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HPC targets City Cemetery



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Members of the Fort Madison Historic Preservation Commission walk in the backdrop of the gravesite of Betsy Ross' grandchildren Tuesday afternoon.

NATIONAL REGISTRY: Preservation chair wants 3.6 acres on National Register

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The fence is gapped and rickety, gravestones are toppled and even buried, and weeds are consuming plots – but the history is there and the city's Historic Preservation Commission wants to ramp up efforts to clean up the historical City Cemetery.

The 3.6 acre cemetery located on the south side of the 1400 block of Business 61, holds the remains of some of Fort Madison's most important founding figures, as well as prominent military figures from the Civil War.

Chris Sorrentino, the HPC chairman brought historian Karen Kester out to meet with volunteers, commission members and the media to give a brief history of the cemetery on Tuesday morning.

Sorrentino said it's time to get the cemetery back in respectable shape and make it an integral part of historical tours through the city.

Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld said he's challenged city staff to get the decorative iron fencing at the

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COUNTY NEWS

Ambulance group anxious to hire new director

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – The panel convened to oversee the operations of Lee County EMS Inc, is in a hurry to get a director hired.

The panel met for the second time

on Thursday to go over some preliminary budget numbers when the conversation turned toward payroll and hiring a team to administer the ambulance service when and if the county takes over on July 1, 2021.

Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise, who sits on the panel, said she would

be in favor of getting someone hired for the position sooner rather than later.

Fraise told Lee County Supervisor Rick Larkin, who also sits on the committee, that she wanted to put

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KINGSLEY INN

FM railcam No. 1 viewed on Virtual Rail

Plans in the works for additional camera to showcase BNSF bridge

BY KATIE SCOVILLE
PEN CITY CURRENT

FORT MADISON – A camera, mounted on a local inn, has captured the attention of locals and people from around the globe. Railroad enthusiasts are on the edge of their seats as they watch Fort Madison trains pass along the riverfront.

The Railroad Cam has been capturing river and railroad traffic since late June and started streaming on July 7, has found great success among viewers.

Installed at the Kingsley Inn, the camera is placed in a premium spot for documenting trains rolling by and barges floating up and down the Mississippi.

Chi Eastin, manager of the Kingsley Inn, said that the most shocking element of installing the camera is the number of views that the feed receives.

"Out of all 57 locations of these cameras, we're number one in views," she said.

The live feed can be found on YouTube by searching Fort Madison Railcam or at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B9Zz9z-92TKQ>.

Just recently, 1,700 viewers watched as wind blades were being transported by train to Siemens-Gamesa, a large manufacturer on the southwestern outskirts of Fort Madison. A month into installation YouTube statistics projected an astonishing 2 million viewers of the feed.

"We're getting lots of comments and more people are wanting to come to Fort Madison," Eastin said.

"I'm not the first person to have this idea. Two guests from West Virginia

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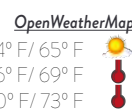
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From the Front

HPC chair wants cemetery added to National Registry

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Local historian Karen Kester stands, at top, near the grave of Fort Madison founder John Holly Knapp in the City Cemetery Tuesday. At right, she reads the plaque of Supreme Pythian John Van Valkenburg on the cemetery's south side.



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

cemetery repaired and cleaned up by the end of the calendar year, Sorrentino said.

The southeast corner of the lot is missing close to one hundred feet of fencing. Sorrentino said he'd like to have the fence repaired to hold the historical value, but some areas are going to have to be replaced.

The cemetery has close to 1,500 burials with a center plot that holds the remains of Betsy Ross' granddaughters, placed by the Jean Espy Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The cemetery is peppered with broken and toppled grave stones and other markers that are sinking to the elements of overgrowth.

"The ones that can be straightened, lets straighten. The one's that can be repaired repair. The ones that have to be replace because they aren't legible anymore, we need to look at the cost of replacing them and look at grants," Sorrentino said.

"I'm working with the state and it's not going to be an easy road. This will be a few years project."

Kester has uncovered many stories about remains of people that were buried in the city cemetery.

"During the civil war there was prisoner that escaped from the train. they chased him through town and shot him here in the cemetery and just buried him where he fell," Kester said.

