of Colchester, IL was arrested on a McDonough County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear on original charges of Possession of Methamphetamine. Akers was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 08/11/20 – Carl A Peterson, age 56, of Dallas City, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Domestic Battery. Peterson was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 08/11/20 – Jordan L Ragain, age 25, of LaHarpe, IL was arrested and charged with Violation of Bail Bond. Ragain remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bond awaiting his next court appearance.
 08/13/20 – Mark C Larsen, age 50, of Keokuk, IA was arrested and charged with Resisting a Peace Officer. Larsen was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 08/14/20 – Jessica A Jack, age 22, of LaHarpe, IL was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence. Jack was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 08/15/20 – David E Rogers, age 35, of Hamilton, IL was arrested and charged with Driving While License Revoked and Possession of Methamphetamine. Rogers was released on his own recognizance and given a future court date.
 08/15/20 – Ashley M Thacher, age 26, of Burlington, IA was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence. Thacher was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 08/15/20 – Sara G Matthews, age 26, of Kahoka, MO was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Petition to Revoke or Modify Sentence on original charges of Probation Violation, Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine, and Driving Under the Influence. Matthews was also arrested on a Lee County Iowa Warrant charging her with Possession of a Controlled Substance Violation. Matthews was also arrested on a Clark County, MO Warrant charging her with Probation Violation on original charges of Possession of Controlled Substance. Matthews remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting her next court appearance.
 08/15/20 – Amanda L Cullen, age 31, of Fort Madison, IL was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence. Cullen was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 08/16/20 – Zoie E Boudreau, age 20, of Kahoka, MO was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear on original charges of Driving While License Suspended. Boudreau was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 08/16/20 – Rueben R Gerhardt, age 23, of Sutter, IL was arrested and charged with Operating Vehicle without Driver's License, Operating an Uninsured Vehicle, Failure to Report an Accident. Gerhardt was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.

Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law

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From the Front

New shelter to be funded through private donations

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We're looking at price tag so far of close to \$5M or \$6 million.

Walker said the funds will be all private donations.

A recent private memorial donation of close to \$150,000 finished paying off the land for the new facility and covered design costs. The board financed the land in 2018. The current facility sits on about two acres, but with the new land, the footprint is expanded

to close to six acres.

PAW has been in the current facility since 1990 and Walker said instead of continuing to throw money at the old facility, it was time to start looking to the future.

"It's gonna big a big price tag, but we're hoping to do a little bit at a time, maybe get the ground ready, then lay concrete and just work our way up," Walker said.

Although there is no

timeline for the work, Walker said he'd like to try and get some initial work done on preparing the site yet this year.

The family that owned two Pembroke Welsh Corgis adopted from the shelter donated the grant in memory of one of the dogs.

According to a release from the P.A.W. board, Eli and Bella, the two Corgi, were lucky enough to be two of the amazing success stories from PAW. Unfortunately, Bella recently passed away and in memory of her, Eli and Bella's families have generously donated a substantial contribution to PAW to start Phase I of the new shelter project. This includes payoff of land recently purchased and to develop detailed shovel ready plans for building a new improved

