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Shared baseball program draws Slater's ire

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A Fort Madison school official has expressed concerns about the effectiveness of the district's shared baseball program with Holy Trinity Catholic High School.

Fort Madison Superintendent Dr. Erin Slater sent an email to the Fort Madison Community School District Board of Directors on Thursday, June 6 indicating Fort Madison players are losing opportunities due to the "heavy presence" of Holy Trinity players on the squad.

The current roster of the Bloodhound baseball team has 25 Fort

Madison High School players and five players from Holy Trinity.

In the email, Slater said she sees some problems with this latest sharing agreement on the FMSCD side of things. She wrote that she is in disagreement with the philosophy that it doesn't matter which school the student-athletes attend regarding playing time.

The entirety of the June 6 email to the board reads as follows:

"Good Morning.

As you know the district engages in sharing agreements on an annual basis that are approved by you as a board. The latest sharing agreement (baseball) has caused problems with the heavy presence of HTC



SLATER

players and coaches to the loss of opportunities for Fort Madison athletes.

I wanted you to know that I have shared these concerns as the FMSCD superintendent who is responsible for Fort Madison students- not Holy Trinity students- with (Dr.) Tim (Wondra) as board president. I am making you aware of my concerns and a meeting planned to address these philosophical concerns with HS administration, AD, and coach.

To date, the first large team sharing agreement for the district, which happens to be with baseball, has been implemented with the philosophy that it doesn't matter where kids go to school...HTC or FM. I disagree. Due to this philosophy and implementation coupled with the numbers from HTC has damaged opportunities for

FM students.

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.

The hires for athletics has been to rebuild our FMHS programs through recruiting for FM coaches and FM players to build FMHS programs...not community programs.

Tim will be in attendance at this meeting to discuss philosophy since, as I stated, the board approves sharing agreements.

You have hired me to advocate for FM staff and students. This is what I do each and every day. What is best for kids? In this case what is best for FMHS kids?

I welcome any questions but please do

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First downtown summer market a big hit

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The summer's first Downtown Summer Market went off with few hitches, a beautiful day, and a lot of people Thursday night.

Darla Farrell, owner of The Funky Cowgirl in downtown Fort Madison, said she started working on the project in March and organized it herself. She got the idea from a recent trip to Costa Rica where she visited street markets.

"I went to this market while I was there and it was so awesome. And so I thought, you know we can do this. We don't need to have a market that has just a few certain things, we can just do a really cool variety and that's how that market was. There was wine tasting, some beer, and music," Farrell said.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The Funky Cowgirl owner Darla Farrell talks with visitors at the Downtown Summer Market as shoppers browse her trailer and other vendors Thursday evening in downtown Fort Madison.

So she hit the ground running when she got back to Fort Madison hunting down vendors and securing all the city permits and support for the project.

"I went out and found all these vendors. It's hard

to find them when you're running a little short of time," Farrell said. "These people plan their schedules way in advance and I wasn't sure it was going to work. I went to every vendor page, website, and craft show in Iowa. Went

and passed out vendor forms, worked it, and talked to people."

Tents and vendors began lining both sides of Avenue G as early as 1 p.m. for the Market that

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Council to talk cruise lines again

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – As city officials court two Mississippi River Cruise lines to the riverfront, discussions at Tuesday's City Council meeting will focus on a lease agreement and funding options.

The city is currently in talks with American Cruise Lines and Viking Cruise Lines to have ports of call at Fort Madison. American would require an investment of about \$15,000 just to upgrade current docking facilities already in place. Viking would be a more substantial investment in the area of \$1.2 million.

Fort Madison City Manager David Varley sent a more polished version of the docking and lease agreement with American to council members on Friday. Under the agreement, the city would prepare the current dock and maintain it in good working order. Estimates for the work are between \$30,000 and \$40,000 with American willing to contribute \$15,000 to the work.

Hall Towing has submitted a bid for slightly more than \$20,000 for the work and city workers will be used for some of the work.

American would pay the city \$1 per passenger as rent of the pier for the first year and then \$1 per passenger or \$5,000 per year, whichever is higher,

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Obituaries/Opinion

OBITUARIES

RANDALL JOSEPH EID

Randall Joseph Eid, 63, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 10:06 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at the University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City. He was born on July 18, 1955 in Fort Madison, IA to Ervin L. & Elsie M. Reed Eid. He married Rhonda Rae Morrison on June 25, 1982 at Bridal Cave in Camdenton, MO. He was a line mechanic at Silgan Containers and was a die hard St. Louis Cardinal & Minnesota Vikings fan. He enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson and most of all, spending time with his grandchildren.



