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SCC's Ash weighs in on JEC

JOINT EDUCATION CENTER: SCC has reservations similar to Central Lee's

BY **CHUCK VANDENBERG**
PCC EDITOR

(Editor's Note: Pen City Current reached out to Southeastern Community College President Dr. Michael Ash on Thursday and received an emailed statement from the college on Friday.)

LEE COUNTY – After news broke yesterday that Central Lee Community School District did not support a joint education center set to open in its school district, Southeastern Community College President Dr. Michael Ash, sent an email outlining the college's position,

The former KL Megla building, a 30,000 square foot facility near Montrose, is set to be acquired this year through financing from the Southeast Iowa Regional Economic & Port Authority. The Lee County Economic Development Group has spearheaded the effort with support from area schools, industries, and city economic groups.

Central Lee Superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier said he had been left out of some discussions about the project and at this point he, and the district board of directors,

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Athletic unions being tested with state's eligibility cases

There's been a lot of publicity lately regarding student athletes who've transferred into Iowa to play sports due to the coronavirus wreaking havoc on other state's prep sports programs.

With publicity usually comes controversy, and that controversy is the state athletic unions determining some athletes eligible and others ineligible.

One of the athletes that has garnered increased attention is West Des Moines Valley QB Jake Rubley. Rubley's family moved into Iowa this summer from a Denver suburb. Colorado had postponed its football season and Rubley is a 4-star recruit signed to play at Kansas State.

Rubley played three games for the Tigers and then was ruled ineligible. He appealed to the IAHSAA Board of Control Friday and the board has five days to issue a ruling.

Two other players Mark Gorbatenko, of Clear Creek Amana, and Arland Bruce IV, of Ankeny have both been ruled ineligible this week. Bruce had a failed appeal and is now appealing to an Iowa court to be reinstated.

Rules of transfer and eligibility are geared to making sure Iowa athletes are playing Iowa sports and not just staying in Iowa for prolonged periods of time just to go school, or, in this case, play sports.

The union's main concern is that not only are transferring families establishing a residency, but they are "making a home".

The IAHSAA and IGHSAA have the same general transfer rule. – "In ruling upon the eligibility of transfer students, the executive board shall consider the factors motivating student changes in residency. Unless other-

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LADY CRUSADERS

SEISC tourney champs

The Class 1A No. 3 Holy Trinity Catholic Crusaders won the Southeast Iowa Superconference volleyball tournament that finished up on Saturday at SCC. At right, Mary Kate Bendlage (13) attacks against the block of West Burlington's Sidney Marlow (20). For the complete story, see **SPORTS** inside.



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EMPTY NEST by Curt Swarm

160 plows on 160 acres northeast of Bloomfield

Northeast of Bloomfield or Southeast of Floris is what might be considered an outdoor museum of not only old farm plows, but also old tractors, combines, balers, one-row pickers, hay rakes, running gears, horse drawn sickle mowers, planters and miscellaneous farm equipment and gadgets

too numerous to mention. Oscar Bales and his two sons, Cory and Dan, started collecting old farm plows a few years ago as a way of keeping them out of the scrap pile. If they ran across an old plow at a farm sale, they bought it for little or nothing (the price of scrap) and brought it home to live out

its life in glory, on display to the world and any would-be traveler along 160th Street in rural Bloomfield.

Lining 160th Street are 54 or the 160 plows (no two alike). Cory or Dan or Oscar Bales will walk you down the line and give

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

GARY A. SWAINY

Gary Alan Swainy, 78, of Keokuk died Friday, September 25, 2020 at his home. He was born September 20, 1942 in Lucas County, IA the son of Howard and Lillian Bay Swainy. Gary graduated from Chariton High School in Chariton, IA with the Class of 1961 and graduated from Creston Community College (now Southwestern Community College).



SWAINY

He first married Karen Trumbo and they later divorced. On July 20, 1988 he was united in marriage to Vickey Varner in Las Vegas, NV. She survives.

He is also survived by three daughters, Cathleen Courtois (Steve) of Keokuk, Deaven Swainy of Minneapolis, and Kacey Seabold (Adam) of Kahoka, three sons, Andrew Swainy (Melissa Clise) of Diamond, OH, Ryan Swainy (Karin) of Inver Grove Heights, MN and Sean Swainy (Raegan) of Keokuk, son-in-law, Bill Varner of Keokuk, fifteen grandchildren, Keegan Courtois (Deanna), Kayleigh Glick (James), Taylor Courtois, Trenton Varner, Cody Varner, Madison Swainy, Alayna Swainy, Andrew Swainy, Iver Swainy, Ardith Swainy, Kaelan Swainy, Lucas Swainy, Sadie Swainy, Adalynn Swainy, and Remington Seabold and eleven great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two sisters, Rosemary Swainy of Chariton, IA and Rebecca Swainy of Indianola, IA.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Kerry Varner and a brother David Swainy.