She said the oldest marked grave is Gen. John Holly Knapp the founder of Fort Madison.

"If there is anybody before that, there's really no record," Kester said. "That's the oldest marked grave and I think he had a cousin here about the same age."

Another unique grave marker is the stone monument to John Van Valkenburg that has a large stone ball on a pedestal. Van Valken-

burg was a Supreme Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias. The Pythians were founded in 1864 in Washington D.C., then a secret-society and were the first fraternal order to receive a charter under an act of Congress.

The ball on the top shows markings of movement. HCP board member Andy Andrews said the sun actually heats one side of the ball more than the other and the expansion caused by the heating actually causes the ball to move.

Sorrentino is pushing to get applications started to get the cemetery added to the National Register of Historical Places to help open some funding for the needed work.

"The funding doesn't have to come from grants there, but it would certainly open doors," he said.

"These headstones have been neglected for so long now, it's time. These are the founders of our city and it needs to be protected."

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Lee County News/From the Front

Panel wants budget done by Nov.

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the hiring on the supervisors agenda in the very near future.

"A lot of the applications we're going to turn in need to have a director's name on it," Fraise said. "So that person needs to be working on the budget with us. I'm going to suggest that we amend the budget and hire a director now."

Jim Steffen, from Mt. Pleasant, is chairing the panel and said it's going to be tough to find someone in a rush. He also suggested hiring an assistant director and an administrative person.

"The issue is before you can hire a director we have to know what the qualifications are for that gig," he said. "Those people are in demand. There's not a whole lot of those people out there with a bachelor's degree, and five years supervisory experience in ambulance service. You're probably looking at someone who's going to leave their current job for this one."

Steffen said he didn't think the panel could get a job description together, list the opening, and find someone before September.

"You can't do it earlier than Sept. 1 - I just don't see that. But I would say no later than Nov. 1," he said.

No salary or job descriptions were discussed other than the bachelor's degree and five years experience.

The group also said they needed to have firm budget numbers ready for the Lee County Board of Supervisors before the end of November.

The county starts the next fiscal year budget sessions in December and has to have things finalized in February.

Larkin said the group needed to have those figures buttoned down pretty good, and then should

be prepared for the county to whittle them down more.

"We need to be pretty close. Our budgeting time goes on until mid February so, I mean, there's some time," he said.

"And when we look at the budget and what were recommending, I'm sure it will be revised several times. You and I know there'll be a certain amount we can't do, and we'll have to bring it back down."

Panel member Dr. Philip Caropreso of Keokuk said he's reached out to Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission director Mike Norris to help investigate funding for public ambulance providers through the Ground Emergency Management Transport program.

Steffen said the program, administered by the Iowa Department of Public Health, wouldn't provide funding until the county-run service had two years of cost analysis for the state to consider.

The group also talked about billing services for the county run ambulance. Steffen said they could hire and pay someone internally to take care of billing, they could hire it out, or current county staff could handle the billing.

Fraise said she spoke with officials in Des Moines County who said they would be willing to take on the billing for Lee County, but the cost of paying them for the service wasn't discussed during that meeting in Burlington. Steffen said the panel should plan on 5% of net revenues.

Steffen said the committee should also be considering operational benchmarks for Lee County EMS Inc. during the one-year contract. He said he would bring suggestions back when the committee meets again on Thursday.

Lee County sees 3 more positives Thursday

LEE COUNTY - The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Lee County Health Department have identified three additional cases of COVID-19 in the county, two adults and one middle age adult who are currently in isolation. This makes 68 confirmed cases in Lee County to date with 46 cases reported as recovered.

We encourage interested residents to access the Iowa Coronavirus website at <https://coronavirus.iowa.gov> if interested in county testing data, confirmed case counts, and other useful information.

Lee County Health Department website, www.lee-countyhd.org, and their Facebook page, will continue to be updated with information as well.

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Sports

Eckrich third to get win in “Drive for 5” event at Speedway



BY BRIAN NEAL
PEPSI LEE COUNTY SPEEDWAY

DONNELSON – After two scheduled weeks off the Pepsi Lee County Speedway in Donnellson, Iowa got back to action on Friday, July 17th, with Roberts Tire Center and The Scott Miracle-Gro Company helping to bring the night's action.

