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Group makes final push for new building

Last minute concerns on traffic, playgrounds in KIDS committee crosshairs

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The committee promoting the passage of a \$27 million bond issue to build a new preK to 3rd grade elementary building is shifting gears with 7 days left until the election.

The KIDS Committee, which has peppered Fort Madison with "VOTE YES" signs in area neighborhoods, is hitting area media outlets, governmental agencies, social clubs, and service organizations in a last-minute effort to make sure the district voters understand the issues that are at stake with the new building.

Tuesday, Fort Madison Community School District Superintendent Erin Slater and Timm Lamb, president of the



LAMB

FMCS D School Board, met with Rotary members to answer any final questions floating out there about the new school.

Lamb said this isn't just a vote for a new building, but for the well-being of the children, the community, and the economy of Fort Madison.

"We are not asking for this just so we can go plop down a new building out there. This is to make sure the children of Fort Madison have the best education possible," Lamb said.

Lamb told the group the support should be there for Holy Trinity Catholic's effort to construct a \$6 million

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Fort Madison KIDS Committee member Larry Smith talks with the Fort Madison City Council at Tuesday's regular meeting. Smith, along with FMCS D Board President Timm Lamb and Superintendent Erin Slater who were on hand to update the council about the school's referendum vote on June 27.

School district approves new meal policy

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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FORT MADISON - After sending more than \$70,000 to collections for past due meal accounts, the Fort Madison School District has implemented a new policy that limits the amounts families can charge for meals.

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Fort Madison Community School District board, the board voted 5-0 to approve the new package effective with the 2017 -2018 school year.

According to the new meal policy, when students' accounts reach a \$0 balance, charges will be able to be made up to \$10 on the account before the account is frozen until it is brought current.

Superintendent Erin



SLATER

Slater said students will still be able to pay cash or present a check for lunch after the account is frozen on a meal-to-meal basis, but no charges will be allowed until the account is brought current.

Board member Dianne Hope asked if the \$10 limit was per student or per account as some families have more than one child on an account.

Slater said it would be per account. Board member Carol Ross said she thought the amount was too low considering some in the district have multiple members on accounts and in some cases that could be just one day.

Slater said the district



had to have a policy on the books per Iowa Association of School Board's regulations by July 1.

Board President Timm Lamb said board members could ask for an update on how the policy is going, but the board would not be able to change the policy mid-year.

Hope said she wanted an update from the food service staff at some point

as to how the program is doing.

"That's a lot. That's a tremendous amount of money," she said. "Do we have an audit process in place to make sure this policy is working?"

Lamb said the policy can be reviewed.

"We can review this about halfway through the year. But we've got to get it started and then we can see how it goes, but

we won't be able to change it mid-year," Lamb said.

Hope said she didn't want to change the new policy midstream.

"I just want to know how it's working," she said.

The policy carries over to district employees as well. Those employees will not be able to charge more than \$10 on their account, which will then be frozen until it is paid in full.

Students will not be turned away for non-payment, Slater said. An alternative meal without the main course will be provided as reimbursable for students beyond the \$10 limit.

Families will be notified when the account balance reaches zero. Negative balances greater than \$100 will be turned over

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County OKs new animal ordinance

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE - A new ordinance that will allow the Lee County Sheriff to impound vicious dogs was passed Tuesday after a third reading was waived by supervisors.

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Lee County Board of Supervisors the issue was up for a second reading.

Specifically, the ordinance in Title 5, Chapter 10 reads, "Any dog or companion cat running at large may be apprehended by a law enforcement officer and/or may be impounded by the sheriff..."

It also reads that is

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Sports

Keokuk Chiefs drop Holy Trinity Tuesday at home

**BY CHUCK
VANDENBERG**
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT - Several key dropped fly balls cursed the Holy Trinity Catholic baseball team Tuesday night in West Point.

The Keokuk Chiefs came into South Park field and their had share of blunders, as well, in an 11-5 win over the boys in blue.

The Chiefs opened the scoring in the first inning when senior Gavin Thompson singled and advanced to second on an error. He moved to third on a sacrifice fly by Andrew Patterson and then scored when Brendin Davis hit a grounder out to short.