EID

Randy is survived by: his wife: Rhonda Eid of Fort Madison, IA; 1-son: Shawn (Dawn) Eid of Fort Madison, IA; 2-daughters: Breanne (Chris) Carlson of Burlington, IA & Kaitlyn (Cody) Stinson of Nauvoo, IL; 7-granddaughters: Maria (Heather) Eid, Selena Eid, Sierra Eid, Shayna Eid, Bella Eid, Addyson Fowler & Finley Carlson; 3-grandsons: Dante Eid, Kaden Eid-Stinson & Mason Stinson; 2-great grandchildren; his first wife & mother of his son: Carla Boose-Howell of Fort Madison, IA; 2-brothers: Scott (Lisa) Eid & Rick (Natalie) Eid both of Fort Madison, IA; 3-sisters: Robyn McWhortor, Rona Eid & Shelly (Ronald) Stegall all of Fort Madison, IA; numerous nieces, nephews, aunts & uncles and his beloved dog, Trixie. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The family will receive friends from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 21, 2019 with a memorial service to immediately follow at 4:00 p.m. at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. John Simpson officiating. Burial will be held at a later date at Sacred Heart Cemetery. A memorial has been established in Randy's memory. Online condolences & a video tribute of Randy's life may be viewed at www.kinglynk.com.

CHRIS PIDGEON

Chris Pidgeon, 46, of Houghton, passed away at 8:47 P.M. Friday June 14, 2019 at his home. Arrangements are pending at the Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point.

Pen City Current obituary policy

The Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes.

Learning to really appreciate the Keokuk-Hamilton bridge

The band Cinderella said it best, 'You don't know what you got, til it's gone.' Had to slip that reference in working at a rock station, you understand.



From the Sports Guy's Eyes

ETHAN LILLARD,
Pen City Current - Sports

That being said, I have recently, at the ripe age of 27, just come to realize how important bridges truly are. The bridge that joins Hamilton and Keokuk is something I have always taken for granted. It's too convenient for me to load up in the car and head to Walmart, go to Aldis, go to Sonic, Taco Bell... the list goes on. Not to mention part of my job is in Keokuk.

But when the bridge closed due to the recent flooding last week, my only way to Keokuk was a 45-minute detour through Fort Madison. Not that I don't like Fort Madison, but a trip that gets extended by 30-40 minutes due to flood waters is just downright frustrating. Especially when the trip typically takes 10 minutes to begin with. Luckily for me I had Dollar General to help get my family by in Hamilton, but I desperately missed those quick trips across the bridge to go grab some food, grab something from the office, or whatever it may be.

Living along the Mississippi River clearly has its pros and cons. We get the beauty of the river, but still deal with its wrath at the same time. If you even attempt to walk across the bridge in the afternoon, good luck not choking down at least a dozen bugs. Not to mention the barges when dealing with the Fort Madison bridge.

But still, I would much rather have the majestic view of the Mighty Mississippi, the bridge to get across it, and the opportunity to make quick trips to Keokuk on a whim - maybe even walk across to get there. The point is, the bridge is now open and my life is back to normal. It's just crazy to me that it literally took a natural disaster for me to realize just how important bridges are.

And a special thanks to all of the IDOT workers working around the clock to make sure the flood waters were regulated so nobody tried to drive through and get swept away. While living in the area we do has us accustomed to the seasonal floods, it still doesn't make them any less dangerous. Not being able to cross the bridge threw a wrench in thousands of people's schedules, but at the end of the day, it was much better having an option to go through Fort Madison instead of being completely stuck or trying to drive through the flood and not making it out.

Ethan Lillard is the Pen City Current's sports reporter covering Fort Madison High School sports.

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For the Record/Lottery Numbers

City would have to put Viking improvements up for a vote

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starting in the second year. The rent will increase by a 25 cents per passenger every two years.

The agreement would make the dock non-exclusive, but American would have first priority rights to docking. The boat would tie to the existing caissons and pier and then lower a ramp on the front of the ship for passengers to disembark.



VARLEY

Other ships would be allowed to use the dock, but would have to schedule around the American stops. American plans to include at least 10 stops in this year's cruising season and then up to 30 stops in following years.

Varley also informed the council Friday that he would recommend telling Viking the city does not have the \$1.2 million for the needed improvements and see if they have some alternative plans that might work.