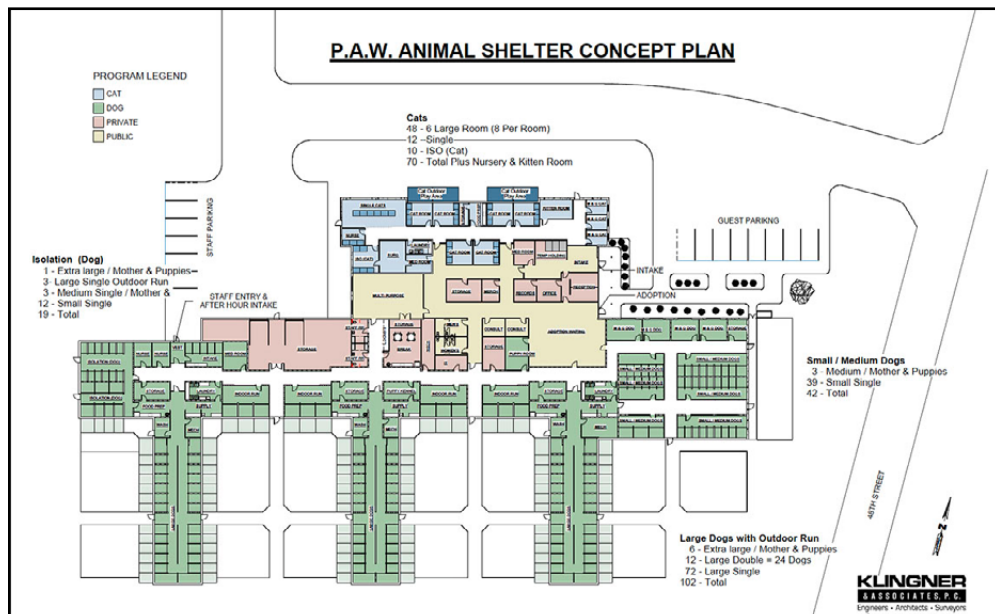


Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The above rendering is the proposed design of the new PAW Animal Shelter. The group kicked off a capital fundraising campaign and are looking to raise \$5 million to build the new no-kill shelter.

animal shelter.

"The vision for the new shelter is not to become larger, but to be more operationally efficient," said Sandy Brown, Director of P.A.W.

Baker said he's excited about the vision and future of the program.

"I'm excited... very excited. It's a little over-

whelming," Walker said.

"I got into this to help the animals, and now it's turning into a construction job on top of it."

Walker said they wanted to start the campaign a couple of months ago, but the coronavirus caused them, like most every other project in the county, to be pushed

back.

"This give us meet and greet rooms, office space, intake, gives us staff rooms," Brown said. "All the dogs will be inside. That was our biggest challenge. We wanted all dogs to have inside and outside runs so that no animal would be totally outside in the dead of winter."

Brown said the shelter is for the people who bring in pop cans, and kids that give birthday money, the lemonade stands and the community as whole.

"This isn't my shelter. It belongs to the community and the amazing people that support us," Brown said. "We typically are saying, 'How are we going to pay the bills,' and not once yet have we had to say that this year."

Donations can be made through the PAW website or Facebook page. There is a scan code on Facebook that directs donors to a link, or call the facility at 319-372-2274.

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Sports

Hounds look for 4th win in a row over WB/ND

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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FORT MADISON
- Fort Madison Head Coach Derek Doherty knows even though the faces may be the same, the West Burlington Falcons are an improved football team.

The two kick off the season Friday night at Jim Youel Field with Fort Madison holding wins the past two years over the Falcons. Senior night activities are set for 6 p.m. with kick-off at 7 p.m.

Fort Madison has won three in a row including a 26-14 win last year on the road. The Bloodhounds blew out the Falcons 46-0 in 2018 at home and won 21-17 in 2017.

But it may be Fort Madison that's in the rebuilding process in a 2020 season that for the most part hasn't been incumbered too heavily by the

WHO TO WATCH FOR:
BLOODHOUNDS
SR. Will Larson - QB/FS
JR. Jakob McGowan - RB/ILB
SR. Cole Thornton - WR/ST
SR. Levi Lowney - OL/LB
SR. Bryce Britton - OL/DL
JR. Tate Johnson - WR/SS

FALCONS
SR. Anthony Hoffman - WR/DB
SO. Hayden Vandenberg - QB/LB
SR. Ethan Eilers - OL/DL
SR. Kenny Boyd - OL/DL
SR. Kendall Baker - RB/DB

coronavirus.

"The unique thing here is that it's pretty much a brand new team," Doherty said of the Bloodhounds Wednesday.

"We've been evaluating how our practices are going and seeing progress throughout all our guys, which is a great thing. But how competitive we'll be... we have no idea."

The Hounds only return three starters on offense including senior quarterback Will Larson, senior left tackle Ethan Deacon, and senior slot receiver senior Brock Califf.