The Crusaders got on the board in the second inning and took the only lead of the game when Aiden Alfred and Collin Thornton both scored. Alfred hit a one-out double to left field and scored on a Cameron Bahl single up the middle. Vasin Thurman then reached when Keokuk shortstop Patterson muffed a grounder that scored Thornton. Nathan Bredemeyer hit a grounder back to the pitcher to retire the side.

Keokuk took the lead for good in the third inning. HTC starter Cole Thornton plunked Dalton Boecker in the back and then gave up back-to-back singles scoring Boecker. The Chiefs Reade Reiter layed down a bunt squeezing in Tyler Prewitt who was on the run from third. An error by Thornton on a hard grounder to short plated Thompson for the Chiefs' third run of the inning.

Ben Tinguely reached to lead off the bottom of the second on an error by Patterson at short and then stole second. After Quentin Schneider fanned at the bottom of the lineup, Reed Fehseke lined a single to center that got past the Chiefs centerfielder and allowed Tinguely to score from second. Fehseke was caught stealing and Alfred grounded out to the third to halt the momen-

tum with the Crusaders down 4-3.

After Keokuk put up another run in the top of the third, HTC countered with a run of their own in the bottom half when Collin Thornton reached on a hit to left that was bobbled allowing him to land at second. Kyle Bredemeyer knocked him in with a single up the center of the field. Keokuk tacked on another run in the top of the fourth when junior Jake Jones hit one about 340 feet out to right field for a home run off HTC starter Cole Thornton.

Tinguely scored for the Crusaders with a single and a stolen base and then scored when Fehseke grounded out to short and the Crusaders trailed 6-5.

The floodgates opened in the top of the fifth where the Chiefs scored three runs with two outs including two runs after a pop fly was dropped in foul territory in front of the Crusaders' dug out in what would have been the third out. In the same inning another popup was dropped at the mound after Fehseke made a valiant effort coming in from 3rd base to try and make the play between Cole Thornton, Cameron Bahl, and Collin Thornton. Cole Thornton then got Patterson to ground out to end the inning.

The Crusaders went 1-2-3 in their half of the fifth on three consecutive pop outs to each Keokuk outfielder. But Jason Thurman came in in relief and slammed the doors on Keokuk going 1-2-3 in the top of the sixth.

HTC had something going to start the 6th when Vasin Thurman and Nathan Bredemeyer both were walked and then Tinguely came up with another hit and the bases were loaded. But Schnieder fanned and Fehseke flied out to second on a sharp line drive that fooled Bredemeyer who wandered too far off second and was thrown out trying to tag up to end the inning.

Keokuk put up two more insurance runs in the top of the seventh and the Crusaders couldn't get anything going in the bottom of the seventh. Bredemeyer and



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Keokuk's Matt Wyatt has to go up to tag out HTC's Reed Fehseke Tuesday at South Park. Fehseke got caught stealing and tried to jump over the tag.

Bahl reached with back-to-back hits but Vasin Thurman hit a grounder that Keokuk's Matt Wyatt gobbled up and stepped on second to end the threat and the game.

The Crusaders are now 2-13 on the season and host Cardinal of Eldon on Thursday and Columbus Junction on Monday.

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From the Front/Lottery Numbers

Polls open til 8 p.m. on Tuesday

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elementary school in West Point.

“You should be able to choose where you want your children to go to school, but no matter what your choice, it should be the highest quality learning environment we can give them.”

Lamb said pending approval of the district, the building will be a turn-key facility and the students will not be moved into the school until it is completely ready for instruction and the students can go in without any distractions.

Slater told the group the designs for the structure would take six to eight months when approved and then construction would begin and students would probably be in the building starting with the 2020-21 school year.

Slater showed the group a drawing that outlined how transportation would work on the grounds with the new facility saying buses and cars would be on separate drives to allow for easier pick and drop off. The new building would also have a separate drive for PreK-3rd grade but parents with children in both schools could drop off the older students at the same place with a small walk to the other building.

The \$27 million would come in the form of a 20-year bond that would cost \$2.64/month on a \$75,000 assessed home in the district. That amounts to \$31.68 a year and a total of \$633 over the life of the bond for that homeowner.

The district built a brand new middle school that opened in 2012 after voters turned down a referendum to build it with bond money. The board was able to utilize sales tax monies allocated from the state to the districts to build the school without a referendum vote.

Lamb said that money was allocated to schools to be spent in the district and they were able to build that school at no cost to the taxpayers other than the money regularly spent on sales tax in the district.