It also happened to be the third qualifying night for the Shottenkirk Parts Express “Drive For 5”, presented by Ideal Ready Mix, Floyd's Waste Systems, J.J. Nichting Company Case IH, Woodworth Attorney at Law, Triple Seven Trucking, Triple R Performance Engines, KQ92, and Big Country 103.1, for the IMCA Late Models.

The 20-lap Sonny's Super Market IMCA Modified feature was up first, with Daniel Fellows and Levi Smith leading the field to the green flag. Smith took advantage of his starting spot to grab the lead on lap 1 over Mark Burgtorf, who started 6th, and Fellows. The lead for Smith only lasted for 1 lap, as Burgtorf was able to get by him to take over the top spot on lap 2. One lap later, lap 3, Fellows would clear Smith to move into the runner up spot. Fellows then tried to keep pace with Burgtorf over the last part of the race. But the only thing to slow Burgtorf down on this night was lap traffic, as Burgtorf encoun-

tered it on lap 13. This allowed Fellows to close in, but he would run out of laps to challenge Burgtorf for the lead. As Burgtorf held on to claim his first win of the season at the track in Bill Baker's #03B machine. Fellows settled for 2nd, Dennis LaVeine started 7th and finished 3rd, Jeff Waterman was 4th, with Bill Roberts Jr. coming from 11th to round out the top 5.

Up next was the 18-lap Roberts Tire Center IMCA SportMod feature, with Derek Goble and Jadin Fuller making up the front row. Fuller used his front row starting spot to jump out into the lead on lap 1 over Goble and Logan Cumby. On lap 5 Cumby was able to get by Fuller to take over the top spot. Then just after the lap was scored complete the caution appeared for Tanner Klingele, who slowed in turn 4. On the restart Jim Powell slipped past Cumby for the lead, with Brandon Dale following him into the runner up spot. One lap later, lap 7, Cumby worked past Dale to move back into second and then went to work on Powell for the top spot. Disaster would strike the top two cars on lap 10, as Cumby got into Powell and spun him in turn 3 to bring out the yellow. With both driver's going to the rear for the restart, Dale would inherit the lead, with Austen Becerra, who started 8th, and Adam Birck, who started 23rd, challenging him. Dale's run up front came to an end on lap 13, as he slowed in turn 2 to bring out the yellow. On the restart Becerra grabbed the lead, with Birck and Sean Wyett, who started 15th, following. Birck and Wyett would challenge Becerra over the final laps, but Becerra was able to hold them off to pick up his fourth win of the season at the Pepsi Lee County Speedway.

Birck was 2nd, Wyett was 3rd, AJ Tournear came from 16th to finish 4th, with Barry Taft coming home in 5th, after starting in 13th.

Jerry Jansen and Abe Huls led the field to green in the 18-lap Donnellson Tire & Service IMCA Stock Car feature, with Huls grabbing the lead on lap 1 over John Oliver Jr. and Chad Krogmeier. The lead for Huls lasted for 1 lap, as Oliver Jr. slipped past him for the top spot on lap 2. Without a caution to bunch the field up, Oliver Jr. would pull away to claim his first win of the season at the track. Huls was 2nd, Krogmeier was 3rd, Jeremy Pundt was 4th, with Jansen completing the top 5.

Up next was the 25-lap IMCA Late Model feature, which was also the third qualifying event for the Shottenkirk Parts Express “Driver For 5”.

Andy Eckrich and Denny Woodworth drew the front row, with Eckrich using his draw to jump out into the lead on lap 1 over Woodworth and Dustin Griffin. The team cars of Woodworth and Griffin tried to keep pace with Eckrich over the first half of the race. But the pace that Eckrich was setting allowed him to start to pull away from them. The only thing to slow Eckrich down was the first and only caution of the race on lap 15, as Sam Halstead slowed to a stop in turn 1 to bring out the yellow. On the restart Eckrich jumped back out front, with Woodworth and Griffin glued to his back bumper. Eckrich would go on to lead the final 10 laps to score his first win of the season at the track. He also became the third different winner in three “Drive For 5” qualifying races held so far, the win was also worth \$1,000. Woodworth was 2nd, Griffin was 3rd, Nick Marolf was 4th, with Mark Burgtorf coming from

13th to finish 5th.