Larson through for 10 touchdowns last year and rushed for six more for the 4-5 Hounds. Fort Madison has a recent history of coming out of the gate strong including a 3-1 start in 2019, but dropped their last three games of the year.

Deacon will anchor the Hounds offensive line and Doherty is sure to capitalize on Califf's athleticism in various offensive sets.

Offensive Coordinator Justin Menke will also drop in junior Tate Johnson, senior Calem Maclearn and junior Jakob McGowan in skill positions. McGowan was banged up last year, but Doherty said he's looking for big things from junior. "We're happy to have a guy like McGowan back and healthy. He adds a good piece to the offense," Doherty said.

"We're returning a QB that understands the offense and the changes



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The Fort Madison Bloodhounds open the season in a limited capacity on Friday with attendance being limited due to the surging coronavirus in the county. The Hounds take on West Burlington/Notre Dame with kick off at 7 p.m. at Jim Youel Field.

we've made and we've got an athletic line. I'm just really excited with a good group of dudes and we're excited to see where we go."

Senior newcomer Cole Thornton, who Doherty said is a special athlete, will also see time in the Hounds receiving corp as will junior Austin Ensminger. Other Hounds vying for action on the offensive line will be senior Levi Lowney, sophomore

Mateo Lozano, junior Cuyrin Ross, senior Bryce Britton, senior Chance Decker, and junior Matthew Moore.

West Burlington's offense could be something the Hounds haven't seen in the past two years. Sophomore quarterback Hayden Vandenberg, who came in the second quarter and threw for a touchdown in last year's game will be in the backfield again this year.

Vandenberg backed up junior Anthony Hoffman as signal caller, who threw for a touchdown but ran for 339 yards and four touchdowns.

Vandenberg also led the Falcons in tackles from his linebacker spot with 37.5 as a freshman. West Burlington just had four sacks last year and had 21 tackles for losses, but 10 came from senior Travis

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Sports

Central Lee ushers in Banks era Friday at home

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON – Chuck Banks is back on the sidelines for Central Lee, but a couple of other familiar faces will also returning from afar as the Hawks open play Friday at home against Pekin.

A couple of twin seniors moved back into the area this year to be closer to family, and will add to the skill positions for a Central Lee team that went 2-7 last year.

Jaxon and Jaedon Betker returned from Washington after leaving the area in fifth grade to finish high school at Central Lee.

Banks said the two are physical athletes that will bring a different dimension to the Hawks offense and defense this year.

With the loss of workhouse Dalton Westercamp, who accounted for more than 800 yards of offense last year, the Hawks were looking for someone to step in and handle running between the tackles.

Jaedon Becker will fill that role, and Jaxon will be threat over the top for newly installed quarterback Mason Schau.

“Jaxon’s gonna go at wideout for us, and Jaedon Becker will be our featured back this year,” Banks said Wednesday.

“They’re originally from here, but when they were kids they moved in 5th grade and now they’ve moved back. They’re two very athletic, gifted kids.”

The Hawks have predominantly been a run-first offense. But Banks said that may change this year as he tries to bring a more balanced attack on offense.

“Back when I coached with Hoffman we ran the ball like 99.3% of the time. And the last couple years they’ve been heavy run vs. pass,” Banks said. “I’d like to say will be much more balanced than the past.”

There was some competition for the starting quarterback gig, but Banks said senior Dylan Stuecker will be moved out to wide receiver and Schau will take the snaps on Friday.

Schau completed just five passes in 2019 for 74 yards playing behind Evan Pohren and Adam Boeck. He also rushed for 89 yards on 29 carries.

Senior Kade Myhre is also out for the first time since junior high and Banks has been impressed with his ability to run routes and catch the ball.

“I would say offensively, when I look at these guys the biggest surprise is like

a Kade Myhre who hasn’t played in high school. His athleticism and ability to catch the ball has impressed.”

