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Wondra, Troxel talk momentum, skill sets

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of three articles looking at candidates in the Sept. 12 election for the Fort Madison School District Board of Directors.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

FORT MADISON - Preparing students for life after high school tops the list of the priorities for two candidates seeking a seat on the Fort Madison school board.

Tim Wondra, who is currently the Vice President of the Fort Madison Community School District Board



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of Directors, is seeking his third term on the board.

Wondra said he wants to continue the momentum the board has with respect to development and programming.

"My number one focus is to continue to improve the quality of education our students have and increase the opportu-

nities our kids have to succeed in life," Wondra said. "I feel we've made strides in the district in the past couple of years and I don't want to lose that momentum."

He cited the construction and welding programs as well as a culinary class that was added last year as evi-



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dence of the district's focus on preparing kids for life after high school whether it's college or a trade.

But Wondra said funding is the one thing that could get in the way of that progress if state revenues don't improve and things get even tighter.

"Teachers are underpaid. Almost everyone feels that way, but at the same time when that takes up 80% of the budget you have to be cognizant of what you pay," Wondra said.

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At the Market

Stephanie Shaw, center, talks with Linda Sammeli of Fort Madison at the Farmer's Market near the North Lee County Historical Society Monday afternoon. The market will continue into September or October depending on weather.

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

King Kat comes to FM this weekend

BY PCC STAFF
FORT MADISON Riverview Park will be
the site of some pretty big
catfish this weekend.

The Cabela's King Kat Tournament will be doing weigh-ins beginning at 4 p.m. on Aug. 11th and 12th. Anglers will compete starting at 6:30 a.m. on both days and will fish until 3 p.m. with all fisherman in the weigh-in line by 4 p.m. with a five fish limit-per team.

This is an opportunity for catfish anglers to compete for cash, prizes and a chance to advance to the Cabela's King Kat North and South Championship.

Late registration will be held Thursday, August 10 the day before competition at Comfort Inn, 6169 Reve Court, from 5-7 pm. Captains Meeting/Seminar will follow at 7 p.m. Fisherman must be a member of the King Kat Association to fish this event. A one-year membership is \$30.00. To pre-register go on line to: www.kingkatusa.com or call (502) 384-5924. Anglers may fish Pool 19 of the Mississippi River, however, the Skunk River is off limits.

The tournament weighin will be held at Riverview Marina. To help preserve the sport only live fish will be weighed in and all fish will be released after the tournament. For a complete list of rules visit our website: www.kingkatusa.com or phone Cabela's King Kat Headquarters at: (502) 384-5924.

The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome all Cabela's King Kat anglers and their guest to the area and hope they take the opportunity to enjoy the many attractions in the

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State pushes new school vaccine regs

PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Lee County Health Department is partnering with local secondary schools to inform parents of a new requirement for vaccines prior to the start of the 2017-2018 school year.

The Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Immunization, completed the administrative rules process to require meningococcal (A,C,W,Y) vaccine for students enrolling in 7th and 12th grades. The administrative rule change will be implemented at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year.

The change requires a one-time dose of meningo-coccal (A,C,W,Y) vaccine received on or after 10 years of age for children in grades 7 and above, if born after September 15, 2014; and two doses of the vaccine for children in grade 12, if born after September 15, 1999; or one dose if received when the child was 16 years of age of older.

Meningococcal disease is a very serious, life-threatening disease. It is caused by bacteria that can infect the blood, brain and spinal cord. The bacteria are spread through upper respiratory droplets, such as saliva. Meningococcal vaccines are very safe and effective at preventing meningococcal disease. The meningococcal vaccine is 85-100% effective at preventing infection from the sub-types of meningococcus found in the vaccine.

All students who meet the guidelines listed above will be required show proof of the required number of doses of the Meningococcal (A,C,W,Y) BEFORE entering school in the fall. Questions about this new requirement may also be directed to the nurse at the child's school or the immunization staff at Lee County Health De-

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Death Notices/For the Record

DEATH NOTICE

MICHAEL LEE DOTY

Michael Lee Doty, 70, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 12:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 6, 2017 at the Great River Hospice House in West Burlington, IA. Arrangements are pending at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory.

