



# Pen City Current

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## State may revoke Donnellson day care licenses

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

DONNELLSON – Two day care facilities in Donnellson are facing the possible revocation of their state license as a result of complaints filed by state officials last week.

Raisin' Em On Up and Raisin' Em Up Learning Center located in Donnellson were at the center of 15 complaints filed after visits in April from Iowa Department of Human Services representatives.

Raisin' Em On Up, located at 100 N. Main Street according to the reports, had five complaints filed on

Thursday following several unannounced visits by DHS consultants in April. The reports indicated that facility director Sarah Tweedy, who oversees operations at both facilities, had transported more than seven children in center transportation on multiple occasions.

State regulations require a second person be in any facility vehicle with seven or more children. The report was filed by DHS Consultant Jill Seibert on June 11 and the complaint was logged on June 13.

On another unannounced visit on April 26, Seibert found alleged evidence after interviewing staff that two children had been left unattended on the center bus for an undetermined amount of time on separate occasions.

A complaint was filed with DHS on April 25. Another similar complaint was filed on April 16.

Tweedy, who didn't return several phone requests for comment Monday, indicated in a report on May 31, 2019 that in one of the incidents a child had leaned over and wasn't observed in the van, but she was in the van the whole time and she brought the child back to the facility.

The two other complaints filed by DHS on that facility indicated failure to use curriculum and Tweedy allowing staff to take her required training courses for her.

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## Monday fire takes FM home

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – An afternoon fire in the 1400 block of Avenue D has left a Fort Madison family without a home.

The fire broke out at about 1:50 p.m. at 1427 Avenue D. The home is owned by Jodie and Seabrook Hay and is 119 years old.

According to Jay Blanchard, a captain with the Fort Madison Fire Department, no cause has been determined yet. Blanchard said the department has a general area where the fire started but nothing specific.

No one was home at the time of the fire, and neighbors reported the incident via 911. Blanchard said he believes the house will be a total loss.

A dog was in the home in a downstairs room, but firefighters were able to rescue the animal. It was taken to a local veterinarian for treatment of smoke inhalation, according to neighbors at the scene.

Firefighters were on scene for about six hours. No mutual aid was needed. Fort Madison Police, Lee County Sheriff and Lee County EMS all assisted at the scene.

A video clip of firefighters working on extinguishing the blaze is available by clicking here: <https://youtu.be/3qyKTT0b-LI>.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison firefighters look for hot spots from above as they battle a house fire in the 1400 block of Avenue D Monday afternoon. The house is believed to be a total loss. No one was injured and one dog was rescued from the building.



### Beside The Point

Chuck Vandenberg,  
Pen City Current - Editor

## Storm brewing at FM school district

See family's response on page 3 of today's edition

Spring storms have wreaked havoc on communities up and down the river this year, but we think a different kind of storm has been brewing in Fort Madison – and the first crack of lightning hit earlier this week.

Pen City Current reported on an email that showed Fort Madison Superintendent Dr. Erin Slater is unhappy with the playing time Fort Madison athletes are getting in shared programs with Holy Trinity Catholic, specifically, the baseball program.

Another crack of lightning came on Saturday, when a video surfaced showing Slater's husband, Scott, confronting Fort Madison High School basketball coach Ryan Wilson at a camp in Quincy, Ill.

Apparently, it's not the first time Scott has been observed being verbally aggressive at Fort Madison High School events. Dr. Tim Wondra, FMCSO school board president, confirmed last week that Scott was suspended for one game by Slater, for behavior at a baseball game earlier this season that was in violation of team rules.

Scott Slater was also reprimanded by an official for

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## Obituaries/Lee County News

### OBITUARIES

## VELMA LAVON HASENCLEVER

Velma Lavon Hasenclever, 97 years, of Wever, Iowa died Saturday June 15, 2019 at the West Point Care Center, West Point, Iowa. Velma Lavon was born October 3, 1921 in Luray, Missouri, a daughter of Wade H. and Ameila (Hopp) Glasscock. On April 19, 1963 she married Delbert Hasenclever in Kahoka, Missouri. He preceded her in death November 25, 2015.



