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Troxel to step off school board Aug. 1

Position must be filled by Aug. 30 per state regs

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison school board member Jillian Troxel will be stepping off the school board effective Aug. 1.

Troxel and her husband, Andrew, who was a member of the Fort Madison Community School district, will be moving back to Wisconsin before the new school year begins and officially submitted her letter of resignation on Sunday. Her husband has accepted an offer at his

alma mater.

Troxel was just elected to the board last fall, which, according to the Iowa Secretary of State's office creates what is called a "mid-term" vacancy because another school board election would take place prior to Troxel coming up for re-election.



TROXEL

According to Iowa statutes, filling vacancies is subject to the position being filled. Chapter 13 of the Secretary of State's election handbook outlines how to fill the vacancy, but school boards have some leeway in filling the position. It would appear however that if a replacement were appointed, that position may need to appear on the

November general election ballot to "Fill a Vacancy".

The section reads, "The statutes are different for each type of office. In some situations, the governing body must appoint a replacement and constituents have no ability to request a special election. In other situations, a special election must be called and there is no ability for a governing body to appoint a replacement. Finally, there are also situations where the governing body must choose whether to fill a vacancy by appointment or hold a special election."

Fort Madison Superintendent Erin Slater said information was being sent to the district from the Iowa Asso-

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Photo courtesy of Lee County K9 Association

In training

Lee County Sheriff's Deputy Uriah Wheatley and ISP Sgt. Mike Barnes of the ISP K9 handlers work with Gunner at a recent training session on prison grounds. "We have been training with ISP K9 weekly to fine tune the skills these dogs have. I am very appreciative we have an elite group of handlers just up the hill from us, and that the Warden is gracious enough to allow us to train with them," said Sheriff Stacy Weber.

New LCCB duck blind draws will take place June 21

New blind draw rules are on a one-year trial basis

BY PCC STAFF

MONTROSE - Lee County Conservation will hold a Duck Blind Drawing on Thursday, June 21st at 6:30 p.m. at the Lee County Conservation Center. The blind locations will be located on the county-owned islands near the river channel. There are 12 blind spots available for hunters to choose from during the drawing.

The new annual permanent blind rules for the county-owned islands were developed and recommended to the Lee County Conservation Board by the Duck Blind Committee. The Duck Blind Committee hopes that waterfowl hunters will embrace these rules

to ensure the tradition of annual permanent blinds may remain an option for hunters on this portion of the county-owned river properties. The Lee County Conservation Board has agreed to implement these rules for one year. If the program is successful, they will continue the program on an annual basis.

Hunters interested in the blind drawing are encouraged to visit www.leecounty.org to review the blind rules and the map of the blind sites prior to the drawing. For more information on the blind drawing, hunters should call the Conservation Center at (319) 463-7673.

Keokuk man arrested on felony drug charge

BY PCC STAFF

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

Jesse James Mazzoccoli, 44, of Keokuk, Iowa was arrested on May 24th, 2018 on a felony drug charge.

Mazzoccoli is charged with Delivery of Less Than Five Grams of Methamphetamine, a class C felony. If convicted, Mazzoccoli faces up to 10 years in a state correctional facility.

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Obituaries/Lottery Numbers

OBITUARIES

DIANA LYNN NATHAM

Diana Lynn Nathem, 70 of Keokuk, formerly of Evansdale, IA died Saturday, June 2, 2018 at Lexington Square in Keokuk.

She was born February 2, 1948 in Independence, IA the daughter of William Eugene and Vernieta Jean Keller Kane.

Diana graduated from the Waterloo East High School with the Class of 1965.

Diana loved to cross-stitch. She enjoyed baking and making holiday goodies for friends and family.

Diana is survived by Tamila Loffland of Chandler, Arizona; Todd Nathem of Marion, Iowa; & Keri Leigh Parker-Mast (Alan) of Evansdale, Iowa; eight grandchildren; two sisters, Katherine Durnan (Mark); Teresa Kane-White (Charles); one brother, William Kane, II (Roberta).