A fall referendum was also rejected by voters by a 714-756 vote. To pass, the referendum needs 60% plus 1 vote.

Slater said other issues that have come up recently include playground equipment. She said playground equipment is planned in three different areas and includes moving the playground at Lincoln to the new elementary. There will be three play areas - one in between the two schools and two age-specific playgrounds on the east side of the proposed elementary.

There are four voting locations for district residents - two in Fort Madison at Rolling Hall and the Fort Madison Public Library, Grace Bible Church in Wever and the West Point Public Library and polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. If you haven't registered to vote you may do so at the polls.

New rabies, fireworks regs also approved

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unlawful for the owner of a dog or companion cat to permit such animal to attack any person or domestic animal, or to destroy property, or to permit the animal to place any person in reasonable fear of attack or injury.

Supervisor Gary Folluo asked the board after it had been approved 5-0 on the second reading to waive the third reading so the county could start the process of getting the motion enacted.

The board voted unanimously to approve the 2nd reading and then

Folluo made a motion to waive the third reading which also passed unanimously. The new ordinance now needs to be published locally and then it will become effective.

When supervisors asked Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber if he had anything to add he declined.

“Let's just get it on the books,” he said.

The council also approved a third reading of a revised rabies ordinance that requires all dogs and cats to be properly vaccinated and tagged.

The ordinance is now more in line with state statutes, which requires law enforcement to put down any animal that is not tagged for proper vaccination.

In other action, the board:

- voted 5-0 to replace a deputy who had resigned from the sheriff's department

- voted 5-0 to approve a final reading of a new fireworks ordinance that aligns the county with new state regulations on the dates that fireworks are allowed in the state.



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We, the Family of **Bob Kempker**, would like to thank all who stood by us in thought and prayer this past year, especially these past few weeks. Our family pulled strength and comfort from all the expressions of kindness showed to us. All the cards, sentiments, food, and visits throughout this journey are truly appreciated and will be remembered always.

Thank you again,
Barb Kempker & Family

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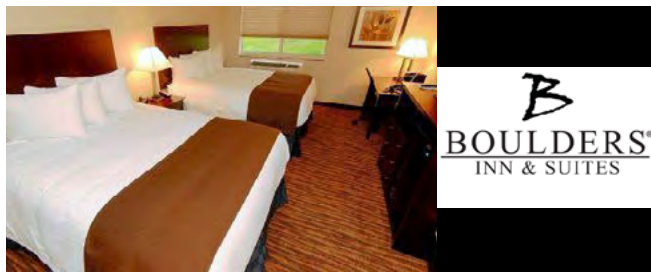
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Organization
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Friday, June 23, 2017
6:00 PM
AT THE
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City Hall, 811 Ave E
TO DISCUSS
THE FOLLOWING:
AGENDA
1. Roll Call
2. Approval of minutes 5/10/17 meeting
3. Non-agenda item comments, (if any)
4. Case #17-07: Variance to reduce required side yard setback at 2409 Ave I.
5. Case #17-08: Variance to reduce required side yard setback at 1113 Ave H.
6. Case #17-09: Variance to reduce required side yard setback at 2206 Ave F.
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GLEN W. HOWELL

Glen W. Howell, 89, died at 2:20 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at Clark County Nursing Home in Kahoka, Missouri.

Arrangements are pending with King-Lynk Funeral Home.

District approves master 2-year contract with FMEA

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to the Superintendent for collection attempts and could be turned over to a collection agency if payments are not made.

In other action, the council:


- voted unanimously to approve the master contract between the Fort Madison Community School Board and the Fort Madison Educational Association. The contract is for two years, but can be re-opened for salary negotiations after the 2017-18 school year.
- voted unanimously to approve travel for the Clay Crushers trap shooting team to travel to the national competition this year.
- voted to unanimously approve salary contracts for staff, directors, food service and union employees.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST


WED 21 Jun

 Clear Skies
Low – 84.2° F | High – 84.4° F


THU 22 Jun

 Overcast Clouds
Low – 80.8° F | High – 88.2° F


FRI 23 Jun

 Moderate Rain
Low – 66.3° F | High – 72.7° F

SAT 24 Jun

 Heavy Intensity Rain
Low – 60.6° F | High – 65.7° F

SUN 25 Jun

 Light Rain
Low – 54.4° F | High – 68.0° F

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