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Fort Madison Police report

08/04/17 - 12:00 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 400 block of Avenue D. 08/04/17 - 3:19 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1900 block of Avenue H. 08/04/17 - 3:45 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 1000 block of Avenue H. 08/04/17 - 3:52 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1900 block of Avenue H. 08/04/17 - 4;13 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident. 08/04/17 - 4:39 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident. 08/04/17 - 8:15 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in progress in the 200 block of 2nd Street. 08/04/17 - 9:17 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in progress in the 1200 block of 36th Street. 08/05/17 - 12:06 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 800 block of Avenue G. 08/05/17 - 3:18 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2000 block of Avenue L. 08/05/17 - 10:08 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run accident in the 700 block of Avenue D. 08/06/17 - 7:03 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run accident 08/06/17 - 10:48 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at 18th Street and Avenue H. 08/06/17 - 3:08 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1800 block of Avenue E. 08/06/17 - 4:01 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Anthony Delynn Slack, 26 of Fort Madison, in the 2900 block of Avenue H, on a charge of domestic abuse assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held. 08/06/17 - 10:38 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 5100 block of Avenue O. 08/06/17 - 10:48 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Tevin Michael Black, 23 of Fort Madison was cited and released after being charged with driving under suspension and failure to yield at a stop sign.

Lee County Sheriff's report

08/04/17 - 9:27 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kaci Dawn Shackleford, 37, of Fort Madison in the 6200 block of Avenue O, on a court-ordered hold. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 08/04/17 - 11:30 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Stacy Lynn Thurman, 29 of Montrose, in Montrose on a warrant for 4th-degree theft. She was taken to Lee County Jail and then released on bond. 08/04/17 - 1:22 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one vehicle accident in the 3100 block of 270th Avenue. A vehicle driven by Justin Paul Walte, 17, of Keokuk, lost control and entered the ditch. No

reported at the scene. 08/05/17 - 6:10 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 3500 block of Argyle Road. According to reports Bailey Nicole Wyrick swerved to miss a deer and rolled her vehicle suffering severe injuries to her neck and middle finger. She was transported by Lee County EMS to Keokuk Area Hospital. She was cited for failure to maintain control and failure to maintain her seatbelt. 08/05/17 - 10:59 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on Argyle Road and 340th Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Harold Edward White, 70, of Keokuk, was headed northwest on Argyle when a deer came out of the ditch. White swerved to miss the deer and lost control of the vehicle and it rolled and came to rest on it's top on the left side of the roadway. No citations or injuries were reported at the scene. 08/05/17 - 12:42 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Elizabeth Jane Dawson, 22, of Argyle sideswiped a vehicle driven by Rina Lynn Veltri, 51, of Centerville, Tenn. Veltri had slowed to turn around on Hwy 2 westbound and Dawson swerved to miss Veltri's vehicle but collided with side. Dawson was cited for unsafe passing. 08/06/17 - 3:51 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Harold Eugene Wilson, III, 30 of Montrose, no location given, on charges of OWI-1st offense, failure to maintain control and operation without registration. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear.

08/06/17 - 4:36 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Gordon Ryan Johnson, 30, Montrose, no location given, on charge of OWI-1st offense, failure to maintain control and transporting an open container. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear. 08/06/17 - 9:27 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Franklin Eugene Cady, Jr., 51, of Keokuk, at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a warrant for 2nd-degree theft. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond. 08/06/17 - 7:24 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Zachary Joseph Derr, 28, of Keokuk, no location given, on a charge of violation of probation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 08/06/17 - 7:55 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 2200 block of 220th Street. A vehicle driven by Reese William Krebill, 16, of Donnellson suffered a blown tire and the vehicle left the roadway and traveled through the ditch before coming to rest. No injuries or citation were issued at the scene.

Those listed above are presumed to be innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report

08/04/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one motor vehicle accident. 08/05/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls. 08/06/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one lift assist.





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In conjunction with the tournament, the Cabela's King Kat Tournament Trail will hold the Cabela's King Kat Kids event on Saturday, August 12 at Wilson Lake Park, 2195 220th Street, Donnellson, IA. The event is free of charge and open to all youth 12 and younger. Sign up is from 8 a.m. till 9 a.m. with the Kid's Fishing Event starting at 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. All children will receive a prize just for entering. Bring your favorite rod, reel and bait and show your true fishing ability. All children must be accompanied by parent or guardian. Prizes for winners will be given in two age groups, 0-7 and 8-12. The event is free to all children 12 and under with all participants eligible for a chance to win one of the six, Outdoor Promotions \$1,000.00 scholarships to be awarded in October.