Gary worked for Hy-Vee for thirty years, moving to Keokuk in 1975 to open the new store where he worked as a manager until 1986. He then became vice-president of McFarlands-Swan in Keokuk where he worked until his retirement in 2020.

Gary was an active member of First Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Keokuk where he was an Elder Emeritus. He was also a member of the Keokuk Elks Lodge and the Keokuk Rotary Club.

He was an avid Hawkeye basketball and football fan and an enthusiastic St Louis Cardinal baseball fan. He loved watching and going to Iowa football games and also enjoyed gardening, and golfing. He was an avid collector. Gary was a loving husband, the best father and grandfather and was happiest when he was surrounded by his family.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Sunday (September 27) at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with the family meeting with friends from 5 - 7 p.m. Social distancing requirements will be in place and masks are strongly encouraged.

A private family funeral service will be held.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

OBITUARIES

JOSEPHINE M. WATERMAN

Josephine Marie Waterman, 91, of Nauvoo, Illinois, passed away at 11:25 p.m. Thursday, September 24, 2020.

She was born on July 29, 1929, in Burlington, Iowa, the daughter of Gerald R. and Marie (McCune) Salter. On August 1, 1948, she married Edward LaVerne Waterman in Fort Madison, Iowa.



WATERMAN

Survivors include three children: Maggie Kelly of Nauvoo, Gerald Enoch (Conda) Waterman of Niota and Patrick Joseph (Laura) Waterman of Bushnell; seven grandchildren; seventeen great grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; one sister: Ellen Baldwin of Hamilton and one niece: Mary.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband: Edward; one daughter: Nancy; two grandsons and two sisters.

Josephine was a graduate of Nauvoo High School. She worked at Flora Thumbs Restaurant, I.R.C. and Sheaffer Pen Co. She was a member of Appanoose Faith Presbyterian Church. Josephine enjoyed sewing, embroidering, cooking, bird watching, gardening, reading and most of all, spending time with her grandchildren.

A Graveside Service will be held Saturday, October 3, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. at Appanoose Township Cemetery, rural Niota, Illinois, with Pastor Mark Anderson officiating.

Burial will be at Appanoose Township Cemetery, Rural Niota.

A memorial has been established in her memory.

Schmitz - Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at www.sbbfuneralhome.com.

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Obituaries/From the Front

OBITUARIES

SANDRA K. SUTTON

Sandra K. Sutton, 75, of Dallas City, Illinois died Thursday, September 24, 2020 at the Great River Medical Center in West Burlington, Iowa.

She was born May 17, 1945 in Macomb, Illinois, the daughter of Ross W. and A. La-Verne Callahan Parsons. She married Cleon R. Knoedler on March 5, 1963. He died August 31, 1963. She then married Michael Lenix on August 14, 1966. They later divorced. On August 5, 1979 she married James A. Sutton in Dallas City. He died July 24, 2008.

Sandra graduated from LaHarpe, Illinois High School in 1963. She then attended Burlington Beauty & Barber School, graduating in 1966. She owned and operated Sandi's Beauty Salon in Dallas City for 40 years, retiring in 2003. She also tended bar in Burlington, Fort Madison and in Dallas City at both the Riverview Supper Club and Ruthie's Place.

Sandi enjoyed working in her yard, art and paintings, animals and was an avid Cubs and Bears fan.

She is survived by her children, Ronnie Ray (Stephanie) Knoedler of Wright City, Missouri, Michael Jay (Laura) Lenix of Wentzville, Missouri and Rachelle Don (Mark) Shuler of Hamilton, Illinois, six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and her cat Echo.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, parents, and one brother, Ross B. Parsons.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00a.m. Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City with Rev. Jim Luder officiating. All attendees are asked to wear their Cubs and Bears attire. Burial will follow in McConnell Cemetery near Fountain Green, Illinois. There will be no formal family visitation but friends are welcome to stop at the funeral home on Monday between 3:00 and 7:00p.m. A memorial fund has been established for the McConnell Cemetery or the Dallas City Veterans Memorial. Masks and social distancing are recommended. To sign the guestbook and leave a condolence, please visit Sandi's obituary at banksandbeals.com.