"The city's budget does not have anywhere close to this much money for such an endeavor, so the city would probably have to issue a (General Obligation) bond, which would require a vote," Varley wrote in a memo sent Friday.

"There is no guarantee that this bond issue would pass, and then we would be in quite a predicament."

He wrote the council should decide if and how the city wants to spend \$1.2 million to prepare for Viking before signing a lease with the company.

He also wrote the city has been working with Viking for more than a year and the parties are close to having an acceptable agreement in place.

In other action, the council is scheduled to:

- vote on a second reading regarding the changes in sewer rates which will bump all sewer users bills about 13% over the next two years. City officials said the increase is to help offset costs associated with the new waste water treatment plant renovations and projected costs of separating the city's sanitary and storm sewer lines, per EPA mandates. That work has to be completed by 2027 or the city could face fines of up to \$10,000 per day.
- vote on filing an application with the Iowa Department of Transportation's State Recreational Trails Program for construction of Connecting Fort Madison Phase 4, of the Promoting Outdoor Recreational Trails (P.O.R.T.) trail project.
- vote to purchase \$8,662 worth of computer equipment for the Police Department.
- have possible discussion on the rehab of two city parking lots with State Revolving Loan funds that are a reimbursement of interest paid on money borrowed for the waste water treatment plant renovations.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report
 6/13/19 - 1:25 p.m - Wilma Lee Reil, 79, of West Point was cited on failure to maintain control in the 1000 block of Ave. G. She was released upon citation.
 6/13/19 - 1:25 p.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident at the intersection of 10th St. and Ave. G.
 6/13/19 - 1:41 p.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/ theft in the 4500 block of Ave. O.
 6/13/19 - 4:33 p.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1700 block of Ave. H.

6/13/19 - 9:48 p.m - Andrew Thomas Bowers, 28, of Fort Madison was cited on driving while suspended in the 1700 block of Ave. H. He was released upon citation.
 6/14/19 - 1:31 a.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/ theft in the 2200 bloc of Ave. H.
 6/14/19 - 2:24 a.m - Nicole Lyn Blythe, 25, of Dallas City, Ill., was arrested for serious assault in the 70 block of 23rd St. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 6/14/19 - 4:42 a.m - Ryan Wade Siegrist, 40, of Fort Madison was arrested on charges of driving while barred and operation without registra-

tion in the 1900 block of Ave. H. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

6/13/19 - 12:00 p.m - Derek Alexander Westwater, 34, of Keokuk was arrested on a warrant for violation of parole at the Lee County Sheriff's Office.
 He was held at the Lee County Sheriff's Office.
 6/13/19 - 2:56 p.m - Kristina Nicole Boe, 33, of Burlington was arrested on warrants for contempt-failure to pay fine/ cost and violation of probation. *Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*



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Sports

Hounds get to Nike's Brent in fifth for win

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Notre Dame's Mitchell Brent came into Saturday's game with Fort Madison sporting a perfect 3-0 record and a 0.00 earned run average, but the Bloodhounds smeared his perfection with a 5-4 win to highlight boys baseball action.

A four-run 5th inning rally was the key to come-from-behind Bloodhound win as Fort Madison worked Brent's pitch count in the early innings and then chased him from the game in the 5th.

"We knew we had to work the counts and have a plan at the plate and get his pitch count up. We did a good job of that the first few innings," head coach Ron Walker said.

The Bloodhounds were trailing 4-0 in the bottom of the third and it looked like Brent had things under control, but Jordyn Gerdes took a ball off the uniform with two outs and nobody on. He swiped second and then advanced to third on a throwing error. He would score a couple pitches later on wild pitch from Brent.

"Gerdes worked that count again and then wore the pitch and that seemed to rattle Brent a little," Walker said. "Then he scored on the wild pitch and I think that may have unsettled him."

Brent fanned Brandon Reichelt on four pitches in the next at bat to prevent any further damage.

Gerdes, who was the

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-Ron Walker
FMHS head coach

Hound on the mound to start the game, settled in after giving up a run in the first sparked by a lead-off triple, and three more runs in the top of the fourth. He would hit a batter and walk a batter in the fifth, but picked them both off on the basepaths to wipe out a potential inning for Notre Dame.

Jason Thurman came on in relief and shut down the Nikes causing three straight ground outs in the sixth inning and three straight fly outs in the seventh to end the game.