In addition to Schau’s maturity in the backfield, and Myhre’s contributions, he’s also looking for big things from seniors Chance Hocker, Seth Mayes, Logan Kearns, and juniors Quenten Tweedy and Devon Brecount, who all will see playing time on both sides of the ball.

“This is probably the first time in a long time we’re not going to have to do a lot of that,” he said. The Betkers, Myhre, Mason, those guys are going to play both ways. You have to have your best athletes on both sides.”

The Hawks will be a little inexperienced on the offensive line with a four underclassman up front. Sophomore Josh Hawk and junior Tannor Demoss will hold down the right side with Keating Fuger, while Logan Hocker, who Banks described as a “stud for a freshman” will push things on the left along side senior tackle Luke Fraise.

Pekin, a traditional powerhouse, had just their second losing season in the past 12 last year when they finished 2-7. The Panthers play in a tough Class A District 6 with Mediapolis, Sigourney and Louisa-Muscatine.

They will rely on senior Colton Comstock who threw for just 360 yards and three scores last year. They lose 1,000 yard back Dayne Eckley in the backfield, but have a couple of juniors who saw some time carrying the ball in Michael Jones and Cael Baker who combined for about 400 yards.

On the defensive side, the Panther’s will have a lot of experience as senior linebacker Mason Juhl and senior defensive backs Braden Latcham and Baker combined for more than 170 tackles in 2019.

Banks isn’t letting last year’s lopsided record taint his view of the Panthers on Friday.

“They’re well coached and have a historic timeline. I have lot of respect for the Pekin head coach and I’m sure they’re gonna try and run the ball down our throat,” Banks said.

“I think they’re working with a form of the triple option this year. They’re gonna have five senior o-lineman this year and it will definitely be a great test to start the season.”

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Sports

FM school officials to limit football attendance due to virus

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – At state officials continue to tighten restrictions on public gatherings, and area high schools wrestle with allowing fall sports to continue, Fort Madison School district officials are setting a limit on the number of fans at Friday's football game.

The game was supposed to be Senior Night, but due to the reduced attendance, that celebration is being rescheduled.

Lee County is now in the top 10 in the state in positive test percentages over the past 14 days closing in on 16%. In the past 24 hours, the county has seen 47 new positive cases.

Gov. Kim Reynolds reminded Iowans today that any social gathering with more than 10 people must ensure social distancing and in lieu of that order, the district decided to implement reduced attendance protocols.

In a statement released Thursday afternoon, the district outlined the plans for allowing the game to be held.

That release in it's entirety is below.

The Fort Madison Community School District has reviewed current positivity rates for Lee, Des Moines, and Henry counties which make up the FMCS.

Both Lee and Des Moines counties have escalated to over a 15% positivity rate which places the counties in the top tier of community transmission in the state, according to the IDPH website [coronavirus.iowa.gov](https://www.idph.gov/coronavirus).

In collaboration with the Lee County Health Department and the Iowa Depart-

ment of Public Health, large community gatherings are recommended to be restricted or cancelled. We must continue to keep the health and safety of our FMCS community a priority and as a result will be issuing limited tickets for Friday evening's home football game. Two vouchers will be distributed to each football player, cheerleader and marching bandmember who may distribute them to their respective guests.

Masks will be required for those in attendance and social distancing is expected. To be eligible to enter the stadium you must bring your voucher to the gate and purchase an admission ticket. Anyone who does not have a voucher will not be admitted. Please know that these decisions are not easy and we understand feelings of frustration.

We are grateful our students are getting this opportunity but it must happen under conditions that minimize risk to athletes and fans. We appreciate your continued support of our student athletes. We understand that everyone's passion and support stems from our student athletes participating in extracurricular activities.

As a reminder, as was the case last year, FMHS football games will be live streamed on YouTube at https://youtu.be/Op_UMiy9J-Q and covered by Radio Keokuk <https://streamdb8web.securenetsystems.net/cirrus-content/WCEZFM> 1310 AM station KOKX so all community members can watch or listen to the game live.

FMHS senior night for Fall activities and athletics will be rescheduled for a future home game.