The final feature to take to the track was the 15-lap Discount Tire & Service IMCA Sport Compacts. Cody Bowman and Brandon Crawley were scheduled to lead the field to green, but when Bowman elected to go to the rear this would move Quinton Shelton to the front row. Just as the green flag waved the caution light would come on, as Brenna Schantz spun in turn 1 to bring out the yellow. On the restart Jason Ash, who started 6th, shot to the front to lead lap 1 over Shelton and Brandon Reu, who started 10th. After the lap was scored complete the second caution of the race appeared, as Crawley stopped in turn 1 to bring out the yellow. Ash moved back out front on the restart, with Reu over taking Shelton for the runner up spot. With another lap scored complete the third and fourth, which was the final, cautions of the race appeared. The third caution waved for Aurora Dietrich spinning in turn 4, while Kaycee McGregor spun in 4 on the restart to bring out the fourth caution. The third attempt of a restart saw Ash move back out front, with Reu and Kimberly Abbott, who started 8th, close behind. Reu would try the bottom and top side of the track to get the lead away from Ash over the next several laps, as the two entered lapped traffic on lap 7. Reu would take advantage of the lapped traffic on lap 10, as Ash got trapped behind one which allowed Reu to take over the top spot. Reu then held off Ash thru heavy lapped traffic on the final lap to pick up his second win of the season at the Pepsi Lee County Speedway. Ash settled for 2nd, Ab-

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Sports



Getting geared up for the fall

With Iowa High School Athletic Officials currently sticking to the fall sports schedule, the Fort Madison and Central Lee football programs took part in shared 7-on-7 drills Thursday morning at Jim Youel Field. At left, Central Lee head coach Chuck Banks, left, and Fort Madison head coach Derek Doherty go over the drills prior to a water break.

Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Regular points week this Friday at Pepsi Speedway

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bott was 3rd, Shelton was 4th, with Robert Sturms finishing 5th.

Coming up next Friday, July 24th will be a regular weekly points night, with Darkside Tint & Graphix and Coal Haus 337 helping to bring you the action. The Shottenkirk Parts Express IMCA Late Models, Sonny's Super Market IMCA Modifieds, Donnellson Tire & Service IMCA Stock Cars, Roberts Tire Center SportMods, and Discount Tire & Service IMCA Sport Compacts will all be in action.

Gates open at 5:30 PM, Hot Laps at 7 PM, and Racing to follow. Grandstand admission will be Adults \$10, Seniors (60+) \$9, Students (11-17) and Veterans \$5, and Kids 10 & under FREE! Pit passes will be \$30, ages (7-13) \$20, ages (4-6) \$10, and ages (3 & under) \$5.

For more information about the Pepsi Lee County Speedway you can visit their website at www.leecountyspeedway.com, like them on Facebook, or call Brian Gaylord at 319-371-6744.

OFFICIAL RESULTS

Roberts Tire Center and The Scott Miracle-Gro Company Night

Shottenkirk Parts Express IMCA Late Models A-Feature: 1. Andy Eckrich, Oxford, IA; 2. Denny Woodworth, Mendon, IL; 3. Dustin Griffin, Quincy, IL; 4. Nick Marolf, Moscow, IA; 5. Mark Burgtorf, Quincy, IL; 6. Tommy Elston, Keokuk, IA; 7. Jay Johnson, West Burlington, IA; 8. Matt Strassheim, Yarmouth, IA; 9. Darin Weisinger Jr., Mendon, IL; 10. Ray Raker, Burlington, IA; 11. Darin Duffy, Urbana, IA; 12. Sam Halstead, New London, IA; 13. Andy Nezworski, Buffalo, IA; 14. Ron Boyse, Kalona, IA. Heat 1: 1. Tommy Elston; 2. Andy Eckrich; 3. Matt Strassheim; 4. Dustin Griffin; 5. Denny Woodworth; 6. Sam Halstead; 7. Mark Burgtorf. Heat 2: 1. Darin Duffy; 2. Nick Marolf; 3. Jay Johnson; 4. Darin Weisinger Jr.; 5. Andy Nezworski; 6. Ray Raker; 7. Ron Boyse