SUTTON

OBITUARIES

MARTHA E. GRIMWOOD

Martha E. "Marcy" Grimwood, 85, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 10:48 a.m. on Friday, September 25, 2020 at the University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City. She was born on January 29, 1935 in St. Paul, IA to William & Angela Pannenberg Spiekermeier. She married Donald E. McCoy on June 6, 1953 at St. James Catholic Church in St. Paul, IA. He preceded her in death on September 11, 1966. She then married Raymond Grimwood on July 24, 1969 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Fort Madison. He preceded her in death on June 10, 1996. She worked for Dr. Rashid, Dr. Denner & Dr. Schroeder and later as a care companion for Fort Madison Community Hospital. She was a member of Holy Family Parish, the Moose Lodge and was the secretary of the V.F.W. She enjoyed spending time with her children & grandchildren, mowing, reading, working in the dirt, listening to old time country music and her "grand fur babies". She was affectionately known as "grandma mousey".



GRIMWOOD

Marcy is survived by: 2-daughters: Vickie (Peter) Boddeker of Fort Madison, IA & Donna (Frank) Titus of Mt. Pleasant, IA; 3-granddaughters: Beverly (Philip) Siegfried of Nauvoo, IL, Angie Marshall of Fort Madison, IA & Andrea (Tristan) Edmunds of Burlington, IA; 6-great grandchildren: Adam Siegfried, Brayden Edmunds, Kailey Edmunds, Zoey Marshall, Braxtyn Edmunds, Pyper Edmunds & 1-sister: Mary Binkley of Fort Madison, IA. She was preceded in death by: her parents, both husbands, 1-daughter: Beverly McCoy, 1-son: Gene McCoy, 2-brothers: Stanley & Jim Spiekermeier.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A public graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at Gethsemane Cemetery with Rev. Joseph Phung officiating. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for P.A.W. Animal Shelter and contributions may be left at the graveside service or sent to: Donna Titus, 407 E. Baker Street, Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641. Online condolences and a video of the graveside service may be viewed at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

Ash says SCC was leading effort on joint education center

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didn't feel the project was viable.

He also said they wouldn't authorize the other schools to teach high school classes within the district, a move backed by Iowa code. Crozier said the district is willing to work with other groups, including Keokuk and Fort Madison schools, the LCEDG and SCC to make the project work, but SCC had to take ownership of the building and programming.

Dr. Ash said SCC has some issues with the project as well, but would keep forging ahead to try and resolve those issues. He said the college has been engaged in discussions around the center since 2015.

"The project has gone through many discussions, direction changes, and possible locations. While the project is very noteworthy and has very broad support throughout the County - K-12 education; Business and Industry and Lee County Economic Development as well as the State Department of Education - there are challenges on how this will fit and flow together budget wise," he wrote Friday.

"The Megla building seemed to be a good opportunity as it is for sale, most centrally located to the three Lee County high schools and has plenty of

space to offer career tech education. It is located in the Central Lee School District and there are some state code issues related to boundaries and offering programming in another school district."

Ash said high school officials believed they could get that programming started without the college's involvement.

"The college has been involved along the way and at various points was leading the effort to establish this center. However, Fort Madison and Keokuk schools determined that they wanted to get the programs started and believed they could do so without the direct involvement of the college, offering high school-only career programming that they already had, but could also share between the two schools."

Ash wrote efforts are underway to better understand the challenges moving forward and said the college will help to try and find a remedy.

"Efforts are underway to better understand the challenges in moving forward with some type of high school career academies in Lee County. We

hope to find a workable solution so that all three high schools and the college can provide educational programming in Lee County and be able to share those programs with the students from each high school."



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Sports

Hounds offense wakes up in 55-7 win at BHS



**BY CHUCK
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The win sets up a potential clash with Mt. Pleasant at Richmond Stadium in Fort Madison next week. But the Panthers canceled their game with Keokuk this week, and have two losses on the year to Washington and Tipton.

Fort Madison was firing on pretty much all cylinders all night with the exception of a hiccup in the

BURLINGTON – Its been many, many years since the Bloodhounds started the year 4-1.

Some coaches suggested 1869, but that may be a bit of an exaggeration. However, the Hounds 55-7 win over Burlington on Friday is no exaggeration.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Brock Califf (5) brings a kickoff back or a touchdown in Friday's 55-7 win over Burlington. It was Califf's 2nd return for a touchdown this year and second in two weeks. The Hounds have started 4-1 for the first time in decades. At left, the Hounds defense swarms to a tackle in the first half.

first series, when Greyhound quarterback Nolan Simpson appeared to be stuck for a short gain, but somehow emerged from

a pile of Bloodhounds and raced 33 yards for a touchdown.

