



Pen City Current

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2018 | 18 pages | Volume 2 • Issue 21

FM school board has 22 days to appoint director

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - With the tragic passing of Fort Madison school board member Gayla Young on Dec. 31, the Fort Madison school district is under a pretty tight timeline to appoint her replacement, and is actively seeking members of the district to step into the vacancy.

At Monday's Fort Madison Community School District Board of Directors workshop held at the Fort Madison Middle School, the board gave Superinten-

dent Dr. Erin Slater a consensus to put a notice out that the district is actively looking for someone to fill Young's position.

According to state code, the district has 30 days from Young's vacancy to appoint someone to fill the position, otherwise the vacancy must be filled with a special election at a cost to the taxpayers.

Iowa code 279.6, also states that eligible voters in the district can call for a special election with 14 days of the publishing of the notice to fill the vacancy by appointment. Anyone wanting the position to be filled by a special election would have to petition the district

and the petition would have to include either 100 eligible signatures or 30% of the voters in the last general school board election. In Sept. 2017, 1,762 ballots were cast which would indicate unofficially that 529 signatures would be required to call for a special election.

If no one steps forward and the district can't find someone to appoint to the board by Jan. 30, District Secretary Sandy Elmore would be required to call for a special election no earlier than March 2 and no later than March 12, according to current code.

See **VACANCY**, page 8

Abandoned house burns Monday morning

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - An early morning fire has destroyed an unoccupied house in the 1400 block of Avenue I.

City firefighters were called to 1418 Avenue I at about 5:15 a.m. Monday to find the house fully engulfed in flames. LeeComm dispatch put out an "all-call" for the department at about 5:25 a.m. No one was in the home at the time of the fire. Witnesses said the home was abandoned, had no utilities connected, and may have had squatters living it. The 2-story structure had a taxable building value of \$10,557 and is listed as being owned by Janet Krogmeier.

The cause of the fire has not been released.



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison firefighters were on the scene early Monday morning for a fire that burned an unoccupied home in the 1400 block of Avenue I. No one was living in the home and officials suspect squatters had been taking refuge in the structure valued at just over \$10,000.



Folluo to chair county board

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - For the first time in seven years, a supervisor from the southern part of the county will chair the Lee County Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Don Hunold stepped down as chairman Wednesday at the board's first meeting of the new year. Hunold didn't seek re-election to the board and was replaced by Rich Harlow who won the spot in the general election.

After Hunold excused himself, Supervisor Rick Larkin, as vice chair, took over the meeting and asked for nominations for the 2019 chair. Supervisor Matt Pflug nominated Folluo as the 2019 chairman and Folluo seconded the motion. Both supervisors' districts are in the southern part of Lee County.

During a very brief discussion on the motion, both Larkin and Supervisor Ron Fedler spoke against the nomination.

"Well, for obvious reasons, I won't support that resolution," Larkin said.

"I agree with Rick," Fedler said.

The two didn't elaborate on their opposition and, with no additional discussion, the motion was voted on with Pflug, Harlow, and Folluo voting for the motion, and Fedler and Larkin voting against the motion.

Folluo, who was vocal about the chairmanship not going to someone from the south part of the county last year, said he was surprised by the vote.

"I'm completely surprised - but pleasantly surprised, and I accept that responsibility and the duty and look forward to the next year," Folluo said.

He said he doesn't have any set plans to change the

See **COUNTY**, page 10

Advertiser Index

Classifieds	P.6
Dr. Mark C. Pothitakis Family Dentistry	P.8
Fort Madison Community Hospital	P.3
Great River Regional Waste Authority	P.9
Griffin Muffler & Brake Center	P.2
Hope Associates Real Estate	P.9
Kempker's True Value Rental	Ps.1-8B
Lee County Health Department	P.7
Pilot Grove Savings Bank	P.10
Test Kitchen Education Foundation	P.5

News Index

Celebrations	P.10
- Brian Marcus Hull	
For the Record	P.2
Local News	Ps.8-9
Obituaries	P.3
- Lisa Bohnenkamp	
- Charles Coppage	
- Dorothy Lange-Vance	
Sports	Ps.4-5
Weather	P.10

Scan the code to
Subscribe today

Paid & Free Options Available!



For the Record

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

01/02/19 - 10:57 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1400 block of 34th Street.
 01/02/19 - 12:50 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 200 block of Avenue E.
 01/02/19 - 1:30 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a shoplifter in the 2600 block of Avenue L.
 01/02/19 - 1:50 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Austin Patrick Hermann, 24, of Fort Madison, in the 2600 block of Avenue L, on a charge of simple misdemeanor theft. He was released on a promise to appear.
 01/02/19 - 1:58 p.m. - Fort

Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1600 block of Avenue A.
 01/03/19 - 8:45 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 4600 block of Avenue J.
 01/03/19 - 10:20 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Jason Matthew Hill, 39, of Fort Madison on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 01/04/19 - 2:16 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Edward Charles Guzman, 42, of Fort Madison in the 4700 block of Avenue L, for a charge of driving under suspension. He was released upon citation.
 01/04/19 - 12:17 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Dustin Alan Beckman, 19, no address listed, in the

800 block of 32ns Street for underage consumption. He was released upon citation.
 01/04/19 - 2:59 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Stoney Keelan Two Eagles Morse, 28, homeless, in the 1300 block of Avenue H, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 01/04/19 - 4:58 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Shannon Ellis Packard, 39, of Fort Madison in the 2600 block of Avenue D on a charge of having an open container. She was released upon citation.
 01/04/19 - 12:32 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Brandon Michael Frazier, 25, no home address listed, in the 3600 block of Bluff Road, on a warrant for carrying weapons, going

armed with intent and wilfull injury. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 01/04/19 - 1:39 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Kimmi Jo Nelson, 20, no address listed, in the 2700 block of Avenue L, on charges of eluding, reckless driving, driving under suspension and multiple moving violations. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 01/04/19 - 12:02 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 4800 block of Avenue O.
 01/04/19 - 3:27 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 2300 block of Avenue H.
 01/04/19 - 5:42 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny theft in the 2100 block of Avenue H.
 01/05/19 - 11:49 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a vandalism in the 900 block of Avenue E.
 01/05/18 - 2:15 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Clinton Jacob Knustrom, 26, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of Avenue H, on a charge of driving under suspension. He was released upon citation.
 01/06/19 - 12:35 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1000 block of Avenue E.
 01/06/19 - 11:22 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue L.
 01/06/19 - 3:31 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 900 block of Avenue G.
 01/16/19 - 8:15 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1900 block of Avenue M.
 01/07/19 - 2:00 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Ashley Renee Etko, 28, of Fort Madison in the 900 block of Avenue H, on a charge of driving under suspension. She was released upon citation.
 01/07/19 - 8:48 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded

to a report of vandalism in the 300 block of 3rd Street.
Lee County Sheriff's Report
 01/01/19 - 4:38 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Derek James Dodson, 20, of Fort Madison in the 700 block of Academy Avenue in Denmark, on charges of driving while barred, possession of alcohol under the legal age, failure to provide proof of insurance, tinted windows, operating without registration/plates, and manner of conveyance. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 01/02/19 - 7:18 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Erica Nicole Belknap, 28, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for contempt of court. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 01/03/19 - 4:13 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested David Bruce Gray, 64, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 01/03/19 - 9:45 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Christopher Drew Holmes, 32, of Wever, at the sheriff's office on charges of operation while intoxicated and carrying weapons. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear.
 01/04/19 - 10:54 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested John Gabriel Anderson, 55, of Argyle, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on Jan. 5 for time served.
 01/04/19 - 2:59 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jay Allen Mitchell, 39, of Pontoosuc, Ill., on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 01/04/19 - 4:06 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tab Andrew Bottger, 46, of Fort Madison at the sheriff's office, on a charge of being a fugitive from justice.
 01/04/19 - 4:46 p.m. - Lee

County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on Hwy. 61 near the exit 18 ramp when a vehicle driven by Rebecca L. Kovar, 26, of Keokuk reportedly struck the rear of a vehicle driven by Janel Renee Harms, 35, of Burlington. Both vehicles were headed southbound on Hwy. 61. Kovar was cited for failure to stop in an assured clear distance and failure to provide proof of insurance. No injuries were reported in the incident.
 01/05/19 - 10:43 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Cheyenne John Stone, 37, of Woodhill, N.Y., at the county line in Wever, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 01/05/19 - 4:59 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Gary Lynn Mason, 51, of Argyle, in the 2900 block of Belfast Road in Argyle, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released the next day on his own recognizance.
 01/05/18 - 6:43 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kenna Michelle Ames, 22, of Keokuk, in the 500 block of N. 3rd Street, on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and released the next day on her own recognizance.
 01/06/18 - midnight - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jodie Diane Johnson, 40, of Fort Madison, no arrest location provided, on warrants for failure to appear, controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.
Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report
 01/05/19 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical call.
 01/06/19 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one assist and a structure fire.
 01/07/19 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one odor investigation, two medical calls and one assist.

Experience the Difference

Griffin's made big changes in 2018 to better our service to you in 2019

- Ask Patty® Female Friendly Certified
- 36 Months/36,000 Miles Nationwide Warranty
- Customer Friendly Digital Inspections

Plus we are always improving with the following services:

- Free Pick Up & Delivery in Ft. Madison
- ASE Certified Technicians
- Honest & Reliable Service
- Online Scheduling
- Digital Inspection Reports
- Customer Referral Program
- Earn credit with every service AND SO MUCH MORE!

Refer A Friend Program:

Earn \$25 for you and your friend for every friend you refer to Griffins!

Find out more about this program on our website!

\$10 OFF Oil Change

Includes FREE Seasonal Check Up:

- ✓ All Fluids Level Check
- ✓ Suspension Check
- ✓ Battery Check
- ✓ Tire Check
- ✓ Lights Check
- ✓ Radiator & Coolant Check
- ✓ PLUS Road Test

*For faster service, please call ahead for an appointment. Cannot combine with any other offers. Valid for a limited time only!

\$25 OFF Any Repair or Maintenance Order \$250 or More

\$50 OFF Any Repair or Maintenance Order \$500 or More

\$75 OFF Any Repair or Maintenance Order \$750 or More

Excludes tires and batteries. Cannot combine with any other offers. One time use. Valid for a limited time only!

319-372-2478

535 Avenue G Fort Madison, IA

Mon - Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm

Like us on Facebook!

www.griffinmuffler.com

Charles Vandenberg, Editor
 (319).371.1670
 editor@pencitycurrent.com

Lee K. Vandenberg, Sales Manager
 (319).371.4125
 sales@pencitycurrent.com

Copyright © 2016 by Pen City Current
 All published materials are property of Pen City Current and cannot be used without express written permission.

Pen City Current

Founded in 2016

P.O. Box 366 | Fort Madison, IA

Member LION Publishers
 www.lionpublishers.com

Pen City Current and www.pencitycurrent.com are products of Market Street Publishing, LLC. Pen City Current is published Sunday through Friday mornings.

Obituaries/Lottery Numbers

OBITUARIES

CHARLES "CHOD" COPPAGE

Charles "Chod" Coppage, age 91 of Ft. Madison passed away at 7:15 PM on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at his home.

He was born on June 8, 1927 in Niota, IL to Percy and Ruth Heryford Coppage.



COPPAGE

On March 26, 1949 he married Mary "Jean" Davis in Ft. Madison and she passed away on March 9, 2012. Chod was a Union Electrician and worked for several businesses and companies. He was a member of the First Christian Church and the Claypoole Masonic Lodge #13 A.F. & A.M. Chod served in the US Marines during WWII. He and Jean raised Brittany Spaniels and loved to travel together. He enjoyed his cars, trap shooting, golfing and having coffee with his friends.



Survivors include two brothers, Jerry (Skip) Coppage of Denmark and Greg (Diana) Coppage of Claremore, OK; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and two brothers, Percy and William, a sister, Doris and a sister, Blanche in infancy.

The funeral service will be held on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 11 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Dann Masden officiating. The family will meet with friends from 10 AM until the time of the service. Burial will follow in Soldiers' Circle, Oakland Cemetery with military rites conducted by the Ft. Madison Veterans Honor Guard.

A memorial has been established for Claypoole Masonic Lodge #13 or PAW Animal Shelter and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com. Chod's family would like to thank all of his nurses who have been with and helped him throughout the years especially Nikki, Hannah, Genesa and Holly.

OBITUARIES

LISA K. BOHNENKAMP

Lisa K. Bohnenkamp, 55, of Montrose, IA, passed away at 11:45 p.m. on Friday, January 4, 2019 at the University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City. She was born on October 3, 1963 in Fort Madison, IA to James & Linda Boe Yaley. She graduated from Fort Madison High School in 1982 and attended Grace College in Winona Lake, IN. She married Joey T. Bohnenkamp on April 19, 1986 in Fort Madison, IA. She worked as an administrative assistant and in accounting for many years. She loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and her family and enjoyed being outside, especially at the beach.