Sonny's Super Market IMCA Modifieds A-Feature: 1. Mark Burgtorf, Quincy, IL; 2. Daniel Fellows, Keokuk, IA; 3. Dennis LaVeine, West Burlington, IA; 4. Jeff Waterman, Quincy, IL; 5. Bill Roberts Jr., Burlington, IA; 6. Chad Giberson, Richland, IA; 7. Lance Schlicher, Fairfield, IA; 8. Blake Woodruff, Galesburg, IL; 9. Ethan Braaksma, Newton, IA; 10. Levi Smith, Donnellson, IA; 11. Mitch Boles, New London, IA. Heat 1: 1. Mark Burgtorf; 2. Chad Giberson; 3. Blake Woodruff; 4. Lance Schlicher; 5. Levi Smith; 6. Bill Roberts Jr. Heat 2: 1. Daniel Fellows; 2. Dennis LaVeine; 3. Ethan Braaksma; 4. Jeff Waterman; 5. Mitch Boles

Donnellson Tire & Service IMCA Stock Cars A-Feature: 1. John Oliver Jr., Danville, IA; 2. Abe Huls, Carthage, IL; 3. Chad Krogmeier, Burlington, IA; 4. Jeremy Pundt, Donnellson, IA; 5. Jerry Jansen, Plainville, IL; 6. Jason Cook, Mt. Pleasant, IA; 7. Tyler Moore, Lockridge, IA. Heat 1: 1. John Oliver Jr.; 2. Abe Huls; 3. Jeremy Pundt; 4. Chad Krogmeier; 5. Jerry Jansen; 6. Jason Cook; 7. Tyler Moore

Roberts Tire Center IMCA SportMods A-Feature: 1. Austen Becerra, Bowen, IL; 2. Adam Birc, Canton, MO; 3. Sean Wyatt, Danville, IA; 4. AJ Tournear, Quincy, IL; 5. Barry Taft, Argyle, IA; 6. Jim Powell, Hannibal, MO; 7. Dakota Anderson, Quincy, IL; 8. Bob Cowman, Quincy, IL; 9. Derek Goble, Burlington, IA; 10. Michael Benjamin, Montrose, IA; 11. Brian Bergheger, Keokuk, IA; 12. Ryan Moore, Kahoka, MO; 13. Brandon Dale, Arbela, MO; 14. Kaleb Nevers, Burlington, IA; 15. Logan Cumby, Quincy, IL; 16. Jadin Fuller, Memphis, MO; 17. Tanner Klingele, Quincy, IL; 18. Kyle Hamelton, Keokuk, IA; 19. Bobby Six, Warsaw, IA; 20. Josh Holtman, Quincy, IL; 21. Blaine Webster, Ottumwa, IA; 22. Tom Ruble, Ft. Madison, IA; 23. Reed Wolfmeyer, Quincy, IL; 24. Jim Walker, Mystic, IA (DNS). Heat 1: 1. Bobby Six; 2. Brandon Dale; 3. Derek Goble; 4. Josh Holtman; 5. Barry Taft; 6. AJ Tournear; 7. Ryan Moore; 8. Reed Wolfmeyer. Heat 2: 1. Tanner Klingele; 2. Bob Cowman; 3. Jadin Fuller; 4. Michael Benjamin; 5. Tom Ruble; 6. Kaleb Nevers; 7. Jim Walker; 8. Adam Birc. Heat 3: 1. Blaine Webster; 2. Austen Becerra; 3. Jim Powell; 4. Logan Cumby; 5. Sean Wyatt; 6. Dakota Anderson; 7. Brian Bergheger; 8. Kyle Hamelton