Falcons come in with beefy front

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Wills who's lost to graduation.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Hounds are in slightly better shape with four returning starters including Maclearn at corner, Johnson at strong safety, Larson at free safety and Keaton Poe at inside linebacker.

Doherty said the Hounds will fill with Deacon, Lozano, Ross, Lowney and Britton on the line. Sophomore Tanner Settles and McGowan will handle the middle with Poe, while Califf helps anchor the secondary at corner.

Britton and Larson each had 36 tackles last year. Six of Britton's tackles were for losses and Lowney had a sack and three tackles for losses. Poe and Johnson each had a couple picks last year.

"We've got dude's that like to stick there nose in there and we're excited about that. Jakob is really a physical kid and our DBs aren't afraid to come flying in," Doherty said.

Doherty said the Falcons have grown a lot and the kids that were making plays last year have matured. The two teams haven't seen each other and haven't shared any video this year due to the craziness of the preseason.

"Anytime you're facing Coach (Jay) Eilers' team they are gonna be coached-up, ready to go. They return several dudes that put stats on us last year," Doherty said.

"This is a team we've played the past two years and a lot of these kids had to mature. It's gonna be an uphill fight for sure, but we're ready to compete."

Eilers said the Falcons will have to contain Larson and then get the ball to Hoffman frequently to be successful against the Hounds.

"They've learned their culture and what's expected. I do think Will Larson is a very good quarterback. If you look at last year's numbers, he spread the ball out to four of five different receivers," Eilers said.

"He did lose some of those top targets, but he's

proven he's gonna make the right throw."

Moving Vandenberg into the quarterback spot, frees up Hoffman to get in the open field, a move that Eilers said should prove beneficial.

"He's an athlete and he's got some really nice speed, runs really good routes and is catching everything right now. We've got to make sure he's touching the ball 11 or 12 times a game for us to be successful," Eilers said.

The Falcons have a front five that is averaging 275 lbs anchored by the right side with sophomore Brady Heuevelmann listed at 300 and junior Tyler Burch at 305. Senior Ethan Eilers will anchor the left side at tackle with fellow senior Kenny Boyd at guard and junior Damien Snyder at center.

Senior Kendall Baker will help in a backfield that's sure to have plenty of misdirection. Baker had 179 yards and touchdown last year, averaging just under three yards per carry.

The Falcons finished last year 1-8 with the only win coming in a 26-7 win over Central Lee.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
FORT MADISON
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DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WORK SESSION
August 31, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

- I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum
- II. Recognition of guests
- III. Approve the agenda
- IV. Board Self-Evaluation and goals
- V. Announcements
September 21, 2020
6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting, Board Room, Central Office
- VI. Adjourn

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. D-066**

**AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING TITLE 8,
CHAPTER 4, OF THE
FORT MADISON MUNI-
CIPAL CODE CONCERN-
ING PUBLIC WAYS AND
PROPERTY CODE**

Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Fort Madison, Iowa:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Fort Madison does hereby amend Title 8 "PUBLIC WAYS AND PROPERTY", Chapter 4 "Sidewalks", Section 1 "Sidewalks Defined" by replacing the current definition with the following subsections:

A. All sidewalks hereafter constructed or reconstructed in the city on streets, highways, avenues, or public grounds that are at grade or have been ordered brought to grade shall be permanent sidewalks. All other sidewalks shall be temporary sidewalks.

B. Multi-use trail means a way or place, the use of which is controlled by the City as an owner of real property, designated by the multi-use recreational trail maps, as approved by the City Council, and no multi use trail shall be considered as a street or highway.

And adding:
Subsection C in Section 6 of Title 8 Chapter 4.

Section 2. The City Council of the City of Fort Madison does hereby amend Title 8 "PUBLIC WAYS AND PROPERTY", Chapter 4 "Sidewalks", Section 6 "Abutting Property Owner To Maintain" by adding the following subsection:

C. Multi-use trails as defined in Chapter 4, subsection 8-4-7, shall not be considered sidewalks under this subpart B of this section.