The Hounds big inning came with back-to-back walks to start the fifth inning from Tate Johnson and Jace Burgher. Johnson would advance to second and third off a couple wild pitches by Brent.

Brent would fan Landes Williams for the first out. Burgher would then advance to second on a passed ball and Jason Thurman would draw a full-count walk to load the bases for senior Jordyn Gerdes who laced a single to center scoring Johnson and Burgher and moving Thurman to second, cut-

ting the lead to 4-3.

Brandon Reichelt then touched Brent's first pitch for another single to left center to load the bases as Thurman was held up at third. Vasin Thurman would then ground out to deep short allowing Jason Thurman to tie the game at 4 and moving Gerdes to third with two outs.

Brent would then skip another pitch passed the catcher for a wild pitch that amounted to allowing the game winning run in Gerdes. Reed Fehseke would walk and steal second to keep the inning going, but Dayne Cordray would go down swinging on a 10-pitch at bat to end the fifth.

Walker said Johnson's at bat to lead off the fifth was the catalyst for the inning. "Tate Johnson had a stellar at-bat opening the fifth taking nine pitches and that got contagious and the guys started working hard at the plate," Walker said. "And then Dayne had a 10 pitch at bat before going down swinging and that was impressive watching him battle there."

Notre Dame head coach Chris Chiprez had seen his ace throw enough and brought in Jerron Conner for the sixth inning.

"It's a huge win. Coach Chiprez does a great job in his first year with the team," Walker said. "I heard the kids talking and saying they'd never beat Notre Dame. And here we are again, they were down

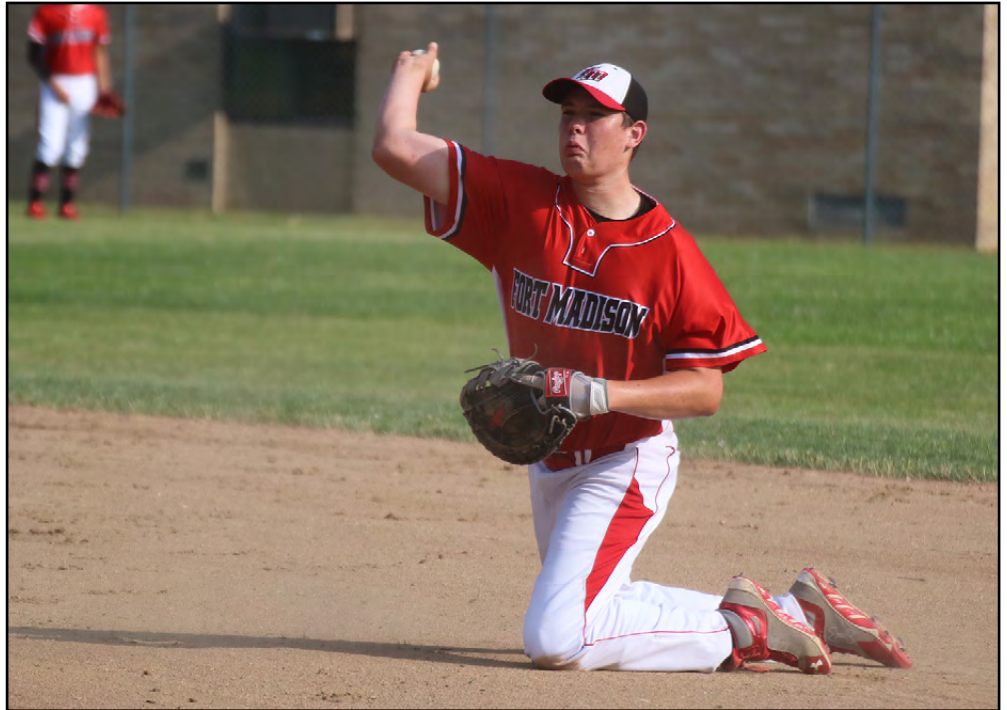


Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Vasin Thurman makes a throw from his knees after making a diving stop on a ground ball in the bottom of the third Saturday in the Hounds' 5-4 win over Notre Dame.

4-0 and found a way to come back and win.

"I couldn't be happier with this group of kids and they believe in themselves. When we first started practicing this year, after about an hour they would lose focus and you could see it was too much. Then the next thing I knew they wanted to practice at 5:30 in the morning."

He said the winning is starting to show in the stands too.

"Our crowd was amazing tonight. I couldn't be anymore thrilled for the support we were getting from the fans," he said.