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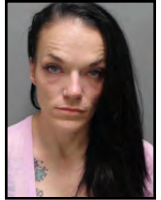
For 36 years, she worked at W.A. Sheaffer Pen Company. She loved animals, enjoyed going to Blue Grass music shows, and reading cookbooks. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Fort Madison, Iowa.

She is survived by her nieces and nephews: Gary, Mark, Terri, Amy, Kevin, Jeff, Tim, and Megan; and one sister-in-law, Elda (Hasenclever) Woodroffe. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, five brothers: Olin, Ovie, Fred, J.C., and Clark; and one sister, Jewel Glasscock.

Her family will greet friends from 10:00 – 11:00 am Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at the at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison, Iowa. Funeral services will begin at 11:00 am Wednesday June 19 at the funeral home. Reverend Dean Graber will officiate. Graveside services and burial will be at the South Walker Cemetery, rural Des Moines County, Iowa. A memorial has been established, contributions may be made at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Online condolences to the family may be made from the Barr Memorial Chapel website, [www.barrmemorial-chapel.com](http://www.barrmemorial-chapel.com).

## Keokuk woman facing felony meth charges

KEOKUK - The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of a Keokuk resident on a felony drug charge.



BLAISE

Jessica Blaise, 30, of Keokuk, Iowa was arrested on June 14th, 2019 at her residence. Blaise is charged with delivery of less than five grams of methamphetamine, class C felony.

The arrest of Blaise, stems from an investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force into allegations that she was involved in the distribution of illegal drugs in the Lee county area.

The Lee County Attorney's Office, Lee County Sheriff's Office, Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, and the Keokuk Police Department assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation. The defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. Justice and the funds administered by the Iowa Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy.

### OBITUARIES

## GORDON LYNN MATLOCK

Gordon Lynn Matlock, 84, of Montrose, passed away at 4:00 AM on Sunday, June 16, 2019 at the Montrose Health Center.



MATLOCK

He was born on September 13, 1934 in Rutledge, MO to Wallace and Nellie Bergthold Matlock. He was a 1952 graduate of Memphis High School and also graduated from college with a degree in Criminal Justice from Truman State University. He married Laura Luther and they divorced. He then married Marjorie Priest and they later divorced. Gordon was a high school teacher and coach in Gorin and Lancaster, MO. He was a DCI agent and parole officer for the State of Iowa, a truck driver and after retirement he drove school bus for Central Lee School District. Gordon enjoyed hunting, fishing and raising bird dogs. He took pride in coaching Montrose youth baseball and volunteering at the Montrose Watermelon Festival. He was an avid Central Lee Hawks, Iowa Hawkeye and St. Louis Cardinals fan.

Survivors include three sons, Mark Matlock of Montrose, Scott (Victoria) Matlock of Donnellson and Kirk Matlock of Anamosa; two daughters, Holli (Joe) Johnson of Montrose and Heidi Marty of Guysville, Ohio; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren; one sister, Gwen Kesselring of Montrose; nieces and nephews.

Gordon was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Todd Matlock and Leslie Matlock; a daughter Lucinda in infancy; his companion for over thirty five years, Linda Humphrey; his grandson, Jared Matlock and his brother, John.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday, June 27th at 3 PM at Montrose Cemetery and a celebration of life will follow at the Ivor Fowler Center from 4-7 PM immediately following the graveside. Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory.

A memorial has been established in his memory and online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

#### Pen City Current obituary policy

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# Letters to the Editor

## Letter to the Editor

### Slaters say Pen City Current editorial was ill-informed

Letter indicates Superintendent won't extend contract

**Response from the Slater Family:**

The Slaters were extremely disappointed in your ill-informed opinion piece. Has the Superintendent not earned any respect for her hard work and contributions to the community?