BOHNENKAMP

Lisa is survived by: her husband: Joe Bohnenkamp of Montrose, IA; 1-daughter: Kayla Bohnenkamp of Donnellson, IA; 2-sons: Cory (Jessica) Bohnenkamp of Fort Madison, IA & Jason (Jami) Bohnenkamp of Denmark, IA; 4-grandchildren: Jace Hogan, Braxton Bohnenkamp, Kiley Bohnenkamp & Kasey Bohnenkamp; 1-sister: Cheri (David) Yaley-Mayfield of New York, NY; 2-brothers: David Yaley of Denmark, IA & Larry Yaley of Burlington, IA; her parents: Jim & Linda Yaley of Denmark, IA & her father & mother in law: James & Kay Bohnenkamp of Fort Madison, IA. She was preceded in death by her grandparents.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 with the family to receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at Denmark Congregational United Church of Christ with Rev. Chad Savage officiating. Burial will be held in Denmark Cemetery at a later date. A memorial has been established for Lisa's grandchildren's education. Online condolences & a video tribute of Lisa's life may be viewed at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

DOROTHY LANGE-VANCE

Dorothy Lange-Vance, 92, of Nauvoo, passed away at 12:45 A.M. Sunday January 6, 2019 at the St Vincent Nursing Home in Quincy. Funeral services are pending at the Schmitz - Banks and Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo.

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.

Follow Us
@pencitycurrent



YOU DESERVE TO LIVE ACTIVE!

How long are you going live with that pain in your knee, your shoulder or your hip? FMCH wants you to be active and we have two highly skilled Orthopedic Surgeons, Dr. Derek Breder and Dr. Brent Woodbury, and Sports Medicine physician, Dr. Josh Sirucek to get you moving again. Providing up-to-date, evidence based treatment options for all of your aches and pains. No referral necessary.



Derek Breder, M.D.



Brent Woodbury, M.D.



IOWA LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS

Lotto Drawings

Game	Draw Days	Sales Cutoff Time	Approx. Drawing Time
Lucky for Life®	Mon & Thu	8:30 pm	9:38 pm
Mega Millions®	Tues & Fri	8:59 pm	10:00 pm
Powerball®	Wed & Sat	8:59 pm	9:59 pm
Lotto America SM	Wed & Sat	8:59 pm	10:00 pm
Pick 3 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
Pick 3 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm
Pick 4 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
Pick 4 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm



1/7
18 31 34 35 37
Lucky Ball: 14



1/7 MID-DAY
6 8 5
1/7 EVENING
4 3 9



1/7 MID-DAY
2 6 9 1
1/7 EVENING
4 2 4 0

Pen City Current encourages you to play responsibly.



ORTHOPEDICS & SPORTS MEDICINE
319-376-1135 ♦ www.fmchosp.com

Basketball

Lady Hounds get first win of season

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison's Anna Kester scored a season-high 18 points as Fort Madison got their first win of the season Saturday at home against Albia.

The junior went 4-of-13 on the night and hit on a couple three-balls to lead Fort Madison (1-11). But it may have been the defensive pressure of the second half that secured the win. Fort Madison allowed the Lady Dees just 12 points in the second half, six in each of the last two quarters to pull away for the win.

The Hounds have struggled shooting from the field most of the year and also struggled on the offensive board. But on Saturday, senior Jassmine Bass wrangled 17 rebounds including 12 on the offense end to allow her to finish with 10 points on the night. Bass was 4-of-18 from the field and 2-of-8 from the free throw line with two blocks on the night.

Fort Madison jumped out to a tight 16-15 lead at the end of the first quarter after trailing 2-7 with five minutes left. The two teams went back and forth in the second period, but Fort Madison went on a 8-0 run in the final two minutes to take a 35-27 lead into the break. Kester and sophomore Nadia Boeding led the Lady Hounds with eight points each.

The Hounds put up a stifling second half defense and kept all Albia scorers under three points led by senior Taylor Colwell who had three in the second half.

"It's great the girls can get a win. They have had a ton thrown at 'em in a very short time," said head coach Todd McGhghy. "I've also demanded of them and held them accountable in a very intense and unwavering way. It's been quite the cultural shock. In fact, we had a very intense halftime discussion after allowing 27 points."

McGhghy said the girls responded to the talk and held Albia to 12 points in the second half. He said Albia changed some things over the break that disrupted the Lady Hounds game plan.

"They didn't look like a 1-7 team. A win is a win and we'll take it"

Kester led Fort Madison with 10 points in the second half including going 5-of-6 from the free throw line.

On Friday the Hounds spotted Fairfield a 22-6 first quarter advantage and couldn't get a player in double figures as sophomore Maddie Rashid led Fort Madison with nine points.

Fort Madison scored in double figures in the second quarter outscoring Fairfield 12 to 5. The Lady Hounds held Fairfield to just eight points in the third quarter, but only managed four points themselves as the Lady Trojans pulled away. Fairfield exploded for 18 points in the final period to secure the win.

Fairfield is a very good transition team. Right now we have to be a half-court trap-



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Lady Hounds sophomore Kylee Cashman gets surrounded by Fairfield defenders Friday night. The Hounds fell to the Trojans, but got their first win of the year the following night against Albia.

ping and pressure team to generate offense," said head coach Todd McGhghy. "They made it very difficult to do that with their tempo."

The Lady Hounds host Keokuk on Friday at the HoundDome in a girls/boys doubleheader beginning at 6:15 p.m.

Box scores 25 as HTC rolls Mt. Pleasant

BY CHUCK
VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Holy Trinity girls basketball coach Tony Johnson said the Crusaders still aren't playing their best basketball, but Monday's 60-43 win over Mt. Pleasant was pretty darned close.

The Crusaders shot 47.8% from the field featuring senior Emily Box who scored 25 on the night to lead all scorers. Senior Taylor Boeding followed up her 18-point performance last week in a loss to Central Lee, with 15 points Monday. Junior Ashlynn Haas also added 15 for HTC.

The girls opened the game on a 14-4 run in the first quarter as the Lady Panthers couldn't figure out HTC's proficiency getting the ball inside to Box who scored eight in the first period and pulled down five rebounds.

Box said the game wasn't nearly as physical as the Central Lee game Friday night where the Crusaders comeback fell short 50-46..

"They were playing a man-to-man and we had a lot of looks where I was wide open tonight," Box said after the game. She's currently fourth in the Southeast Iowa Superconference in scoring at 14.1 points per outing.

She said this year she feels more comfortable with the ball in the lane and from about 10 feet.

"It's just coming with more experience being on the court. I'm out there more



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

HTC senior Emily Box drives the lane Monday in the Crusaders' 60-43 win over Mt. Pleasant. Box scored 25 in the contest.

this year because I'm not getting into as much foul trouble," she said.