Discount Tire & Service IMCA Sport Compacts A-Feature: 1. Brandon Reu, Donnellson, IA; 2. Jason Ash, Burlington, IA; 3. Kimberly Abbott, Camp Point, IL; 4. Quinton Shelton, Quincy, IL; 5. Robert Sturms, Burlington, IA; 6. David Prim, Hamelton, IL; 7. Luke Fraise, Houghton, IA; 8. Mike Hornung Jr., Keokuk, IA; 9. Alyssa Dietrich, Ewing, MO; 10. Cody Bowman, Mt. Pleasant, IA; 11. Ashton Blain, Burlington, IA; 12. Aurora Dietrich, Ewing, MO; 13. Aaron Berry, Salem, IA; 14. Braeden Barlow, Keokuk, IA; 15. Jared Heule, Keokuk, IA; 16. Kyle Francy, Mt. Pleasant, IA; 17. Chance Bailey, Quincy, IL; 18. Kaycee McGregor, Ft. Madison, IA; 19. Brandon Crawley, Burlington, IA; 20. Brenna Schantz, Luray, MO; 21. Adam Christy, West Point, IA. Heat 1: 1. Brandon Reu; 2. Kimberly Abbott; 3. Robert Sturms; 4. Aaron Berry; 5. Luke Fraise; 6. Braeden Barlow; 7. Brenna Schantz. Heat 2: 1. Quinton Shelton; 2. Cody Bowman; 3. Jared Heule; 4. Mike Hornung Jr.; 5. Kyle Francy; 6. Aurora Dietrich; 7. Ashton Blain (DQ). Heat 3: 1. Jason Ash; 2. Brandon Crawley; 3. David Prim; 4. Chance Bailey; 5. Kaycee McGregor; 6. Alyssa Dietrich; 7. Adam Christy

Y holding synchronized swimming class

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fort Madison
Community School
District
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Minutes of the
Regular Meeting
July 20, 2020

I. The meeting was called to order by President Wondra at 6:00 p.m. Directors Hope, DiPrima, Wykert, Ross, Steffensmeier and Menke were present. Also present were Superintendent Slater, Director of Curriculum and Student Services Harmon and Secretary Elmore.

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 of the Fort Madison Community School District.

IV. Monthly communications

A. Student Rep report. There was none.

B. Curriculum Corner. The Board received a Return to Learn update.

C. "Did You Know?" The "Did You Know?" update was incorporated into the Return to Learn presentation.

D. Superintendent Goal Report. The Superintendent Goal Report was incorporated into the Return to Learn presentation.

E. District Presentations. The Board received an update on the PORT Trail.

V. Approve the agenda. It was moved by Steffensmeier and seconded by Wykert to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

VI. Consent agenda. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve the consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the June 15, 2020 Regular Meeting and June 22, 2020 Work Session; financial reports including the June Balance Sheet, June Revenue Summary, Expenditure Report and Student Activity Report, accounts payable for the June General Account Board bills for Approval,

July General Account Board bills for approval, Student Activity Board bills for approval and Nutrition Account Board bills for approval; resignations from Shelly Hoenig as concessions manager and elementary technology, Kay Diton as food service at the high school and Karen Jones as full student government; employment of Tonya Todd as associate at the middle school, Ann Neaves as teacher at Richardson, Corrine Swigart as flag sponsor, Karen Jones as student government (1/2), Stephanie Brownlee as student government (1/2) and approval of activity and athletic fundraisers. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

VII. Action Items

A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services.

1. Consider approval of the District Developed Special Education Delivery Plan. Kim Harmon reviewed the District Developed Special Education Delivery Plan. Discussion followed. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve the District Developed Special Education Delivery Plan as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

2. Consider approval of the 28E Agreement for preschool for Y Kids and Carousel Preschool. The Board reviewed the 28E Agreement for preschool for Y Kids and Carousel Preschool. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve the 28E Agreement for preschool for Y Kids as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

B. Superintendent.

1. Consider Approval of Policy Changes

a. 215 – Board of Directors. It was moved by Hope and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve policy 215 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

b. 216.2 – Board of Directors' Member Development and Training. It was moved by Wykert and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve policy

216.2 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

c. 216.3 – Board of Directors' Member Compensation and Expenses. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve policy 216.3 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

2. Teacher Leadership Salary List. It was moved by Hope and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve the Teacher Leadership Salary List and stipends as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

3. Food Service stipend list. It was moved by Steffensmeier and seconded by DiPrima to approve the Food Service Stipend List as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

4. Supplemental Letters of Assignment Salary List. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Hope to approve the Supplemental Letters of Assignment Salary List as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

5. Extracurricular Contracts Salary List. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Wykert to approve the Extracurricular Contracts Salary List as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager.