The Superintendent did not affect any varsity playing time for her son. As a junior in 2018-2019, Max was at or near the bottom of minutes played for the varsity basketball team. Check the game records. Max has never played nor pitched one inning for varsity baseball. Check the game records.

Dr. Slater strongly disagrees with the school board on the issue of team sport sharing agreements, especially with HTC. Team athletics such as baseball, softball, and such are the only sports where varsity playing time is at the sole discretion of the coach. Other sports such as track, tennis, and such allow for individual competition to determine varsity spots. Dr. Slater believes only if FMHS does not have the participation numbers or facilities should sharing agreements for team sports be used. Dr. Slater believes that these athletic opportunities should go to Fort Madison public school student-athletes. Every time an HTC player takes the field, they are taking away opportunities from FMHS student-athletes, most of which don't have the financial means to attend a private school.

Dr. Slater did nothing wrong. The Superintendent simply advocated for the FMCSB families she was hired to serve and represent. As to baseball, you have completely misled your readers. Check the game records. In actual innings

played, based upon 8 players (pitching excluded) in the field, HTC players have accounted for an estimated 30-35% of the playing time. Apparently all that matters are wins, not how and at what cost those results are attained.

The Superintendent has been frustrated with the culture and past performance of the FMHS athletic department and tried to make positive changes but has had little support. Dr. Slater even had to weather an attempted "coup" by Ryan Wilson last year when he tried to rally other FMHS coaches into "striking" over perceived slights. Ryan Wilson holds a strong grudge against Dr. Slater. Our open enrollment request has nothing to do with sports. What a childish and immature conclusion to reach. Since we arrived from Chicago, Max has suffered persistent harassment at the hands of his fellow students because of his mother's job. And since the beginning of March the situation has gotten much worse.

Our son Max is held accountable by classmates for decisions made by the teachers, administrators, Superintendent, and school board. A record of the harassment that

has occurred since March 2019 was presented as part of our open enrollment application. We fear for Max's safety and well-being. Along with the misguided parents on social media, you have only made this situation worse for our son.

Shame on you for preaching to us about how to properly raise our children. You know nothing of our family. All you do is criticize and think the worst of a dedicated public school educator. Max Slater will not attend Fort Madison High School in the fall. One of Fort Madison's top students will not graduate from FMHS.

Dr. Slater will not sign another contract extension. Dr. Slater's current contract will be her last with FMCSB. It was an extremely poor decision to so quickly turn on Dr. Slater. All you have done, along with the lack of support for Dr. Slater and her family, is vilify a positive force in the community and help drive an exceptional Superintendent from Fort Madison.

*Editor's Note: The above letter was confirmed as part of a group email to Pen City Current's editor and all Fort Madison School Board members from Dr. Slater's husband.*

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## Letter to the Editor

### FM coaches invested in community

Fort Madison has phenomenal coaches that are invested in the community as well as the student-athletes they coach. Many of these coaches are former Bloodhounds. They have literally given their blood sweat and tears as athletes and now choose to do the same as coaches. They are sacrificing time away from their families to invest in the future of Bloodhound Athletics.

Fort Madison has always rallied around our sports programs. Coaches do play favorites. The favorites are the players that show up to work hard every day, follow game plans and are good teammates. Coaches play who will help the team win. If winning wasn't important

they wouldn't keep score. The Athletic Enhancement program numbers during the school year and summer continue to grow. This is evident with the success we are having in individual

and team sports. We should focus on the many positives going on right now with Bloodhound athletics rather than let a few people steal the athletes shine.

Jessica Wilkerson Class '03

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## Sports/Lottery Numbers

# Slater's comments need school board attention

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behavior at a basketball game last year between Holy Trinity Catholic and Fort Madison High School played at HTC's gym.

The sound from Saturday's video is barely audible, but it's clear Scott Slater says to Wilson 'you're vindictive'. No one will dispute that there are two sides to every story. At the same time, no one will dispute that conduct is unbecoming, at the very least. With the alleged track record, action needs taken.