In between Box's points in the first quarter, Boeding shot a cool 2-6 for five points but began to heat up in the second quarter hitting a couple of 3-balls from the left baseline. After Mt. Pleasant's Sadie Carasco scored at the end of the first quarter, Lydia Stewart opened the second quarter with a three-pointer for Mt. Pleasant to cut the lead to seven.

But Boeding would hit from the left side to start an 11-0 run with a bucket from Box and two more long balls from Boeding and Haas to push the lead to 27-9. The Panthers would make a couple free throws and Haas would add two for HTC as the Crusaders stretched the lead to 31-19 at halftime. The Panthers Karsyn Lamm would get a put-back to fall at the buzzer to set the score at the half.

Haas and Boeding were able to keep the inside game working as the Crusaders would work the ball around the perimeter looking for interior passing lanes or open looks. At several points Boeding and Haas would have open 18-footers, but would step back outside the arc to shoot the three.

"Three games ago we looked at film and we had a lot of shots where our toe or heel were on the line, so if you're gonna shoot a 19-footer you might as well step back. I'm fine with that if it's in the flow of the game," Johnson said.

"If they're gonna triple team Box, you're gonna be wide open you might as well shoot 'em. If you make 'em they're going to have to come out and then Box can score at will inside. I want that inside/out game, but I like it when we can bet the ball inside like we did tonight."

The Panthers would never make a charge in the second half with HTC holding a consistent 13 to 16 point advantage throughout the game. Box and Haas scored back to back buckets with about 4:30 minutes left in the game to

give Holy Trinity a 20-point lead at 55-35. Mt. Pleasant would get two buckets from Stewart and a bucket from senior Maddie Williamson to cut the lead to 16 again, but HTC's constant half-court trap pressure kept the Panthers out of it's half-court set for a good portion of the night.

Johnson said the Crusaders worked hard at improving pressure on the ball after baskets over the holiday.

"You give me 11 days.. we can get a lot done in 11 days. We worked on it immensely over the break. We just ran it right, finally," he said. "We haven't really run it right all year. We did it last year with Brett (Schneider) up front and she was key, but now we're running Claire (Pothitakis) and Mya (Lawlor) who was playing for the first time in three weeks because of her knee. They're starting to adapt to it."

In addition to the 55 points from Box, Boeding and Haas, Eryn Anderson added three and Pothitakis fired in two for the Crusaders who move to 7-5 with the win. Box had nine rebounds in the game for HTC and Pothitakis had five.

The girls take on Danville Tuesday night in a girls/boys varsity double header beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday night. Saturday is the annual cake auction where the Crusaders will take on cross-town rival Fort Madison at home. Cakes will be auctioned off between games. Both junior varsity and varsity boys and girls teams will play with games starting at 2 p.m.

Wrestling

Hocker gets pin to seal Hound win

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A string of three falls in a row and a dramatic pin by Chance Hocker at 170 lbs were enough to give the Bloodhound wrestlers a big come-from-behind conference win over Washington Thursday night.

Fort Madison was wrestling in their first home meet of the year, outside of the Invitational Tournament last month, sweeping Washington and Mid-Prairie Wellman 39-36 and 51-24 at the HoundDome. The win over Washington put the Hounds in the driver's seat for the Southeast Conference title after the Hounds took down Mt. Pleasant back on Dec. 13 39-31.

Fort Madison held a 33-16 lead going into the final five matches. Junior Danen Settles started the rally for the Hounds in the heavyweight match against Washington's Tristan Allender. With the Hounds down 12-6, Settles held a 2-0 advantage in the first period, but got an escape and a takedown in the second period and then scored a near fall to take a 13-0 lead. Settles, who was ranked as high as 7th in

the state earlier in the season, was able to roll Allender on his back again at the edge of the circle for the pin at the 4:57 mark.

Owen and Elton Kruse, wrestling at 106 lbs and 113 lbs scored back-to-back pins with Owen Kruse's coming just 46 seconds into the match with the Demon's Caden Evans. Elton Kruse needed a bit more time, but scored a fall after leading 4-0 with 23 second left in the second period, over Matt Collett. The two pins gave Fort Madison a 24-12 lead.

Senior Dayne Cordray couldn't get anything going against Walker Ikerd at 120 lbs losing a 14-0 major decision to allow Washington to close the gap to 24-16, but freshman Gavin Wiseman fought off the Demons' Brandon Dickel at 126 lbs after trailing 3-4 at the end of the first period. Wiseman was able to get Dickel in the air in the second period and spun him to the ground where he worked a fall with 53 seconds left in the second period to give Fort Madison a 30-16 lead.

Will Larson would snap Washington's Justin Simmering to the mat early in the first period at 132 lbs. and almost get a

fall off the takedown, but Simmering would wiggle out of the hold. Neither wrestler would score another point the rest of the way through the three periods and Larson would hold on for the decision 5-0 for a 33-16 Hound lead.

Washington would then score four straight wins over the Hounds to take the lead at 33-36. Garrett Walker would score a technical fall over the Hounds' Nathan Steffensmeier 16-1 at 138 lbs and Dalton Woolever, couldn't catch Dillan Sanders in the third period losing just 3-1 at 145 lbs. Sanders would score an escape with 1:03 left in the second period for the 3-1 lead and Woolever couldn't get control of the match in the third period.

Both Jakob McGowan and Keaton Poe lost by pins to set up the final match between Hocker and Washington's Keaton Murphy.

Despite needing only three points, Hocker rushed Murphy off the whistle and scored a quick take down just :11 seconds into the match. Hocker worked Murphy in the corner of the mat in front of Head Coach Ryan Smith and scored a near fall with :57 left in the first period and



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FMHS wrestlers congratulate Chance Hocker after getting a pin at 170lbs on Thursday to secure a 39-36 win over Washington in a dual meet at home.

then got the pin just six seconds later and was mobbed by teammates after the handshake.

Hocker said he sensed he could get the win at the outset

"Probably from when we shook hands," Hocker said. "But I was going for the pin."

Smith said it was nice to have an underclassman experience a big win at home.

"That's a great example of a kid that has a lot of highlight moments in his career. He's only a sophomore and he's better than he gives himself credit for, but it's nice when he gets the opportunity to be the hero and get the job

done," Smith said.

Smith also pointed to the wins by Elton and Owen Kruse, and freshman Gavin Wiseman as turning points in the match.

"Elton against Washington that was a big win, That was solid opponent and for him to not just get a win, but a pin, is huge. That was probably one of the key wins. Him and Gavin Wiseman both had big pins tonight."