After that, it was a very buttoned-down Bloodhounds team in all aspects of the game.

"We got away from who we are and what we do," said Head Coach Derek Doherty.

"On the second series Coach (Jason) Crooks did a phenomenal job and said, "You know what? We're gonna abandon ship – we're gonna go be us."

And who they are is quickly becoming a team that capitalizes on small opportunities in big ways.

After the Grayhound touchdown, senior Brock Califf, for the second time in two weeks, picked up a kick-off off the ground, and then busted a couple tackles and split the BHS kick off team to the left for an 88-yard touchdown run. He had a 76-yard return last week for a score.

"When it's muffed they really don't know what you're going to do so you have the advantage. I saw an opening to the left and just took off and my team decided to block really well and it ended up being wide open," Califf said.

Califf, who plays offense, defense and special teams, also had a blocked kick in last week's 24-17 win over Keokuk. He said his special teams play is something that's firing right now. He almost busted a punt return in the 3rd quarter before getting caught from behind, but two penalties nullified the play.

"I don't think I have a specialty right now, I think I'm just performing well on special teams over the other aspects of the game."

Fort Madison's defense would then clamp down on the Grayhounds on a 4 and out in the next series.

Then the Bloodhound offense went to work on a 10-play drive that went 49 yards capped by a 32-yard TD strike from Landes Williams to Tate Johnson down the left side – his fourth TD of the year.

Johnson would finish the night with 71 yards on three catches good for two TDs.

Xander Wellman would pin the Hounds deep with one of his three touchbacks on the night.

Fort Madison would hold Keokuk again to just four downs, and with the Grayhounds facing a 4th and 6 at their own 25, Doherty sent the house and senior Keaton Poe block the punt. Johnson recovered for another Hound score making it 21-7.

Doherty said special teams have been a priority with the Hounds all year.

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Sports

Holy Trinity Catholic girls take SEISC tourney title

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

different kids all over the court.”

It wasn't an easy night for the Crusaders, who had to rally to defeat West Burlington 23-25, 25-20, 15-11 in the semi-finals before holding off the Hawks, who went the distance in a quarterfinal win over WACO and a semifinal victory over No. 6 (Class 1A) New London.

“Our setters did a good job of finding the kids who needed the ball,” Freesmeier said. “Our defense was on point. I just think we did a lot of good things today.”

The Crusaders rallied in the first game, and with the score tied at 19, scored six of the final eight points for the win. Claire Pothitakis had two kills and Natalie Randolph had one in that stretch. Brooke Mueller's tip on game point found an opening in the Hawks' defense, and Holy Trinity had a 1-0 lead.

Central Lee was not going away. The Hawks led 19-18 in the second

game before the Crusaders scored six consecutive points to get to match point. Pothitakis and Kassi Randolph each had two kills in that run, and Katie Denning had a block.

But the Hawks scored the next three points before Holy Trinity closed the match with a kill from Kassi Randolph.

“These kids want to get better every day, and tonight they did,” Freesmeier said.

Central Lee was tested right away in the 19-25, 25-21, 15-13 win over WACO. The Hawks were down 11-1 to start the match, forcing coach Amy Cook to burn two timeouts.

But the Hawks weren't rattled, getting back to within 23-19 before the Warriors closed the game.

They found themselves in an 8-3 hole in the second game before rallying, and were down 9-4 in the third before coming back to win.

“I am proud of them



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

HTC senior Claire Pothitakis attacks from the left outside corner Saturday night at Southeastern Community College. The Crusaders won the SEISC tournament championship with a two-set win over Central Lee.

that they did push back,” Cook said. “But it's something we need to work on, because we seem to always be not comfortable in that first game, and then we had to play catch-up.”

The match against New London — a 23-25, 25-17, 15-7 win — was similar. The Hawks fell behind early, then had an answer.

“You're only going to be better if you play good teams,” Cook said. “This is only going to make us better. You've got to beat the best to be the best. I want to play the hard teams.”

“Of course, we're bummed right now. But we'll bounce back.”

On the night, Mya Merschman led HTC with 28 kills and 10

blocks. Abby Wellman had 26 kills and 57 digs. Macy Watkins had 93 assists in the finals.

For Holy Trinity, Randolph had 28 kills and 25 assists to lead the Crusaders. Pothitakis was 56-66 attacking with 20 kills. Bailey Hellweg had 24 assists and Marie Rauenbuehler had 28 digs in Saturday's finals.