The Hounds move back over .500 and stand at 8-7 on the year. They travel to Mt. Pleasant on Monday night for a double header.

Reichelt is leading Fort Madison at the plate hitting .406 on the year despite missing some games last week due to illness. Fehseke is hitting .349 and

Gerdes is at .341 on the year. Reichelt also leads the team with 17 RBI. Fehseke and Cordray each have a dozen.

From the mound, Cordray and Jason Thurman are both 2-1 on the year. Cordray has a stingy 0.98 ERA to lead Fort Madison hurlers. Jason Thurman is right behind at 1.08 and freshman Landes Williams who's 1-1 on the year has a 1.31 ERA.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Bloodhound shortstop Jason Thurman applies a tag to Notre Dame's Jerron Connor in the top of the third Saturday. Connor was able to keep hold of the bag and was called safe.

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Sports/Local news

HTC jayvee stacking up wins

FORT MADISON – The Holy Trinity girls junior varsity squad downed Columbus Junction 5-3 Thursday to improve to 10-1 on the year.

Mary Hellige got the win going seven innings striking out eight batters. Hellige also had a single, double, RBI, and run scored. Anna Sobczak had three hits with a double, RBI and run scored. Halie Cain had two hits, a steal and a run scored. Kelli Meierotto had a single with 2 RBI and a run scored. Hannah Torgler had a double, and Brooke Mueller had a single and run scored.

In the junior high contest, the Crusader downed Columbus Junction 11-7 and they now stand at 9-4 on the year.

Cain got the win going two innings allowing four runs. Rachel Menke came in for the save going three innings allowing three runs with three strikeouts. Mueller had a triple, single, and two runs scored. Jenna DiPrima had two hits, 2 RBI, two runs scored and two steals. Menke, Cain, Hellige, Kayla Box, Jenna Hellman and Alexa Dingman each had a hit.

On Monday, HTC's junior high girls split a home double header vs Cardinal Eldon.

HTC won the first game 9-6. Menke was the winning pitcher going six innings with six strikeouts. Teagan Snaadt had a single and run scored. Halie Cain had two singles, a walk and three runs scored. Breanna Peterson had two singles, a walk and three runs scored. Mueller had a single and run scored. Kayla Box had a single, 3 RBI and a run scored. Laura Mehmert had a single and 2 RBI. Jenna Hellman had a single, and Clara Blint had an RBI.

HTC lost the 2nd game 12-4. Hellige took the loss pitching five innings with six strikeouts. Breanna Peterson had a triple and run scored. Laura Mehmert had a double, run scored and 2 RBI.

Pothitakis girls get state soccer awards

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – Holy Trinity Catholic's Claire Pothitakis put a nice cap on her 2019 soccer season with a couple of post season honors.

Pothitakis, just a sophomore for the Crusaders, was selected first team all district in the Class 1A Southeast district by the Iowa Girls Coaches Association. She was also named 2nd team all state in Class 1A.

Pothitakis was fifth in the state in Class 1A scoring with 70 points on the year, coming from 31 goals (2

points each) and eight assists (1 point each).

According to the Iowa high school sports database QuikStats, Pothitakis had a 72% shot efficiency with 43 shots on goal and converting 31. Unity Christians' Jori Bronner converted a state-best 42 goals and had 121 shots on goal

Elyse Pothitakis, a senior on this year's squad was named to the state's All-Academic team for the soccer season.

The Crusaders finished the season 12-6 and were eliminated in the district semifinals by Pella Christian 1-0.

Police remind residents of fireworks laws

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – As everyone knows the laws regarding the sale and use of fireworks in Iowa changed last year. As we are in the middle of the July 4th sales and use period and we have retailers actively selling fireworks in Fort Madison, here are a few reminders about the sale and use of fireworks.

Licensed retailers and community groups are allowed to sell fireworks out of permanent structures to adults between June 1st and July 8th and between December 10th and January 3rd of each year.

Sales can be made from temporary structures, such as tents, from June 13th through July 8th of each year.

Fireworks can also be set off for public events throughout the year by special permission granted by the Fire Chief. Examples of the events would be Rodeo

and Riverfest or other such events. However, no other fireworks are permitted within city limits.

Fireworks that are classified as Novelties, such as handheld sparklers, snakes, smoke bombs and party snappers are allowed.

Complaints of fireworks will be investigated and may lead to a summons to court and confiscation of fireworks.