The win gives the Hounds victories over Mt. Pleasant and Washington, with Fairfield coming up on Thursday on the road and Keokuk the following Thursday at home to wrap up confer-

ence action.

"Washington's held the conference title for a few years now, so it's been on our checklist to get it back where it belongs," Smith said.

The Demons' Tristan Westphal-Edwards scored a pin over Fort Madison's Diego Lozano to start the match. The pin was Westphal-Edwards 150th career win.

In the night cap, the Hounds won five matches by forfeit over Mid-Prairie. Danen Settles and Wiseman each had pins for Fort Madison. Woolever, McGowan and Lozano each scored decisions for the Bloodhounds.

Hound wrestlers go 3-2 at Iowa City West Lepic Duals

PCC STAFF

IOWA CITY - The Fort Madison Bloodhound wrestlers went 3-2 in dual meets on Saturday at Iowa City West in the Lepic Duals.

The Bloodhounds beat Pleasant Valley 40-33 and Quincy 64-10 and Mediapolis 48-33, but fell to host Iowa City West 46-27 and Lewis Central 40-30.

Senior Elton Kruse recorded four pins on the day wrestling at 113 pounds. He recorded pins over host Iowa City West's Parker McBride at the 1:15 mark. He also scored pinfalls over Lewis Central's Robbie O'Doniel in just :53, Pleasant Valley's Sidi Sharma at 1:57 and Quincy High's Dillon Barker in his quickest pin of the night at just :48. He suffered only one loss on the day to Mediapolis's Quinten Aney by fall at the 1:33 mark.

Senior Dayne Cordray went 4-1 on the day recording two pins, but his best match of the day may have been in a loss where he battled Iowa City West's Hunter Garvin, ranked 3rd in the state, to a 10-4 loss by decision.

Junior Danen Settles finished the day going 3-2 with his losses coming to Pleasant Valley's Evan Kilstrom by pin at the 3:45 mark and Mediapolis's Brennan Breuer by pin at 1:05.

Junior Diego Lozano went 3-0 at 195 lbs on Saturday benefitting from a forfeit, but he also scored a 9-3 decision over JC Lackey of Quincy, and a pin over Lewis Central's Hunter Waldstein in just 43 seconds.

Owen Kruse was one of six Bloodhound wrestlers with three wins on the day. Other Hound wrestlers with three wins on the day included Gavin Wiseman, Will

Larson, Nathan Steffensmeier, and Chance Hocker.

Complete results from Saturday duals are below.

Iowa City, West (ICW) 46.0 Fort Madison (FOMA) 27.0

106: Grant O'Dell (ICW) over Owen Kruse (FOMA) (MD 10-0) 113: Elton Kruse (FOMA) over Parker McBride (ICW) (Fall 1:15) 120: Hunter Garvin (ICW) over Dayne Cordray (FOMA) (Dec 10-4) 126: Gavin Wiseman (FOMA) over Mark Mueller (ICW) (Fall 0:35) 132: Will Larson (FOMA) over Elijah Bruss (ICW) (Fall 0:50) 138: Graham Gambrall (ICW) over Quinton Ross (FOMA) (Fall 4:33) 145: Collin Leavy (ICW) over Dalton Woolever (FOMA) (Dec 6-5) 152: Jakob McGowan (FOMA) over Noah Terwilliger (ICW) (Dec 6-5) 160: Mason Applegate (ICW) over Chance Decker (FOMA) (Fall 0:26) 170: Joe Dixon (ICW) over Chance Hocker (FOMA) (Fall 2:57) 182: Will Hoeft (ICW) over Bryce Britton (FOMA) (Fall 0:34) 195: Brett Pelfrey (ICW) over Levi Lowney (FOMA) (Fall 1:54) 220: Landon Green (ICW) over (FOMA) (For.) 285: Danen Settles (FOMA) over Jerry Kelly (ICW) (Fall 2:34

Lewis Central (LECE) 40.0 Fort Madison (FOMA) 30.0

182: Ryan Higgins (LECE) over Bryce Britton (FOMA) (Fall 1:08) 195: Diego Lozano (FOMA) over Hunter Waldstein (LECE) (Fall 0:43) 220: Dylan Koch (LECE) over Levi Lowney (FOMA) (Fall 1:54) 285: Danen Settles (FOMA) over Zachary McColligan (LECE) (Fall 0:24) 106: Tanner Wink (LECE) over Owen Kruse (FOMA) (Fall 1:28) 113: Elton Kruse (FOMA) over Robbie O'Doniel (LECE) (Fall 0:53) 120: Dayne Cordray (FOMA) over Kolby Fry (LECE) (Fall 0:37) 126: Taber Dominguez (LECE) over Gavin Wiseman (FOMA) (Dec 6-2) 132: Brian Paul (LECE) over Will Larson (FOMA) (SV-1 12-5) 138: Tanner Higgins (LECE) over Nathan Steffensmeier (FOMA) (Dec 9-4) 145: Nick Wolf (LECE) over Dalton Woolever (FOMA) (Dec 4-0) 152: Jake Lear (LECE) over Jakob McGowan (FOMA) (MD 14-6) 160: Caleb Kingery (LECE) over Keaton Poe (FOMA) (Fall 4:13) 170: Chance Hocker (FOMA) over Mike Gittins (LECE) (Fall 0:51)

Fort Madison (FOMA) 40.0 Pleasant Valley (PLVA) 33.0

220: Levi Lowney (FOMA) over (PLVA) (For.) 285: Evan Kilstrom (PLVA) over Danen Settles (FOMA) (Fall 3:45) 106: Owen Kruse (FOMA) over (PLVA) (For.) 113: Elton Kruse (FOMA) over Sidi Sharma (PLVA) (Fall 1:57) 120: Dayne Cordray (FOMA) over (PLVA) (For.) 126: Hunter Meyrer (PLVA) over Gavin Wiseman (FOMA) (Fall 0:38) 132: Josh Pelzer (PLVA) over Will Larson (FOMA) (Dec 7-2) 138: Nathan Steffensmeier (FOMA) over Alex Clemons (PLVA) (Fall 2:24) 145: Eli Loyd (PLVA) over Dalton Woolever (FOMA) (TF 21-6 4:10) 152: Conner Miller (PLVA) over Jakob McGowan (FOMA) (Dec 7-6) 160: TJ Brown (PLVA) over Keaton Poe (FOMA) (MD 10-0) 170: Chance Hocker (FOMA) over Ryan Kammerer (PLVA) (MD 24-14) 182: Scott Wendel (PLVA) over Bryce Britton (FOMA) (Fall 1:54) 195: Diego Lozano (FOMA) over (PLVA) (For.) Fort Madison (FOMA) 64.0 Quincy (Sr.) (QUINCY) 10.0 106: Owen Kruse (FOMA)