WEST BURLINGTON — Twelve matches in eight days.

And a crown at the end.

From one Saturday to another, Holy Trinity's volleyball team has faced all kinds of tests.

That education ended with the SEI Superconference Tournament championship.

The Crusaders, ranked third in Class 1A, defeated Central Lee 25-21, 25-22 in Saturday's final at Southeastern Community College.

It's a busy time for the Crusaders, who went 10-2 during this recent stretch. Nine of those matches were against Superconference teams.

“This conference is tough,” Holy Trinity coach Melissa Freesmeier said. “You can't take a night off. I thought our kids bounced back. We just seemed to respond when we needed to, from

Holy Trinity Catholic's Kassi Randolph (2) and Katie Denning (22) put up a block in the first set of a three-set win over West Burlington Saturday night at Southeastern Community College. The No. 3 ranked Class 1A Crusaders won the Southeast Iowa Superconference title with a two-set win over Central Lee..



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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
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District
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Minutes of the Regular
Meeting
September 21, 2020**

I. The meeting was called to order by President Wondra at 6:00 p.m. Directors DiPrima, Hope, Wykert, Ross, and Menke were present. Also present were Superintendent Slater, Director of Curriculum and Student Services Harmon and Secretary Elmore. Director Steffensmeier 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. The Board received an update of ongoing activities at the High School.
B. Curriculum Corner. The Board received an

online tour of See Saw and Canvas platforms.

C. "Did You Know?" The "Did You Know?" for this month was a link to the district webpage that celebrated employees who have recently retired.

D. Superintendent Goal Report. This item will begin again in October.

E. District Presentations. The Board received school updates from each of the building principals as well as department updates from each of the directors.

V. Approve the agenda. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Menke to approve the agenda as amended. Items VIIC1,

VIIC2 and VIIC3 were tabled until October. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

VI. Consent agenda. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Wykert to approve the consent agenda as presented.

The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the August 31, 2020 Work Session; August 17, 2020 Regular Meeting; financial reports including the August Balance Sheet, August Revenue Summary, Expenditure Report and Student Activity Report, accounts payable for the August General Account Board bills for Approval, September General Account Board bills for approval, Student Activity Board bills for approval and Nutrition Account Board bills for approval; resignations from Melissa Pollpeter as associate at Richardson, Rikki Gilman as food service, Krysta Young as associate at the middle school, Christine Toubekis as associate at Holy Trinity Elementary, Jeanne Letteiri as associate at the high school, Dana Smith as NHS advisor, Landon Bentley as associate at Richardson, Melissa Claassen as social worker at Lincoln, employment of Melinda Ward as elementary nurse, Ashley Gelsthorpe as building computer technician at Richardson, Jennifer Bentley as middle school volleyball, Martha Adam as associate at the middle school, Stephanie Brownlee as marketing specialist, and

approval of activity and athletic fundraisers. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

Enter: Steffensmeier at 7:03 p.m. via teleconference.

VII. Action Items

A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services.

1. Approve the modified trimester 1 calendar. The Board reviewed the modified 2020-2021 school calendar. Discussion followed. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Hope to approve the 2020-2021 school calendar as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

B. Superintendent.

1. Consider approval of policy changes.
a. 301.1 – Management. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Menke to approve policy 301.1 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

b. 302.2 – Superintendent's Contract. It was moved by Menke and seconded by Wykert to approve policy 302.2 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

c. 302.5-E – Iowa Superintendent Evaluation: A Growth Model. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Hope to delete policy 302.5-E as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

d. 302.7 – Superintendent Civic Activities. It was moved by Hope and seconded by Ross

to approve policy 302.7 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

e. 303.3 – Administrator Contract and Contract Nonrenewal. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Wykert to approve policy 303.3 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

2. 100% online learning stipend list. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Hope to approve the 100% online learning stipend list as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

3. Consider approval of lane changes. The Board reviewed the lane changes. It was moved by Ross and seconded by DiPrima to approve the lane changes as submitted. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

4. Consider designation and authorization of Title IX Coordinator. It was moved by Hope and seconded by Ross to approve the following Board Motion: The Board of Directors of the Fort Madison Community School District designates Kim Harmon as the District's Title IX Coordinator and authorizes that employee to coordinate the District's efforts to comply with the District's responsibilities of Title IX (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681, et. seq.). The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

5. Additional teacher stipend list. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Menke to approve the

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additional teacher stipend list as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

6. AFSCME salary list addition. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Hope to approve the AFSCME salary list addition as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

7. Consider approval of MOU between Lee County Economic Development Group, Keokuk Community School District and FMCSO for a joint education center partnership. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Wykert to approve the MOU between Lee County Economic Development Group, Keokuk Community School District and FMCSO for a joint education center partnership. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager.