The school board needs to also take a hard look at Slater's comments in her email to the board. Slater has a son who plays on the baseball team and hasn't seen a lot of varsity action. He also played in a bench role on the varsity basketball team, again with limited playing time.

Another rumble came Friday when Pen City Current confirmed the

Slaters have applied to open enroll their son at West Burlington for his senior year, so the frustration they are experiencing with Fort Madison sports programs may end this year.

But the mission statement of the Fort Madison School District is "to ensure all students learn the academic and life skills necessary for personal success and responsible living".

We're just a little lost on how open enrolling your son doesn't abandon that mission statement even though, unfortunate as all this is, it may be the best choice for the family. It is the superintendent's ultimate authority, at the direction of the board, to drive that mission statement. How can one possibly advocate for a district, but send your child into another?

But in Slater's email she indicates the "heavy

presence" of students from Holy Trinity on the baseball team, is taking playing time away from Fort Madison High School players. She also confirmed in a text to Pen City Current that no guidelines exist in the shared agreements, and the email was for "implementation clarification".

Slater also indicated in the email to the board that she disagrees with the philosophy that consideration shouldn't be given to where the players go to school. She said she advocates for Fort Madison High School programs and not community programs.

"Our students don't have the choice to attend a private school...a private school this district continues to programmatically support over and over without return. Our students entrust us to provide opportunities for them," Slater wrote.

That statement escapes us considering families do have the option of enrolling their students in private schools. That choice is there, as is a choice to open-enroll. And, even more to the point, the families that send their students to HTC certainly pay taxes that help finance the schools. In less financial terms, it's also a return for the district when students on the tennis, track, or wrestling teams represent FMHS as Bloodhounds at state tournaments and meets.

But because there are no guidelines, then the agreement is simply to allow HTC student athletes to play on FMHS sports teams without parameters. So, at least grammatically, the implementation is solely the board approving the agreement. If there are no guidelines, then there is no other implementation. Playing time, as it should be, is determined by the

coach.

There are five HTC students on the team of 30 players. It's hard to make the case of a "heavy presence". However there are three of nine regular starters on the team that play from HTC. We have to assume, because we pay a head coach to build a program, the coach knows what's best for their programs

But the bigger issue is the meddling in the programs. How are we going to be able to attract, (and maybe with the storm winds blowing), keep good coaches in our program when we experience heavy-handed behavior at the top. It's not a stretch to assume that maybe we've already lost personnel because of this.

Again, there are two sides to every story and everyone knows the pull of wanting the best for our children and making sure they have a fair shake in the world. After all, when you peel

all this back, it's that base emotion that's in place, and that has to be respected. But we all have to give value to the proper chain of command and making sure that cognizant filter is in place... and remember the power of a cooler head. And letting our children fail is sometimes just as valuable as watching them succeed. (Just a bit tougher as we'd all agree).

Slater is scheduled to have an evaluation on Wednesday, prior to the board's regular meeting. We can only hope that the questions and issues pointed out here are given proper consideration.

And in a small bit of irony, the Bloodhound baseball team beat one of the best pitchers in the state Saturday night in another come-from-behind win over Burlington Notre Dame. The Hounds are now 8-7 on the year. But that's kinda - Beside the Point.

## Holy Trinity girls get wins over Danville

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Holy Trinity Girls junior varsity softball team improved to 9-1 on the year with a 12-11 win over Danville on Thursday.

The winning pitcher was Mary Hellige going seven innings striking out eight. Hellige also scored the game winning run in the bottom of the 7th after hitting a one-out triple she scored on a Brooke Mueller sac fly. Hellige had 3 hits, 3 RBI, 2 runs scored in the game. Mueller had a triple, single, 3 RBI, 3 runs scored. Hannah Torgler had 3 hits, 2 RBI, and 1 run scored.

Kelli Meierotto had 2 hits, 2 RBI, and a run scored. Laura Mehmert had a hit and 2 runs scored. Anna Sobczak had a hit and 2 runs scored.