over Dalton Vallee (QUINCY) (Fall 2:30) 113: Elton Kruse (FOMA) over Dillion Becker (QUINCY) (Fall 0:48) 120: Dayne Cordray (FOMA) over (QUINCY) (For.) 126: Gavin Wiseman (FOMA) over Brayden Oenning (QUINCY) (MD 16-3) 132: Will Larson (FOMA) over Carson Neally (QUINCY) (Fall 5:04) 138: Nathan Steffensmeier (FOMA) over Diego Roberts (QUINCY) (Fall 0:18) 145: Dalton Woolever (FOMA) over (QUINCY) (For.) 152: Jakob McGowan (FOMA) over (QUINCY) (For.) 160: Neil Kozlowski (QUINCY) over Keaton Poe (FOMA) (MD 14-2) 170: Bryce Britton (FOMA) over (QUINCY) (For.) 182: Chance Hocker (FOMA) over Gavin Wendling (QUINCY) (Dec 11-6) 195: Diego Lozano (FOMA) over JC Lackey (QUINCY) (Dec 9-3) 220: Lucas Bodí (QUINCY) over Levi Lowney (FOMA) (Fall 4:42) 285: Danen Settles (FOMA) over Trevon Iriarte (QUINCY) (Fall 2:16)

Fort Madison (FOMA) 48.0 Mediapolis (MEDI) 33.0

106: Owen Kruse (FOMA) over Owen Russell (MEDI) (Fall 1:53) 113: Quinten Aney (MEDI) over Elton Kruse (FOMA) (Fall 1:33) 120: Dayne Cordray (FOMA) over (MEDI) (For.) 126: Gavin Wiseman (FOMA) over (MEDI) (For.) 132: Will Larson (FOMA) over (MEDI) (For.) 138: Nathan Steffensmeier (FOMA) over Lucas Wagenbach (MEDI) (Fall 0:29) 145: Dalton Woolever (FOMA) over (MEDI) (For.) 152: Caden Benz (MEDI) over Jakob McGowan (FOMA) (Dec 11-7) 160: Caleb Lalonde (MEDI) over Chance Decker (FOMA) (Fall 2:33) 170: Chance Hocker (FOMA) over (MEDI) (For.) 182: Bryce Britton (FOMA) over (MEDI) (For.) 195: Hunter Aney (MEDI) over Levi Lowney (FOMA) (Fall 0:40) 220: Keegan Akers (MEDI) over (FOMA) (For.) 285: Brennan Breuer (MEDI) over Danen Settles (FOMA) (Fall 1:05)

ACT PREP CLASS
Sundays, 6-8pm; Dinner served at 6
There's still room! Join us this Sunday!

Test Kitchen Education Foundation
Elliott
Test Kitchen
807 Avenue G - Fort Madison
www.tkef.org

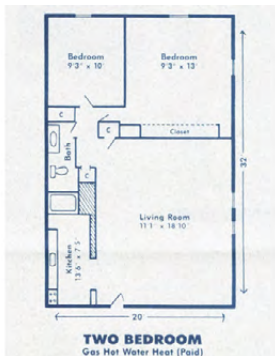
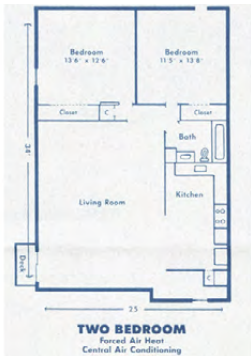
Classifieds

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Chateau Apartments Extra Clean & Quiet Apartments for Rent



Extra clean & quiet with free YMCA membership included. 2 bedrooms, some with decks/patio. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, built-in microwave. Non-smoking, no pets. Very affordable security deposit \$300. Must pass background & credit checks (no felonies). Large backyard with picnic tables & glider swing in very nice, quiet neighborhood. Rents range from \$585-\$635. Lease required. 850 sq. ft. units. All electric. Water, sewer, trash furnished. 650 sq. ft. units. Water, heat, sewer, gas, trash furnished. Laundry rooms have new coin-operated washers & dryers (located in all buildings). On-site manager. Call 319-372-9409 or 319-750-3115 for appointment to view. Owned by Alliance Realty Co.



Click here to place your ad online 24/7

First. Fresh. Local.

Your Community | 24/7 | Your Information

Pen City current
www.pencitycurrent.com

f t p i y

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

REHABILITATION & SKILLED NURSING WHEN GOING HOME AFTER A HOSPITAL STAY ISN'T AN OPTION.

YOUR LOVED ONES DESERVE THE BEST

Call to schedule your personal tour
319-372-8021

Medicare, Medicaid, Private Insurance, and Private Pay Accepted

1701 41st Street Fort Madison, IA 52627

Short-term Rehabilitation - Long-term Care
Memory Care - Ventilator Support

Like us on Facebook

Shopping for a mortgage?

Thomas Klann RICP LTCP LUTCF, Agent
State Farm Agent
2623 Avenue L
Fort Madison, IA 52627
Bus: 319-372-5982

NMLS #139716, NMLS MLO #1359992
MLO License #24290

We have a great selection. As life changes, so do your needs. Let State Farm Bank® help with a mortgage that fits your life and your budget. Let us help you make the right move. Bank with a Good Neighbor®. **CALL ME TODAY FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

Some products and services not available in all areas.

1001306.1 State Farm Bank, F.S.B., Bloomington, IL

Open Mic Night

Wednesdays
7:00pm

1135 Ave. E • Wednesday ~ Saturday 5:00pm

Refer A Friend Program:

Earn \$25 for you and your friend for every friend you refer to Griffins!

319-372-2478
535 Avenue G • Ft. Madison, IA
Mon - Fri: 8am to 5pm

Like us on Facebook!

www.griffinmuffler.com

Unlock more savings — with [auto + renters]

Contact me to schedule a SuperCheck® and see how simple combining your auto and renters insurance can be!