1. Consider approval of Certified Annual Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2020. The Board reviewed the Certified Annual Report. This item was tabled.

2. Consider approval of Limited English Proficient (LEP) Allowable Cost request to School Budget Review Committee (SBRC). This item was tabled.

3. Consider approval of Special Education Supplement for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2020. This item was tabled.

4. Consider approval of Disposal Report. The Board reviewed the Disposal Report. It was moved by Ross and seconded by DiPrima to approve the Disposal Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2020 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

VIII. Discussion Items

A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services

1. Discuss CASA goals. Director of Curriculum and Student Services Harmon led a discussion session regarding CASA goals.

2. Preliminary Enrollment Count Report. Director of Curriculum and Student Services Harmon reviewed with the Board the preliminary enrollment count. Discussion followed.

B. Superintendent.

1. Policies for 1st reading. The Board reviewed policies 219.1 and 303.4b through 401.2. These policies will be brought back at a later meeting for final approval.

2. Discussion of IASB Annual Convention. The Board discussed the IASB Annual Convention that will be held virtually on

November 17-19, 2020.

3. Discussion of virtual building tours. The Board participated in a discussion about touring the buildings virtually.

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

C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager.

1. Revenue Purpose Statement Vote Discussion. The Board participated in a discussion session regarding requirements related to a Revenue Purpose Statement.

2. Establish board meeting dates for October and November regular and work sessions. The Board will hold meetings on October 5th and 19th and November 2nd and 16th.

IX. Comments from the audience. The Board received comments from the audience.

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

XI. Announcements. October 5, 2020 6:00 PM Special Meeting/Work Session, Board Room, Central Office

October 19, 2020 6:00 PM Regular Meeting, Board Room, Central Office

November 2, 2020 6:00 PM Work Session, Board

Room, Central Office

November 16, 2020 6:00 PM Regular Meeting, Board Room, Central Office

November 17-19, 2020 IASB Annual Convention XII. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Tim Wondra, Board President

September 21, 2020 Sandra Elmore, Board Secretary

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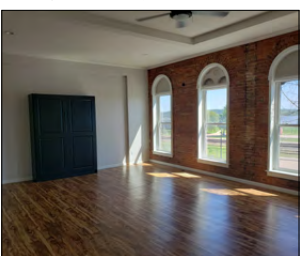
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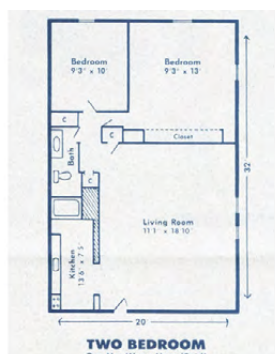
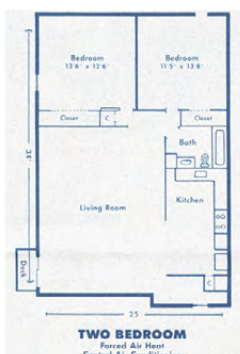
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1. Call to order
2. Approval of minutes from September 9, 2020
3. Review and Approve Bids for Fish Habitat Project at North Heron Bend Fishing Area
4. Approve Conservation Aide
5. Board Member/Di-

6. Adjournment
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Sports

Hounds' D, special teams continue to make plays

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"We make it important. As a staff and then the kids. We got kids out there that it's important to. It's not a play off, they practice that way, they're attentive and they understand their assignments," he said.

BHS would then put together their second best drive of the night going 30 yards on nine plays but a 4th and 2 would come up short and Fort Madison would take over at their own 36.

Five plays later Fort Madison was in the endzone again when Williams found a lane in the middle and raced 29 yards for the score to make it 28-7.

Burlington would try to get something going before the end of the first half putting seven plays together in the next series, but on 3rd and 16, the Grayhounds coughed up the ball and it was recovered by Fort Madison's Calem Maclearn with less than :30 left in the half.

On the next play from scrimmage, Landes Williams found a diving Johnson who stretched full out to haul in a pass at the two. Johnson would get rewarded for the catch on a quick toss in a slant into the endzone on the next play for a 34-7 lead.

Out of the half, the Hounds received the kick and scored in just four plays. After a Maclearn carry netted a yard, Williams kept it three plays straight and then on 4th and 1 from the 43 snuck through the line and cut to the left and raced all the way to the 7, where he pulled a 'Maverick' and hit the breaks as two Grayhounds went flying by in pursuit allowing Williams to shuffle in for the score.