And adding:
Title 8 Chapter 4 Section 7 "Location of Multi-Use Trails".

Section 3. The City Council of the City of Fort Madison does hereby amend Title 8 "PUBLIC WAYS AND PROPERTY", Chapter 4 "Sidewalks", by adding Section 7 "Location of Multi-Use Trails":

8-4-7: Location of Multi-Use Trails

A. Along Bluff Road, from Crescent Lane to a point 980' (feet) West of 48th Street.

B. From Ivanhoe Park to Bluff Road

C. 48th Street to the point of intersection, with the Ivanhoe to Bluff Road Trail

D. Avenue L from 48th Street, West to a point of connection with Fort Madison Community Hospital Pond Trail.

E. Rodeo Park Connector, from the intersection of Bluff Road and 21st Street across the High School property, along Avenue B from 18th Street to 15th Street, along 15th Street from Avenue B to 302nd Avenue, along 302nd Avenue from 15th Street to Rodeo Park.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any section, provision, or part thereof not judged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 6. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld,
Mayor

ATTEST:
/s/
Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE WEST POINT
CITY COUNCIL
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52656
AUGUST 10, 2020**

Mayor Paul Walk-

er called the properly noticed regular meeting of the City Council of the City of West Point to order in the American Legion, 309 Fifth Street, West Point, Iowa 52656 on August 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. In addition to Mayor Walker, the following indicated Council Members were present: Joe Loving; Brian Meierotto; Will Stuekerjuegen; Dan Waters; and, Bruce Wellman. Absent: None. Tentative agenda was approved by consensus. Mayor Walker presented a plaque to the Merschman Family in appreciation of their generous donation to resurface Avenue D from Fourth Street to the west city limits. The Council reviewed the Public Works Department report and the Police Department report. Mayor announced the following upcoming events: Poker Run will be held on August 15, 2020 with proceeds to the Fireworks Committee; IARBGAR will be held on September 19, 2020 with proceeds to the Community Club; and, City-wide garage sales will be held on September 26, 2020. Councilor Stuekerjuegen requested use of the City Square Park for the upcoming Poker Run. Dennis McGregor presented the City Administrator's report. On motion approved Resolution No. 794-20 authorizing a lease agreement with West Point Professional Group for the police department. On motion approved Resolution No. 795-20 authorizing a lease agreement with RICOH USA for a copier. On motion approved Resolution No. 796-20 to participate in resurfacing a portion of Avenue D in conjunction with Lee County Secondary Roads project. On motion approved minutes of prior regular Council Meeting of July 13, 2020. On motion Treasurer's Report for July 2020 was approved as presented. On motion warrants payable for August 2020 were approved as presented. On motion meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m., August 10, 2020.

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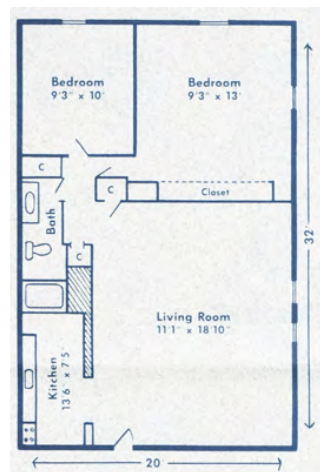
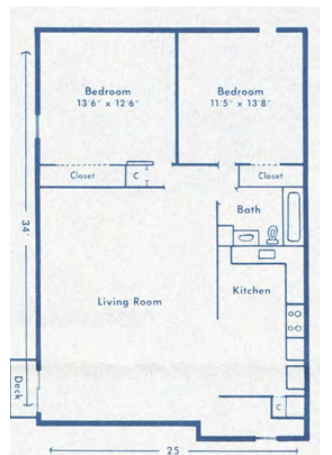
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fort Madison Community School District 1930 Avenue M Minutes of the Regular Meeting August 17, 2020

I. The meeting was called to order by President Wondra at 6:00 p.m. Directors Hope, Wykert, Ross, Menke and Steffensmeier were present. Also present were Superintendent Slater, Director of Curriculum and Student Services Harmon and Secretary Elmore. Director DiPrima was absent.
 II. Recognition of guests. President Wondra welcomed members of the audience in attendance and explained the procedures for the meeting.
 III. Reading of Foundation documents. The Board read and reviewed the Foundation documents consisting of the Vision, Mission and

Belief statements and the Goals for the Fort Madison Community School District.