Larry Holtkamp
1301 37th St
Fort Madison
(319) 372-9145
(319) 470-1927 Cell
LARRYHOLTkamp.COM

Auto | Home | Life | Annuities | Business | Farm & Ranch

Farm Bureau Property & Casualty Insurance Company, Western Agricultural Insurance Company, Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company, West Des Moines, IA. *Company providers of Farm Bureau Financial Services PC114 (9-17)

Intimate and Meaningful

Bridal & Baby Showers
Anniversary & Birthday Parties
Receptions & Retreats

Unforgettable Celebrations

4901 AVE O FT MADISON IOWA 319-246-1401
EVENTS@BOULDERINNFORMADISON

5 Generations of Printing

Posters, Business Cards, Photo Correction, Wedding Invitations, Supplies, Custom Dusty, Office Paper, Online Ordering

319-372-2721 • doddprinting.com

ADVERTISE YOUR SERVICE BUSINESS

1 month • Only \$25⁰⁰
2x2 Business Card Size Ad

Place your ad online 24/7 www.pencitycurrent.com
Email your ad classifieds@pencitycurrent.com
Call (319)371.4125

YOUR #1 CHOICE IN HOSPICE

First Medicare Certified Hospice in Southeast Iowa - Since 1989

LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT HOSPICE

Ask for us by name...



"Lee County Health Department Hospice"

...the most experienced Hospice in Lee County

Our Hospice Services Include:

**24/7 on-call nursing staff • Skilled Nursing Services • Social Worker Visits
Music/Massage Therapy • Homecare Aide Assistance • Spiritual & Grief Support
Volunteer Services**



**We are proud to provide our Hospice Services in
Lee, Des Moines, Van Buren & Henry counties in Iowa
and Hancock & Henderson counties in Illinois**



LEE CHD

**Lee County
Health Department**

Touching the Community with Care



**#3 John Bennett Drive • PO Box 1426
Fort Madison, IA 52627
(319)372-5225 or (800)458-6672**

www.leecountyhd.org

Like us on Facebook!



School board reacts to Young's death

BY CHUCK
VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR



YOUNG

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison School District Superintendent Dr. Erin Slater has confirmed this morning that current school board member Gayla Young died this morning at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

The cause of Young's death has not been released by the family, but Slater issued a statement on behalf of the district at around 4 p.m. Monday night. District staff was notified via email this morning.

"The Fort Madison Community School District is deeply saddened by the loss of school board Vice-President Gayla Young, who passed away earlier today. Gayla was a strong advocate and supporter of the students and staff of the Fort Madison Community School District. Her passion for education, her countless

volunteering efforts, and her love of learning will be deeply missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time," Slater wrote in an email Monday.

Fort Madison School Board President Dr. Tim Wondra said Young's impact will be missed throughout southeast Iowa.

"It's a great loss for Fort Madison and everything she was a part of on the board, but it's also a loss for Danville where she taught, and it's a tremendous loss for Denmark with all that she was involved in in that community," Wondra said.

"Gayla was a great person, quick to help, would also be there for anyone, anytime and she was so smart. I am truly a better person for having known and served with her."

Young, a teacher in the Danville school system,



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison School board member Gayla Young, standing third from left at a swearing in for the board in 2017, died at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics on Dec. 31.

was re-elected to the Fort Madison board in September 2017 after serving her first four-year term winning her seat in 2013. She was the current vice-president of the school board.

Other school board members also shared in the grief of Young's passing.

Lois DiPrima worked at Denmark Elementary School during the 1980s

with Young, when Young was a cook with the district and decided she wanted to do more.

"She wanted to be more of a part of her children's education and other people's education. The day she went back to school, she was so excited. She wanted to make a difference in people's lives and teaching was the way to do

it. I remember her saying those exact words to me," DiPrima said.

"In the last four years on the board I have seen a family grow. This is losing a part of that family."

Board member Dianne Hope said didn't know Young before serving on the board with her, but said she didn't just lose a fellow board member, but

a friend.

"Gayla was a dedicated board member and brought a classroom educator's view to the table. She also followed legislative issues and what was going on in Des Moines. She will be missed as a board member and as a friend."

Jared Hotop said Young was a big advocate for education and the students of Fort Madison.

"She always had the district's best interests at heart," he said.

Fellow board member Carol Ross said Young gave education everything she had.

"Gayla was a great person. She was passionate about education and gave 110% in everything she did," Ross said. "I enjoyed getting to know her and she will be missed. My condolences to her family."

Young was also a member of the Denmark Volunteer Fire Department.

Iowa part of "Trucks Park Here" network

AMES - Finding a spot for your big rig is getting a little easier. The Iowa Department of Transportation, in coordination with seven other states, has launched a new data-driven system to help commercial drivers easily locate available truck parking at both state-run rest areas and select private truck stops around the Midwest.

Iowa's system called "Trucks Park Here" will make commercial drivers aware of available parking along Interstate 80,

and portions of I-380, I-35, I-235, and I-29. The data is currently accessible through public data feeds that can be utilized by application developers, in-cab navigation system makers, and others wishing to utilize the parking information. Access to the data feeds can be found in the parking information link on www.trucksparkhere.com. Later this month, available parking locations will be added to the rest area layer on Iowa's traveler information

sites and mobile apps at www.511ia.org.

"Trucks Park Here" will collect truck parking availability data using a variety of in-pavement and parking lot entrance/exit sensors. Phil Mescher of the Iowa DOT's Office of Systems Planning led this effort for the state and said, "All eight states have worked to make the data showing available truck parking consistent; however, each is taking a little different approach on where the data is displayed.

Steffensmeier, appointee will be on next ballot

VACANCY - Continued from Page 1

However, Slater said the state has changed the specifics of special elections recently and she is checking with the Iowa Association of School Boards for guidance on any special election language.

Current board member Brian Steffensmeier was also appointed to the board in August when Jillian Troxel had to step down due to relocating to Wisconsin. According to a spokesperson with the Iowa Secretary of State's office, both Steffensmeier and any new appointee would be also be up for election on any ballot for a referendum to build a new elementary school, which may be in front of voters in the spring.

Those interested in serving on the school board can either pick up an application at the district's central office or fill out an application at the following link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BDW4sfyV9euUe8Zp9zQtgDx8f-HzwLSQ/view> Applications are due at the Central Office by Jan. 21 at 4 p.m.

**NEW YEAR. NEW YOU.
NEW SMILE.**

**Call Dr. Mark C. Pothitakis
Family Dentistry now
to schedule your
6-month checkup
or click anywhere on this ad.**

Now accepting new patients.



Fort Madison Family Dentistry East
319-372-3614

Burlington Dental Associates
319-753.2515

Fort Madison Family Dentistry West
319-372-4882

Mediapolis Dental Care
319-394-3255

Burlington Family Dentistry
319-752-7993

New London Dental Care
319-367-2311



**Dr. Mark C. Pothitakis
Family Dentistry**
www.drmarkdds.com

Local News

Special "elf" brings gifts to Richardson students

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Students at Richardson elementary got a special visit on the last day of school before the holiday break.