1. Consider approval of a Board Resolution to schedule public hearing date for PORT Trail

ease. It was moved by Steffensmeier and seconded by DiPrima to schedule a public hearing for August 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. related to the PORT Trail easement as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

VIII. Discussion Items

A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services

1. Policies for 1st reading. The Board reviewed policies 216.5 through 219.1. These policies will be brought back at a later meeting for final approval.

2. Annual truancy report. Dr. Slater shared information regarding the 2019-2020 truancy summary report. Discussion followed.

3. Retirement of FMCS employees. Dr. Slater shared information regarding celebrating the retirees from the 2019-2020 school year.

4. Board Member Attendance. The Board reviewed and discussed the Board Member Attendance report.

C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager.

1. Establish Board meeting dates for August regular board meeting and September work session and regular board meeting. The Board will hold a Public Hearing on August 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Work Session/Special Meeting. The regular Board meeting for August will be held on August 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. A Work session

will be held on August 31, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The regular Board meeting for September will be held on September 21, 2020.

IX. Comments from the audience. There were none.

X. Legislative update. The Board received a legislative update.

XI. Announcements.

August 3, 2020 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing, Board Room, Central Office

August 3, 2020 6:05 p.m. Work Session/ Special Meeting, Board Room, Central Office

August 17, 2020 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting, Board Room, Central Office

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

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

XII. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Tim Wondra, Board President
 July 20, 2020
 Sandra Elmore, Board Secretary

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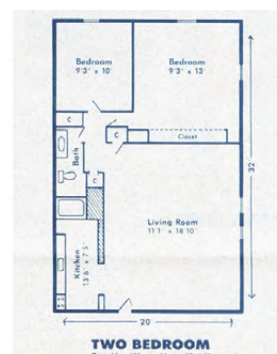
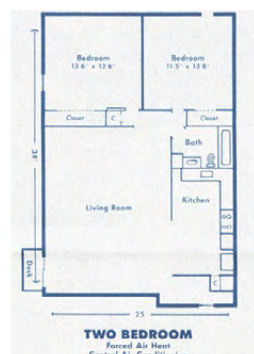
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Kingsley's Railcam

The Virtual Railfan camera that was posted on the Kingsley Inn Hotel in Fort Madison is a 24/7 video feed that looks down at the railroad tracks that move down the city's riverfront.



City may aim camera toward swingspan bridge

RAILCAM - Continued from Page 1

suggested it to me and believed it would be a great addition to the hotel,"

She then contacted Virtual Rail Fan in October and made plans for installation.

"People love it. We're getting such great feedback about the feed. This camera is not only marketing the Kingsley Inn but the whole town of Fort Madison," Eastin said.

The Kingsley Inn has hosted guests from all over the country because of the railroad feed, and they've spent time exploring Fort Madison. But the feed's presence doesn't stop within our country's borders. Some of the feed's largest views are coming from different countries such as Germany and Japan.

"I've even had people from England contact me to make future arrangements to stay at the Kingsley when it's safe to travel," Eastin said.

There are even hopes of installing a second camera down at the marina.

"We're in the process of getting one to face the bridge," Eastin said.

This would give an up-close look at bridge traffic and would highlight the opening of the bridge to let river traffic through. Eastin hopes that the marina cam will bring the same success as the railroad cam.

Kyle Galloway, Chief Financial Officer for Barker Financial, who owns the Kingsley property among others in downtown, said the feed can be surprisingly addictive

"I pulled it up and it was kind of boring-but then an hour and a half later I'm still watching it."

Fort Madison City Manager David Varley said the city had been looking into the idea of putting up a Railcam, and Kingsley's camera is showcasing the city.

"Fortunately, the Kingsley stepped up to the plate and got it on their building. We're very pleased and would like to thank them for their efforts to put that up."



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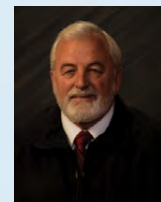
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