The junior high moves to 8-4 with 13-3 win. Rachel Menke got the win going five innings striking out three. Menke also had a hit and 2 RBI in the game. Jenna DiPrima led HTC with 3 singles, 1 RBI and 1 Run Scored. Hellige had 2 hits, 1 RBI, 3 runs scored. Mueller had a triple, single, 2 RBI, and 3 runs scored. Kayla Box had a double, steal, RBI, 3 runs scored. Halie Cain, Jenna Hellman, Laura Mehmert all had 1 hit each.



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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**June 19, 2019**  
**5:00 P.M.**  
**AGENDA**  
 I. Approve the agenda  
 II. Closed Session to conduct Superintendent evaluation as per Section 21.5(1)(i) of the Code of Iowa  
 III. Adjourn

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**June 19, 2019**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
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**AGENDA**  
 I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum  
 II. Recognition of guests  
 III. Reading of Foundation documents  
 IV. Monthly communications  
 A. District Presentations Rich Hand, Transportation Director, "Here Comes the Bus" Sebastian Siefert, FMCSO Marketing Update  
 B. Curriculum Corner - Todd Dirth: MS Acellus update  
 C. Superintendent Goal Report -  
 V. Approve the agenda

VI. Consent Agenda  
 A. Minutes  
 1. May 20, 2019 Regular Meeting  
 B. Financial reports  
 1. May Balance Sheet  
 2. May Revenue Summary  
 3. May Expenditure Report  
 4. Student Activity Report  
 C. Accounts payable  
 1. May General Account Board Bills for Approval AMEX  
 2. June General Account Board Bills for Approval  
 3. Student Activity Account Board Bills for Approval AMEX  
 4. Nutrition Account Board Bills for Approval  
 D. Consider personnel resignations  
 1. Richard Byrd, custodian at Richardson  
 2. Paige Knustrom, associate at Richardson  
 3. Gordon Sherwood, building maintenance mechanic  
 4. Deb Kokjohn, receptionist at the middle school  
 5. Janet Boyer, teacher at the middle school  
 6. Rosa Schroeder, teacher at the middle school  
 7. Dana Smith, Junior class sponsor  
 8. Alyssa Hemann, associate at Richardson  
 9. Doug Radra, custodian at the high school  
 E. Consider employment of personnel  
 1. Nic Chiri, Director of Operations and Maintenance  
 2. Ian Blanchard, teacher at Richardson  
 3. Sara Norvell, teacher at Richardson  
 4. Jessica Reu, teacher at Richardson  
 5. Sara Butler, teacher at the high school  
 6. Michaela Jackson, associate at Lincoln  
 7. Chad Hannum, 1/2 baseball assistant coach  
 8. Heather Harter, TAP Coordinator at the high school  
 F. Consider contract modifications  
 1.  
 G. Consider leave of absence  
 1. Kimberly Anderson  
 H. Consider open enroll-

ment requests  
 I. Other reports  
 Director moved and Director seconded the documents submitted in the consent section of the agenda be approved and/or filed as submitted.  
 VII. Action Items  
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 1. 2019-2020 Fee Form  
 B. Superintendent – Erin Slater  
 1. Consider approval of handbooks  
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 b. High School handbook 2019-2020  
 c. Elementary handbook 2019-2020  
 d. Athletic Handbook 2019-2020  
 e. Teamsters Unit 1 Handbook 2019-2020  
 f. Teamsters Unit 2 Handbook 2019-2020  
 g. FMEA Handbook 2019-2020  
 h. Substitute Teacher handbook 2019-2020  
 2. Consider approval of the Class of 2019 graduation list  
 3. Consider approval of policy changes  
 711.11 - Charge for Use of School Cars by Staff Members/Use of Private Vehicles  
 4. Consider approval of Master Bargaining Agreements  
 a. FMEA  
 b. AFSCME  
 c. Teamsters - Unit 1  
 d. Teamsters - Unit 2  
 5. Consider Approval of Salary Lists  
 a. FMEA  
 b. Teamsters Unit 2 - Custodian/Maintenance/Mechanics  
 c. Administrators/Directors  
 d. Salary Support Staff  
 e. Hourly Support Staff  
 f. Food Service Staff  
 g. Teacher Leadership  
 h. Extracurricular Contracts  
 i. Supplemental Letters of Assignment  
 C. Board Secretary/  
 Business Manager – Sandy Elmore