BHS would push it's next drive all the way to the Fort Madison 14, but a Baker pass missed it's target slipped right through Poe's hands who was heading the other way, and landed in the arms of Will Larson who raced it back to the Hounds 20.

The interception was the 16th takeaway for the Hounds this season and Larson's fifth.

Larson would get rewarded for the pick when Williams found him in the left flat behind the BHS secondary for a 45-yard score four plays later giving Fort Madison a running clock.

The Hounds would send in the bench, but freshman Teague Smith, after a couple pounding runs and a tackle for loss, slipped off the left side, shook off two tackles and carried a couple Grayhounds into the endzone for the final score.

Doherty said it was incredible to see a freshman score his first high school touchdown in a varsity game on a run like that.

"He's just a very tough kid," Doherty said.

The Hounds finished the night with a season high 345 yards of total offense including 207 on the ground.

Poe, who's become a vocal leader on the field for the Hounds said he believes Fort Madison can be that effective every game.

"Like coach said, I think we can do this against every single team that we come up against," he said.

"I don't see myself really as a leader, I just see myself out here with my brothers playing football."

Doherty agreed and added the kids are starting to understand the system.

"That's what were capable of. We are capable of running the offense just like that. We're starting to understand the offense... and the system, and they're making plays," the second year head coach said.

"When these guys relax and allow themselves to just be football players they are impressive. When we get in our heads and try to make too much out of things sometimes we hamper our abilities."

Williams was 6 of 8 throwing for 140 yards and a couple TDs to Johnson. Williams also led Fort Madison rushing with 10 carries for 96 yards and two scores. Maclearn had 53 yards on eight carries. Aiden Pennock had 30 yards on four carries, and Smith had 16 on four tries.

Poe had nine tackles, six solo, and one for a loss to lead the Hounds defense. Levi Lowney had eight tackles including four solo.

Central Lee falls to E-B-F

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

DONNELLSON — Chuck Banks wanted Central Lee's football team to set a tone with a strong first drive.

And it was a good start, until the final play.

Central Lee's 29-14 loss to Ed-dyville-Blakesburg-Fremont on Friday night was another one of those nights when the Hawks missed out on plenty of chances.

They fell behind 22-0, rallied, and had opportunities to score late, but couldn't convert.

"I think," Banks said, "we just shot ourselves in the foot."

And it started at the beginning.

Central Lee (0-5) had a 13-play, 61-yard drive that took 5 minutes, 16 seconds off the clock. But when Dylan Stuecker's pass was intercepted by E-B-F's Alex Garman in the end zone on a third-and-6 play from the Rockets' 12-yard line, the Hawks came away with nothing.

And the failure to get anything on that drive was magnified when E-B-F took four plays to drive 80 yards for a touchdown, a 56-yard run by Ethan Olivas that put the Rockets up, 8-0.

"That's kind of been the story," Banks said. "We get the ball moving. I thought we had some flashes of brilliance tonight. We need some positivity, get out ahead, get some momentum. But tonight we lost all of our momentum."

E-B-F (2-2) added to that lead on the

Hawks' next possession when Thane Alexander intercepted Stuecker's pass and returned it 55 yards for a 15-0 margin.

And when Garman scored on a 2-yard run on the Rockets' next possession, E-B-F had a 22-0 lead.

That was followed by Garman recovering the onside kick, and it looked like the game was going to get away from the Hawks.

But Central Lee got the ball back three plays later when Blake Jager had the ball knocked out by Keagan Sapp and the Hawks' Blake Moeller recovered.

"That's a senior making a play," Banks said. "And we needed it."

That allowed Central Lee to strike before halftime. A 5-play, 85-yard drive ended with Stuecker's 24-yard pass to Kade Myhre, and the Hawks trailed just 22-7.

Olivas, who rushed for 128 yards, scored on a 26-yard run to open the second half for E-B-F's final points.

The Hawks answered back with a 1-yard touchdown run by Stuecker on their first possession of the half for what proved to be the final margin.

They would get more chances to score.

Central Lee drove to the E-B-F 10 on its next possession, but was stopped on fourth down. The Hawks also got the ball on the E-B-F 44 on their next drive, but were again stopped on fourth down.

"We were never really out of it," Banks said. "We had plenty of chances, even at the end. But we just shot ourselves in the foot."

Stuecker threw for 202 yards. Jaden Betker rushed for 115 yards for the Hawks.