IV. Monthly communications
 A. Student Rep report. There was none. This will resume in September.
 B. Curriculum Corner. There was none. This will resume in September.
 C. "Did You Know?" The "Did You Know?" Dr. Slater reviewed ongoing activities within the District and how to access information related to the District.
 D. Superintendent Goal Report. Superintendent Slater provided an update on the indicators of progress towards the Board's established goals.
 E. District Presentations. There were none.
 V. Approve the agenda. It was moved by Steffensmeier and seconded by Wykert to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.
 VI. Consent agenda. It was moved by Steffensmeier and seconded by Menke to approve

the consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the July 20, 2020 Regular Meeting, August 3, 2020 Public Hearing and August 3, 2020 Special Meeting/ Work Session; financial reports including the July Balance Sheet, July Revenue Summary, Expenditure Report and Student Activity Report, accounts payable for the July General Account Board bills for Approval, August General Account Board bills for approval, Student Activity Board bills for approval and Nutrition Account Board bills for approval; resignations from Martha Dingman as associate at the high school, Deanna Reichelt as nurse health assistant at the middle school, Emily Bruxvoort as associate at Lincoln, Karen Walleth as office associate at the high school, Kent Bailey as assistant softball coach, Lee Cashman as assistant softball coach; employment of Nita Carlson as teacher at the middle school, Lisa Vincent

as teacher at Richardson; contract modification for David Zaccari as high school band teacher to include ten extended days and approval of activity and athletic fundraisers. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.
 VII. Action Items
 A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services.
 B. Superintendent.
 1. Teamsters Unit 1 - Bus Drivers salary list. The Board reviewed the Teamsters Unit 1 Bus Drivers salary list. It was moved by Hope and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve the Teamsters Unit 1 Bus Drivers salary list as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.
 2. AFSCME - Associates salary list. The Board reviewed the AFSCME salary list. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Wykert to approve the AFSCME salary list as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.
 3. Extracurricular Contracts Salary List. It

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was moved by Ross and seconded by Hope to approve the Extracurricular Contracts Salary List as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

4. Supplemental Letters of Assignment salary list. Supplemental Letters of Assignment Salary List. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Wykert to approve the Supplemental Letters of Assignment Salary List as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

5. Supplemental Letters of Assignment – Summer Season Only salary list. Supplemental Letters of Assignment – Summer Season Only salary list. It was moved by Hope and seconded by Stef-

fensmeier to approve the Supplemental Letters of Assignment – Summer Season Only salary list as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

6. Consider approval of athletic training agreement with GRMC. The Board reviewed the agreement. Discussion followed. It was moved by Steffensmeier and seconded by Ross to approve the athletic training agreement with GRMC as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

7. Consider approval of policy changes.

a. 216.5 – Support of Legislation. It was moved by Steffensmeier and seconded by Ross to delete

policy 216.5 as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

b. 218.2 – Impasse Procedures. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Steffensmeier to delete policy 218.2 as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

c. 219.1 – Board Staff Communications. It was moved by Steffensmeier and seconded by Menke to delete policy 219.1 as presented. The motion failed on 0-6 voice vote. This policy will be brought back for discussion in September.

d. 710.4 – Meal Charge. It was moved by Steffensmeier and seconded by Wykert to approve policy 710.4 as modified. The motion passed on a 6-0

voice vote.

8. Approval of Return to Learn protocols. Dr. Slater presented the Return to Learn protocols. Discussion followed. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Wykert to approve the Return to Learn protocols as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager.

1. Consider approval of Resolution to Interfund Borrow. The Board reviewed the Resolution to Interfund Borrow. Discussion followed. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Wykert to approve the Resolution to Interfund Borrow as presented. A roll call vote was administered and

Directors Ross, Menke, Steffensmeier, Wykert, Wondra and Hope all responded Aye.