A parent, and book consultant from Fort Madison, played elf to Santa on Friday morning at the Fort Madison school, giving gifts of books and plush toys to students throughout the school.

Harley Hoenig, who has an autistic child at the school, had an idea to provide some Christmas spirit for the kids in the autistic program, but quickly realized that many of the students could benefit from a little extra holiday cheer and expanded her program to all the students at the school.

As a consultant for Usborne Books & More, Hoenig thought it would be a great gift idea to give a book and one of the toys to each student in the autism and behavioral classes. She said the school has done so much for her 3-year-old son Max, that she wanted to give back. The company she sells books for, Usborne Books & More, has a matching program that enables consultants to do book drives.

"A big part of who I am is to give back when I have a chance to. When I joined Usborne I had an amazing opportunity to give back with the company's 50% match grant," she said.

"I chose Richardson because they have been so wonderful in helping my son Max and I wanted to say Thank You in a big way."

Beginning at about 9 a.m., Hoenig, with her brother Danny Douglas, went with the jolly man in the red suit, to visit every classroom in the building, some just sep-

arated by partitions. Many of the students jumped from their seats to get a hug with Santa...even some teachers took a turn.

Each student was given a paperback reader and the regular admonition to be good and help with chores at home in exchange for a possible visit early Christmas morning with gifts under the tree.

Hoenig and Douglas handed out the books, while Santa accepted hugs and took a few questions from the students. Hoenig said it was a peer at the book company that opened her to the idea.

"Someone that works with me brought to my attention about the match grant. I'd never heard of it done here independently before," she said. "At first I was just going to do a book and a plush toy for the autism and behavioral classes, and the more I thought about it, I thought it would be super neat to donate a book for every child. but I still wanted to do something special for those behavior classes, so that's why I decided to do the plush toys for them."

Hoenig said she hopes to continue giving to the community and would like to expand the program to Lincoln Elementary and some other facilities, such as libraries and day care centers, because she said education is the key to children's futures.

"I plan to keep giving to the community through Usborne. At some point I plan on doing something with the other elementaries as well, but I'd also like to other organizations such as day cares, libraries and even families. We can do book drives and give through Usborne," she said.

"I think education is very important for children and there's no better way to set them up for success than to get books in their hands."



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Santa Claus made a special stop to some special kids at Richardson Elementary School on Dec. 21 just before the students went on break as part of a book donation from Harley Hoenig, a parent of an autistic child at the school.



Santa helper Harley Hoenig hands out books to students at Richardson Elementary School prior to the holiday break last month.

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Now is the Time to Start Preparing Our World for a Better Future

JOIN THE MOVEMENT!

Implement these simple steps to create a healthy footprint!

Create Space

Create an indoor space for all your recyclables. Recycling bins available at our Fort Madison & Keokuk facilities.

Go Paperless

Decrease your need for paper products. Choose paperless statements, use digital shopping lists & other documents.

Reuse

Instill new life into items you would normally throw away.

Go Waste Free

Make a conscious effort to stop using your waste bin. Recycle or compost any items that have an end-of-life solution.

Compost

Build or purchase a composting bin for food & yard waste. Use your composted goods to build a healthy garden in the spring.

Buy Recyclables

Only purchase what's made to be recycled. Look for the recycling symbol on the packaging.

Backyard composting improves soil quality & makes for healthier plants!



Ft. Madison Main Office:
2092 303rd Ave
Fort Madison, IA
1-319-372-6140

Keokuk Transfer Station:
111 Carbide Lane
Keokuk, IA
1-319-524-6175

Visit Us Online! www.grrwa.com facebook.com/grrwa



(319) 372-4040

Click here for our listings.



Turning Hope into Reality

Area News/Celebrations

Folluo doesn't have an agenda for board of supervisors

COUNTY - Continued from Page 1

direction of the board.

"I hate to say this, but I've said it for years. I'm kind of agenda-less. I like to hear from the citizens and I don't have a personal agenda. I want to represent the citizens of our district and Lee County and I look forward to hearing from all of them. People call me from Fort Madison, West Point, Franklin, or Montrose and I've always responded to them and I hope to continue that," Folluo said.

"Other than we may have a meeting or two a year in Keokuk to utilize the South Lee County Courthouse.

We do have special meetings up here and I'm not opposed to that by any means. But we need to utilize our county seats."

Larkin was elected as the board's vice chairman for 2019.

The last time someone from a district in the southern half of the county chaired the board was in 2012 when Janet Fife-Lafrenz had the post. For the past six years, Fedler, Larkin, Ernie Schiller, of rural Donnellson, and Hunold, have all taken turns chairing the board.

County leadership team looking for non-profit projects

PCC STAFF

KEOKUK - The Lee County Leadership Program is requesting applications from nonprofit organizations throughout Lee County for community projects. The eleven participants of this year's Lee County Leadership Program will use their new skills and expanded network in leading three community projects proposed by Lee County community organizations. Applications for community projects are due Friday, January 18.

Past successful projects include a fundraiser kickball tournament, introduction of healthy smoothies for concession stands, and a family-friendly event to promote a community library.

Organizations will work with three to four leadership participants for an estimated 60 total man hours dedicated to completing the project. The project timeline will run from the beginning of February to mid-April. Leadership teams will then present on their project and experience at Lee County Leadership graduation on May 7th.

Contact the Keokuk Area Chamber of Commerce's Shelley Oltmans at 319-524-5055, or director@keokukchamber.com or Fort Madison Area Chamber of Commerce Coordinator Savanna Collier at 319-372-5471 or scollier@fortmadison.com to learn more and receive a project application. Chosen projects will be announced January 23rd.

Convenience



Anytime Anywhere Access to Your Checking Account

Apply for a Debit Card today!

Pilot Grove Savings Bank

www.pilotgrovesavingsbank.com



Birth Announcement

BRIAN MARCUS HULL

BURLINGTON - Kristie Bornsheuer and Mark Hull are proud to announce the birth of their son Brian Marcus Hull, on Dec. 12, 2018 at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Mark is joined at home by Brianna, Sydney and Danika.

Grandparents are Jack and Jeanine Whisenand of Fort Madison; and Richard and Donna Hull of Burlington.

Pen City Current congratulates the family on this wonderful news.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

WED 09 Jan		Partly Cloudy High- 23.9° F Low - 19.0° F
THU 10 Jan		Sunny High- 26.2° F Low - 23.8° F
FRI 11 Jan		Light Snow High- 30.9° F Low - 29.8° F
MON 12 Jan		Sunny High- 35.3° F Low - 24.2° F
TUE 13 Jan		Sunny High- 35.3° F Low - 24.1° F

[OpenWeatherMap](#)