Diana is preceded in death by her parents, William & Vernieta Kane; her son, Christopher Nathem; & sister, Jean Robinson.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 3 p.m., Friday, June 8, 2018 at the Apostolic Pentecostal Church, 1645 Downing Ave., Waterloo, IA.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com

Pen City Current obituary policy

The Current runs obituaries 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.

OBITUARIES

EVONNE ILENE (PRUETT) MCKINNEY

Evonne Ileen (Pruett) McKinney, 91, of Farmington, Iowa, peacefully entered her eternal home at 12:02 a.m. Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at the Keosauqua Health Care Center in Keosauqua, Iowa.

Born April 15, 1927 in Chambersburg, Missouri, the daughter of Kester and Vera (Dooley) Pruett. Evonne married the love of her life, Junior McKinney, on September 22, 1942. They enjoyed seventy-five years of marriage before his passing on April 7, 2018.

Left behind to honor and cherish her memory are her three sons: Dwight McKinney, Jerry (Teresa) McKinney and David (Martha) McKinney; six daughters: Judy (Bill) Dulin, Barbara (Ed) Howard, Patty Sedlacek, Kathy (Jim) Murphy, Peggy (Mike) Simpkins and Pamela (Chuck) Warner; twenty-one grandchildren; thirty-six great grandchildren; ten great-great grandchildren and two brothers: Jim (Lou Ann) Pruett and Harold "Hal" (Patricia) Pruett.

She was met at the Pearly Gates by her husband: Junior; her parents; daughter-in-law: Linda, son-in-law: Mike; precious angel granddaughter: Jessica and two brothers: Bernard and Dick Pruett.

Evonne devoted her life to the raising of her nine children, twenty-one grandchildren, thirty-six great grandchildren and ten great-great grandchildren, along with many other children she had babysat for. She was a wonderful cook. She loved to crochet, knit and sew. Evonne made every grandchild a baby quilt and millions of doilies.

Friends may call after 12:00 noon Friday, June 8, 2018 at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington where the family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 9, 2018 at the Farmington United Methodist Church with Rev. Gordan Hawkins HCI Hospice Care Services Chaplain officiating.

Burial will be at the Campground Cemetery near Downing, Missouri.

Memorials may be made in her memory to the Farmington United Methodist Church or Bonaparte United Church.

Online condolences may be made at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com. Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington, Iowa is assisting the family with arrangements.



MCKINNEY

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Local News/From the Front



Campaign underway

Iowa Fertilizer is the first to jump on board helping with the 2018 Light Up The Sky This 4th of July fireworks campaign. Pictured is Tim Gobble, Executive Director Fort Madison Partners, accepting the contribution from Darrell Allman, Managing Director of the Iowa Fertilizer Company.

Photo courtesy of Fort Madison Partners

Board to weigh options in filling vacancy

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ciation of School Boards and the district would have a better idea on the proper way to fill Troxel's position next week when the board and administration have had time to review the procedures.

"We'll be very transparent about the process," she said late Wednesday evening.

Slater said Troxel was a great addition to the board and will be missed.

"She is an excellent board member and does her research," Slater said. "She's prepared for every single board meeting on background and asks high level questions. She's been present at all work sessions and is very visible in the buildings and learning about programs and teachers and students and what school the board does."

Troxel wouldn't say if she has an inclination to run for another school board seat in Wisconsin or the future, but said other schools might pale in comparison to what Fort Madison is accomplishing.

"I've enjoyed being the process, but I think I was a little spoiled because this group had such cohesiveness before I came on the board," Troxel said.

"That Lighthouse project, they had already been going through the trenches of that and lot of that was done before I got there. It's an ongoing process, but their message and goals were unified when I stepped in there. I'd be hard pressed to find a better a place."

County task force makes Keokuk bust

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

The Lee County Attorney's Office, Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement,



MAZZACCOLI

Fort Madison Police Department, Keokuk Police Department, and the Lee County Sheriff's Office, assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation.

The defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The Lee County Narcotics Task Force is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Justice and the funds administered by the Iowa Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy.

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Sports

Lady Hounds drop two to undefeated BHS

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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BURLINGTON - If Burlington joins the Southeast Conference in 2020 it's almost certain to ramp up the level of competition in softball.

The 16-0 Grayhounds slapped two 11-1 five-run affairs on the Bloodhounds Tuesday night at Dick Wagner field, keeping the Hounds' bats quiet for most of the evening.

The Hounds have now dropped four in a row after a three-game win streak last week.

Fort Madison started things well in the first inning of game one when with one out junior

Powers hit a single off the Hounds' Makayln Powers that moved Williams to second. Freshman Lauren Bailey came in to courtesy run for Powers. Senior Kamryn Bailey popped out to second for the second out and then Maycee Featheringill ripped a double to the fence that scored Williams, but Lauren Bailey was gunned down at home on the relay for the third out of the inning stranding Featheringill at 2nd.

The Grayhounds put up two in the bottom of the first as Powers hit a liner to second that went off Ivy Geerdes' glove and into right field. Powers swiped second and Bryanna Me-

to center moving Powers and Mehaffy up. The next Hound hitter fanned and then Lydia Allen-Barnes dropped a single into right field scoring Powers. Mehaffy scored on a throwing error on the play.

Powers then settled in on the Bloodhound hitters giving up a walk to Sadie Smithburg to open the second but then fanned Dalyn Wondra, Geerdes and Jassmine Bass in order to end the second.

The Grayhounds then got to FM's Powers with a triple, a double, and two singles to open the second. Taylor Johnson drove in Kayla Norton who tripled to open the inning with a single and Alivia



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Sadie Smithburg gets back under the tag on a play at first Tuesday at Dick Wagner Field in Burlington. The Bloodhounds dropped two 11-1 five inning affairs with the 16-0 Grayhounds.



FMHS shortstop Olivia Williams waits for the ball to try and get a Grayhound runner at second base in the first inning of the opener Tuesday in Burlington.

Olivia Williams worked a walk and then Cassie

haffy drew a walk. Emily Bloomer lined a single

Fawcett doubled with one out to plate three Gray-

hounds and open up a 6-1 advantage. Allen-Barnes popped to second and then Adessa Brandenburg singled to right to score Barnes before the Hounds could get a ground out to third to end the inning.

Kylee Cashman and Williams both grounded out to the left side to start the FMHS third and Powers reached on a single to right, but Lauren Bailey, courtesy running, was caught stealing at 2nd to end the top half.

Burlington put up three more in the bottom of the third highlighted by Kayla Norton's lead-off double and Bloomer's sacrifice fly to Wondra in right. Fawcett popped out to first to end the inning.

The Bloodhounds left the bases full in the top of

the fourth when Kamryn Bailey opened the game inning with a double. Featheringill grounded out to second for the first out moving Bailey to third. Smithburg and Wondra both worked walks off Powers, but Geerdes and Bass both struck out to end the threat.

Burlington put up another run in the fourth after starting with three straight singles. Allen Barnes was caught in a force at second on a pop that dropped just over the head of Williams at short, but Kamryn Bailey was able to make the throw to second to get Barnes who was halfway on the pop up. With two outs, Johnson singled to center

to score Kinzie Parrish to set the game at 11-1. Fort Madison couldn't get a run around in the top of the fifth despite having Cashman at third base when Featheringill grounded to third to end the game with the 10-run lead after five innings.

The Bloodhounds also dropped the nightcap 11-1 in five innings with FMHS' only run coming from Kylee Cashman in the top of the first on an RBI single by Powers. BHS would only give up one more hit the rest of the game fanning seven.

The Hounds are 4-10 on the year and play in a junior varsity/varsity double header on the road at Wapello Wednesday night.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

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High - 68.7° F | Low - 62.5° F

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