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Southern Championship will be held October 6 & October 7, 2017 on Lake Wateree at Camden, South Carolina. Be sure to check out our website at: www. kingkatusa.com and like our Cabela's King Kat Facebook Page. Both sites contain new and exciting information on our events along with special information for catfish anglers everywhere.

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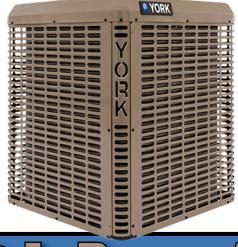




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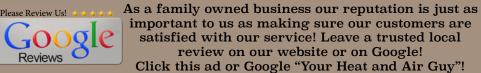
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From the Front/Education

Post high school preparation could take center stage

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You don't want to give big raises this year and then be forced to make cuts next year. That bumps up class sizes and you get 27-28 students per class and that's not good."

> -Tim Wondra FMCSD Board candidate

"You don't want to give big raises this year and then be forced to make cuts next year. That bumps up class sizes and you get to 27-28 students per class and that's not good. I don't even think those elementary schools could hold that many students. Being wise with the budget has to be the biggest hurdle we face."

He said vouchers would also be a hardship on public schools making students very mobile.

"It makes it difficult to look into the crystal ball and see what you need for the next year because we always budget a year ahead ourselves."

But building a new elementary school in Fort Madison is also a priority with Wondra. He said one of his biggest fears is for the safety of the students.

"We've got to have a new one. Even remodeling those schools, as expensive as that would be, you're still not addressing the safety. The drop off locations at those schools are very dangerous. With all the distracted driving out there, we're just lucky a student hasn't been seriously hurt yet. It's not a matter of if, but when."

The 18-year Fort Madison resident is co-owner of Wondra Chiropractic with his wife Laurie. The couple have one daughter at Fort Madison High School and Wondra said he's proud of the strides the board has made and the emphasis it's put on its own development.

"I think we've made great strides the past couple of years," Wondra said. "We felt this past year it was important that if we expect our staff to do professional development, we needed to do that, too, so we carved out the time to do that and be a better board. And...I think we did a darn good job finding a good superintendent."

He said he would also encourage all those seeking a seat on the board to realize how much time is required of the job.

"We don't get paid to do this. There are trainings, conventions, special sessions, and meetings. My fear is that we will get someone elected that won't show up... and that hurts the kids."

Jillian Troxel, who's lived in the district for seven years with her husband Andy, also said preparing students for life after graduation is a key priority of hers.

The couple has a daughter starting kindergarten this year and a 3-year old boy at home. Troxel has a doctorate in physical therapy and works at Fort Madison Community Hospital. She said she's just recently started thinking of running for the board.

"I had been contemplating this for about a month and was encouraged by some close friends," she said. "I'm the daughter of an educator and education was always a high priority in our home. But you get a new perspective when your kids are coming up through the school. As a working parent I want to do everything I can for not only my kids, but for all the other kids in the district for what life is like after high school."

Troxel said she thinks the current board has had great leadership for many years and the one thing that prompted her to run was to optimize representation of those parents with younger students in the district.

"I want to be involved with the direction the district takes in working with parents of younger students in the district."

She said she would like to see the board overcome some of the challenges she sees in communicating with the community and being transparent in their work.

"We have to work as a team to produce students that have job ready skills, interview skills, customer service skills. We need to build that in our young adults and

Higher education may be something they want to do before the working world, but as technology has evolved, I think it's hindered some of the social skills we need...."

> -Jillian Troxel, **FMCSD Board candidate**

that starts from the bottom up."

Like Renee Ehlers who is also seeking a seat on the board, Troxel has a spouse who is currently on staff in the district.

"I think having a spouse that works within the district helps to provide a unique perspective," Troxel said. "In the time Andy and I have been here as a family we've been able to build relationships with some great colleagues through the FMHS system.

She said as a whole the district is trying to support our teachers with tools and technology that would promote the type of learning environment that would prepare our students for the real world.

"When they walk out of high school with a diploma, we need to make sure they are prepared for what their adulthood would be. Higher education may be something they want to do before the working world, but as technology has evolved, I think it's hindered some of the social skills we need to be able to help our teenagers develop those other skills," she said.

She said she would continue to support the construction of a new elementary school in the district.

"I certainly voted in support of the new building," she said. Schools are one of the first things young professionals look at when they come to a new area. I think our school district has made so much progress with visits by the governor and sate education director. We have all this positive momentum and I would like to see what I could do to keep that going."

Tdap is also required at 7th grade

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