1. IASB Safety Group Insurance Program Renewal and Premium Approval  
 2. Resolution Appointing Paying Agent, Bond Registrar, and Transfer Agent, Approving the Paying Agent, Bond Registrar and Agent Agreement and Authorizing the Execution of Same.  
 3. Approval of Tax Exemption Certificate  
 4. Resolution Authorizing the Terms of Issuance and Providing for and Securing the Payment of School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds.  
 5. Consider approval of IASB Policy Subscription Renewal  
 6. 2019-2020 Proposed School Meal Rates  
 7. Consider Approval of Bread, Chemical and Dairy Bids for Nutrition Services Nutrition Services Bids  
 8. Approve Superintendent's Contract  
 VIII. Discussion Items  
 A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services – Kim Harmon  
 1. Performance Profile Update  
 B. Superintendent – Erin Slater  
 1. Consider approval of policy changes  
 705.4 - Selection of Architect Ours only - **recommend to delete**  
 705.4 - Expenditures for a Public Purpose **Recommend to adopt IASB model**  
 705.6 - Expenditures for a Public Purpose Ours only - **recommend to delete**  
 803.1 - Disposition of Obsolete Equipment **Adopt IASB model with minor change**  
 803.3 - Sale or Disposal of School District Property Ours only - **recommend to delete**  
 804 - Disaster Planning Ours only - **recommend to delete**  
 804.1 - Facilities Inspections **Same as IASB - no change**  
 804.2 - Warning System and Emergency Plans **Recommend to adopt IASB model**  
 804.3 - Bomb Threats

Ours only - **recommend to delete**  
 804.4 - Asbestos Materials **Same as IASB - no change**  
 804.5 - Drills for Emergencies Ours only - **recommend to delete**  
 804.6 - Emergency Closings Ours only - **recommend to delete**  
 804.8 - Accident Reports Ours only - **recommend to delete**  
 900 - Principles and Objectives for Community Relations **Same as IASB - no change**  
 901 - Public Examination of School District Records **Same as IASB - no change**  
 905.1 - Community Use of School District Facilities, Sites & Equipment **FMCSO + IASB updates**  
 905.1-R-1 - Community Use of School District Facilities & Equipment **Recommend to re-number to 905.1-R-2 with minor changes**  
 905.1-R-2 - Schedule of Cost for Facilities **Recommend to delete**  
 905.1-R-1 - Fee Schedule for Use of School District Facilities **NEW - Recommend to add**  
 905.1-E-1 - Request for Use of Building Facilities **Recommend to delete**  
 905.1-E-2 - Community Use of School District Facilities & Equipment Indemnity and Liability Insurance Agreement **Renumber to 905.1-E-1**  
 905.1-E-3 - Community Use of School Facilities **Recommend to delete**  
 507.2-E-4 - Athletic Training Concussion Protocol **Recommend to add**  
 2. Truancy Report  
 3. Certified Employee Attendance  
 4. Board Member Attendance  
 C. Board Secretary/  
 Business Manager – Sandy Elmore  
 1.  
 IX. Comments from the audience  
 X. Legislative update  
 XI. Announcements  
 July 15, 2019 6:00 P.M. – Regular Meeting, Board Room, Central Office