The Chief of Police or designee is charged with the duty of enforcing these provisions. The penalty of violation of this chapter shall include confiscation or destruction of any prohibited fireworks and in addition fines up to and including \$500 per violation or in amounts not to exceed those allowed for a municipal infraction. The City, Police Department or Fire Department is authorized to enforce said violation as a municipal infraction as set forth in this code of ordinance.

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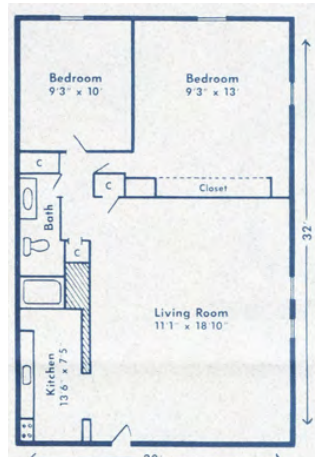
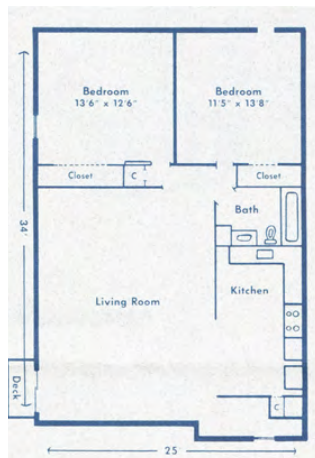
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From the Front/Weather

Next downtown markets are July 11, Aug. 15

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went from 3:30 to 8 p.m. Some businesses from the downtown area including The Artisans, the Fort Madison Area Arts Association, and Swed Coffee Co. had spots in the market, while the smells of Amish baked goods, burgers, brats, and funnel cake filled the air.

Whiskey Friends 2 played music on the sidewalk starting at 5 and there were three food trucks on the premises serving American and Mexican fares.

"I'm loving it. I'm missing six vendors because things happen, but it's really good and people are loving it. I'm really happy how it turned out. We weren't able to have the beer down here this month," she said.

"We have everything down here. There's vintage, art, home decor, coffee, baked goods, other food, wine tasting. It's just been a really good day. I think I could have had more vendors if I'd gone to direct sales, but I didn't want that type of market."

There will be two more markets – one each on the second Thursday in July and August. The next event will be on July 11th and the Aug. 15th Market will be the final one for the summer.

Farrell said the vendors will change from month to month as people get their weekend schedules in line.

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School board president says programs are working

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not reply all as we have discussed how that can be construed as having a meeting. This is simply an update as to status of this board action item.

When contacted this week for clarification on the concerns, Slater didn't return phone requests, but responded with several text messages on Thursday and Friday.

On Friday, via text Slater wrote there are no guidelines in the sharing agreements and the meeting was a "mid-season check since agreement was brand new is all."

"Ended up not needing meeting," she wrote.

Wondra said on Wednesday the meeting was canceled because Slater was not feeling well and the meeting has not been rescheduled.

"There was going to be a meeting. Erin wanted to get clear on the philosophy of the program and how it's working," Wondra said. "That would have been me, her, Greg Smith, and Jeremy Swink. We were gonna sit down and see how it's progressing. Is it working out? Is it kids being hurt by the program or helping the program," Wondra said.

He said Smith, as the high school principal, is Swink's immediate supervisor and the meeting with Swink, the school's activities director, along with Wondra, Slater, and Smith would have constituted more of a roundtable discussion of the program.

Wondra said he believes the program, and the other shared programs, are functioning well. The schools currently share football, track, girls' cross country, wrestling, tennis, and baseball. Fort Madison also had a shared swimming program with Keokuk, but that could be on hold due to cost increases from the Keokuk School District for the program.

Central Lee and Holy Trinity have a sharing agreement with Burlington for swimming.

"I think the programs are all working well and the kids are doing well. Most likely neither school would have had a tennis team this year. They got great experience that they might not have had otherwise," he said.

The tennis team had three athletes compete in the state tennis tournament in May and all three attend Holy Trinity Catholic.

Wondra said the recent success of the baseball program under the shared agreement will open opportunities for some players.

"The baseball team is going to have a chance for kids to be seen by college coaches because of a program that's now at .500."

Wondra said it was also important the athletes be referred to as Fort Madison athletes.

Several board members contacted about the meeting declined to comment on the meeting or the status of the shared programs.

"The first thing I want to get clear is they are Fort Madison kids. We are one team and we need to come together. We need to stop identifying some as Holy Trinity kids, they are all Bloodhounds," he said.

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