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Unions have to hold line on transfer eligibilities

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wise provided in these rules, a student intending to establish residency must show that the student is physically present in the district for the purpose of making a home and not solely for school or athletic purposes.

This has to be their new home, not a second home.

So it follows, and is spelled out in the eligibility rules, that having dual residences is contrary to the nature of the union statutes and goals.

“Interpreting the term “residence” to allow for multiple residences would render the General Transfer Rule meaningless.” according to the unions’ GTR.

Good on the unions for keeping hold of the reins. Some student athletes, two of which are teammates of Rubley’s at Valley, have been ruled eligible.

There has to be different circumstances for the unions to make those determinations.

Rubley and his attorney are screaming foul, but his family has two homes. You simply cannot make the argument of residency when you have two homes, especially if one isn’t on market.

Buying or leasing a home in a business name is also being watched closely by the unions and actions are being taken.

The union has to stay strong on the rules because it opens the doors to recruiting. Top to bottom recruiting of athletes is not unheard of, and it becomes especially onerous in Iowa counties that border other states, where traveling across state lines to quietly entice athletes is also not uncommon

With open enrollment the state ran into other issues of recruiting and put in place the 90 day sit-out for eligible transfers. There were a few exceptions where bullying or safety were considerations and the union executive board had wiggle room there. But for the most part they had to stop recruiting efforts through open enrollment.

COVID-19 is taking its toll to be sure, but we’re going to be better off for what we’ve learned. The deaths and suffering and mental fatigue of navigating it are tough enough. But this is another ancillary test and the state is passing.

The state athletic unions are learning more and more about the application and strength of their statutes.

We’re learning about the strength of their convictions.

And if you haven’t noticed, despite the hindrances of the novel coronavirus, we’ve still got some pretty good sports being played locally. Head Coach Melissa Freesmeier has the No. 3 HTC girls volleyball team dialing it again at just about the right time, and the FM Bloodhounds are opportunistic and exciting to watch. If they get the game in this week with Mt. Pleasant, it could something to see – I mean really something to see... but that’s Beside the Point.

Chuck Vandenberg is the editor and co-owner of Pen City Current and can be reached at editor@pencitycurrent.com.

Farm museum makes for interesting Sunday drive

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a little history of each. “This one’s a John Deere, this one’s an Oliver. That’s an International One-Bottom. This is a Wonder Plow. If you bought a brand new Farmall F12 back in the day, you got the plow with it. That’s a Case. That’s a Minnie (Minneapolis Moline). That’s a Cock Shett, which is sort of rare. That’s a Sears and Roebuck. That’s a Tumble Bug Plow. It plows the ground in one direction. The whole thing tumbles over and then you go back the same direction you came. There’s a Terrace Plow. Every county was given one of these for making terraces. It has a three speed transmission hooked to a PTO for driving the auger. First gear is 500 RPMs. It throws the dirt a little ways. Second gear throws it a little further. Third gear really throws the dirt out. There’s one plow we call the ‘I Don’t Know Plow.’ We’re trying to find information on it. There’s a breaking plow for breaking virgin prairie. We have the steel-wheel plows on this end of the line and the rubber-wheel plows on the other. That one is a steel-wheeled Avery. We have another plow we don’t what it is, but call it a Madison. It looks like a John Deere, but there’s no stamp. We move every one of the plows by hand to mow. It takes about an hour.”

He points to a humongous contraption. “That’s a stationary hay baler. It’s supposed to have a great big hit-and-miss engine. Collectors just want the engine—they go for \$10,000. A lot of people want us to get the baler running. I tell them to find me an engine. However, you can run the baler with a belt from a tractor.”

Cory pulls the tarp off another contraption. “Have you ever seen anything like this?” he asks. I admit I haven’t. “It’s the first four-row planter. It’s two, two-row International planters strapped together.”

Oh, yes. There’s 75 – 80 old tractors: Case, AC, John Deere, Massey Harris, Shaw, Farmall, Cub, Ford, even their Granddad’s W30 Farmall, with four steel wheels. There’s a “Wartime ’44H.” It has two fuel tanks: one small tank for gasoline, a larger tank for kerosene. You start the tractor with gasoline and let it warm up. Then you switch over to kerosene. When you’re done, you reverse the process. (I’ve never heard of such a thing.)

4020 John Deere tractors that sold for \$6,000 new, now bring \$12,000 – \$15,000 at farm sales. The Bales do not paint the equipment and make it all pretty. The machinery is more valuable with the patina still on.

There’s two husker-shellers—one New Idea and one made of wood.

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