XII. Adjourn  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Lee County, Iowa**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**Agenda**  
**DATE: TUESDAY,**  
**June 18, 2019**  
**MEETING**  
**CONVENING TIME:**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
**LOCATION:**  
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**AGENDA**  
 Pledge of Allegiance  
 Approve Agenda  
 Approve Tuesday, June 11, 2019 Board Minutes Public Input  
 Consider Approval of Proposal from Solutions Software for Disaster Recovery Testing Consider Second Reading of Ragbrai Ordinance  
 Consider Approval of Fireworks Display Permit Application for Brotherton Family Personnel Actions:  
 A. Step Increase-Auditor's Office  
 B. New Hire-Board of Supervisors (Township Official)  
 C. Step Increase-Sheriff's Office Reports:  
 A. Sheriff's Monthly Report Commission or Committee Reports  
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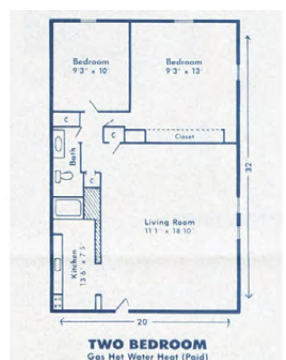
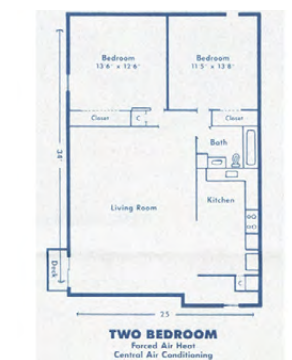
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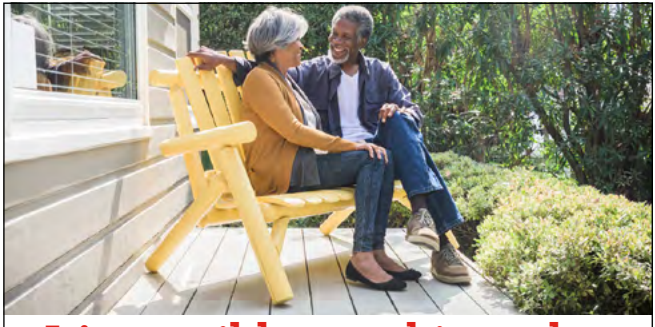


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# State reports allege violations at Raisin 'Em Up facilities

**COMPLAINTS** - Continued from Page 1

All five complaints recommended a license revocation. The center was still open and operating when contacted Monday afternoon. The administrative process for handling revocations lies with DHS.

At the Raisin' Em Up Learning Center, 607 S. Park Street in Donnellson, 10 complaints were filed against the facility on Thursday. All the complaints recommended license revocation.

The complaints listed were varied, including staff sleeping while children were under their supervision, duplicating medications, unlawful transportation, failure to use curriculum, leaving children on buses unattended, and improper ratios of supervisors to children.

In a report dated June 12, as a result of investigations from an April 17th visit, Siebert listed the following alleged text messages between staff at the Raisin' Em Up Learning Center: (State staff removes the names in favor of initials in the texts to protect identities)

"Staff members indicated they were directed to send children under 2 years old (1:4 staff to child

ratio) into the next room and pretend like they were two years old. They indicated ratio did not change to 1:4 ratio as it should have.

"On 12/18/17 Laura M messages Sarah T., K just showed up so we will need 2 in babyroom...technically we are over but if we claim R and G three we are good will boot M and J in babyroom."

"On 3/2/2018 Laura M. messages Sarah T., "Okay...if Jill comes I am calling B 18 months? Are u leaving him out the rest of the day?" Sarah responds, "Well yeah I would definitely do that....he is j and j is j;) is he dressed today? How many of your 10 are 3?" Laura M. responds, "6 threes 4 twos."

"On 5/29/18 Laura M. messages Sarah T., "We are pulling over L correct? If state comes do u want me to try to lie and say B 2?"

All the visits and interviews with staff were conducted between April 16 and April 25th. Although all the recommendations of the 15 complaints were for license revocation, none of the complaints filed resulted in a serious injury or death of a child.

However, a death of an infant did occur at one of the facilities earlier this year and that is an open and ongoing investigation. Charges could be pending in that case.

Lee County Attorney Ross Braden couldn't comment on the case because it is currently active.

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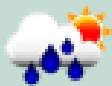
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Scattered Clouds

High- 73.3° F | Low - 66.0° F

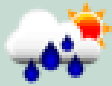
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