VIII. Discussion Items
A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services

1. Superintendent.
1. Policies for 1st reading. The Board reviewed policies 300 through 303.4. These policies will be brought back at a later meeting for final approval.
2. Board Member Attendance. The Board reviewed and discussed the Board Member Attendance report.

C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager.

IX. Comments from the audience. There were none.

X. Legislative update.

There was none

XI. Announcements.
August 31, 2020 6:00 p.m. Work Session, Board Room, Central Office

September 21, 2020 6:00 p.m. Regular and Organization Meeting, Board Room, Central Office

XII. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Tim Wondra, Board President

August 17, 2020
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coronavirus.iowa.gov, has Lee County tied with Des Moines County for the eighth highest 14-day positivity rating in the state at 15.4.

Reynolds also again “strongly recommended” that all Iowans over the age of 2 wear a face covering while out in public. But the governor again, stopped short of mandating masks because she said a mandate would be unenforceable.

“I don’t think that gets us where we need to go,” she said when pressed by pool reporters.

“I think the goal is to strongly encourage and recommend and I’ve said that from the very beginning and I believe that people are,” she said.

“That will ultimately go further. It’s not enforceable. The Attorney General has weighed in said anything above what’s in the disaster proclamation is not enforceable.”

Lee County has seen 53 new cases in the past three days and with 37% of the cases confirmed in the age group of 19-40. The next age grouping of 41-60 represents 34% of the cases.

Reynolds told a reporter that counties in southeast Iowa such as Henry have smaller population communities and those people tend to only be tested when they are symptomatic which skews the positivity rating keeping her from taking measures in those areas.

She reminded Iowans that any social gathering of more than 10 people must ensure six feet of social distancing, and asked law enforcement to monitor those situations.

“The rigorous case investigation process and contact tracing work being done by Dr. (Caitlin) Pedati, the IDPH and at the local county level reinforces what we are seeing in the state. And that is that this is tied back to young adults,” Reynolds said.

“The data is compelling. Looking at last two weeks, 23% of all new cases statewide were among young adults 19-24. In Johnson county for the last 14 days in the 19-24 group 58% of new cases are in that category. Story County 67% of all new cases are among 19-24 over last 14 days. And if you look at just the last seven days, 69% in Johnson County are attributed to that category.”

She said she’s met with Iowa Regents and presidents of the universities regarding the trend, but said it’s not unique to Iowa, but across the Midwest and the country.

Efforts are underway to bring more Test Iowa resources to campuses across the state.

“We know this population is less likely to be severely impacted, but they are increasing the virus activity in the community and it’s spilling over into other age groups and the workforce,” Reynolds said.

YMCA staffer tests positive for COVID

The following is a letter from the leadership at the Fort Madison YMCA regarding a confirmed positive COVID-19 test of a staff member

Dear Y Patrons,

We wanted to take this time to let you, our community and members, know that we have had a staff person with the Fort Madison Family YMCA test positive for COVID-19. This person is currently in quarantine has had limited exposure to the YMCA facilities. All who have potentially been exposed have been contacted. We felt that it was important to inform you of this positive test and how we are proceeding at this time.

We have been in communication with the Lee County Health Department in regard to steps that need to be taken to prevent the spread of the coronavirus within our staff and our members. We’ve had additional staff members get tested for COVID-19 and are currently waiting for the results of those tests.

With guidance received from LCHD, we have followed CDC’s recommendations for the deep cleaning and disinfecting our facilities so that the Y can remain open and operate in a safe manner and limit the spread of this pandemic. According to a press release by LCHD on Wednesday, August 26, 2020, “LCHD reminds everyone, now more than ever, it is very important to maintain a 6-foot social distance from people outside of your own household whenever possible, mask up, wash your hands frequently, and stay home if you are ill or have symptoms.”

The health and safety for our staff, Y Members, and our community is first and foremost.

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