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Montrose pins shield on Shields

25-year FMPD veteran takes over as chief of police

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Newly sworn in Montrose Chief of Police Todd Shields works behind his desk Thursday at Montrose Police Department. Shields was with the Fort Madison Police Department for 25 years and is a veteran of the United State's Air Force and U.S. Army reserves.

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Newly sworn in Montrose Chief of Police Todd Shields works behind his desk Thursday at Montrose Police Department. Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

The Fort Madison native and Fort Madison High School graduate worked his way up at the FMPD,

after being hired in April of 1993, to the position of captain. He applied for the Chief of Police position in Fort Madison and said he was willing to work that job until mandatory retirement. Fort Madison police retirement is not an IPERS retirement system, but a municipal police and fire retirement

system and that system allows full benefits at 55.

"I had, at the time of the last hiring for the chief's position, made it clear that if I was hired as chief I would be willing to stay there until I was 65, once you turn 66 you can no longer work as a law

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FM school district hires architects for next bond attempt

Sioux City firm will handle design services and help with pre-referendum work

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - A second firm has been contracted to work with Fort Madison school officials on an upcoming bond referendum to build a new K-3 elementary school.

On Thursday, Fort Madison Community School District Superintendent Erin Slater said CMBA Architect Group, an Iowa firm based in Sioux City, has been contracted at a cost of 6 percent of the project cost to assist in preparing the community for a possible upcoming referendum. The district used a \$22 million project cost estimate in soliciting bids for construction management firms back in October and hired Carl A. Nelson & Company out of Burlington over Baxter Construction of Fort Madison.



SLATER

Carl A. Nelson estimated fees on a \$22 million project at about \$2.134 million including a half percent pre-bonding fee, or \$110,000, which they would waive if the bond failed. At 6% of an estimated \$22 million project, CBMA would be paid \$1.3 million for architectural and community engagement services. Together the district would pay an estimated \$3.14 million in service fees to the two firms for the project.

Slater said Carl A. Nelson & Co. will work hand-in-hand with the CBMA over the next few months on community engagement processes.

"The way we did the first round, we just had an architect, but when we got feedback from the community, the recommendation was to bring in a construction management company that is an expert in dealing with architects, schematics, and designs," Slater said.

"So the district's plan was to add a construction management firm to the team and then hire a new architect. Carl A. Nelson & Company and CMBA will collaboratively work on the community engagement process."

According to a release from the district on Thursday,

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Groups launch first county pre-apprenticeship

LEE COUNTY - The first Quality-Pre-Apprenticeship Program in the southeast area launched this week at Keokuk High School.

The Keokuk High School and IowaWorks Center, together with Lee County EDG and the U.S. Department of Labor/Office of Apprenticeship, launched a Quality Pre-Apprenticeship Program in Carpentry.

A Quality Pre-Apprenticeship Program contributes to the development of a diverse and skilled workforce by preparing participants to meet the basic qualifications for entry into a Registered Apprenticeship Program.

Matt May, Industrial Technology Instructor at Ke-

okuk High School, said the Quality Pre-Apprenticeship Program will give students the opportunity to explore a career as a carpenter.

"Skilled trade careers such as carpenters are a great career path," May said. "With 25 percent of the skilled trade workforce retiring in the next 10 years, there is a need for younger people to choose careers in the skilled trades. Our Quality Pre-Apprenticeship Program will allow students to gain the skills so they are ready to start a Registered Apprenticeship in Carpentry after graduation."

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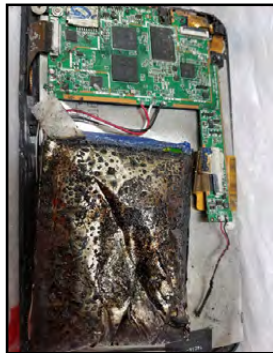


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 12/03/18 - 9:27 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 700 block of Seventh Street.
 12/03/18 - 11:52 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1000 block of Avenue H.
 12/03/18 - 4:46 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2100 block of Avenue I.
 12/03/18 - 5:04 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at 35th Street and Bluff Road.
 12/03/18 - 8:20 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 4600 block of Avenue J.
 12/03/18 - 10:15 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Paul Hileman, 48, of Fort Madison, in the 600 block of 18th Street, on a charge of 3rd-degree criminal mischief. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 12/03/18 - 2:35 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Nathan Patrick Boone, 27, and Patrick Allen Boone, 48, both of Fort Madison on charges

of disorderly conduct. Both were released upon citation.
 12/04/18 - 3:51 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 400 block of 20th Street.
 12/04/18 - 4:26 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 15th Street and Avenue B.
 12/04/18 - 9:55 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run at the intersection of 22nd Street and Avenue E.
 12/05/18 - 9:09 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 200 block of 24th Street.
 12/05/18 - 9:44 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a gas drive off in the 1700 block of Avenue H.
 12/05/18 - 4:59 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 900 block of Avenue G.
 12/05/18 - 9:28 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Hayley Renae Hendricks, 21, of Fort Madison, in the 1700 block of Avenue I, for driving under suspension. She was released upon citation.
 12/05/18 - 11:50 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Russell Arthur Weakley,

31, of Fort Madison in the 1800 block of Avenue F, on a charge of public intoxication. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Lee County Sheriff's report
 12/03/18 - 12:49 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Andrew John Thompson, 29, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.
 12/06/18 - 5:56 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Chad Richard Barker, 40, of Montrose on a warrant for probation violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report
 12/03/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls.
 12/04/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical call.
 12/05/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to electrical fire, four medical calls, one lift assist, one call for food burning on a stove.



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Sports/Weather

FMMS 7th graders down Edward Stone

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BURLINGTON - Leif Boeding and Henry Wiseman each scored eight points to lead FMMS's 7th grade boys basketball team to a win over Edward Stone 34-27.

Carson Rashid had seven points to go with Cade Denning's five and Hunter Cresswell's four. Ben Ramatowski rounded out the scoring with two points. Wiseman led FMMS with nine rebounds. Cresswell and Ramatowski each had five boards.

Fort Madison also won the B game 25-7.. Oliver Santiago led the Hounds with six points. Nathan Bowen had five points. Marin Rose, Jamarkus Kline, Aiden Benda, Jahbari Starks and Ayden Moyers all had buckets for Fort Madison.. Willam Bennett and Javean Davis each had a point.. Moyers had a game high five-rebounds.

Junior high grapplers win 20 Tuesday

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BURLINGTON - The Fort Madison Junior High wrestling team had a quadrangular meet Tuesday at Burlington. The four competing teams were Burlington, Fairfield, Mediapolis, and Fort Madison. The little Bloodhounds won 20 matches and lost 8. Joe Hartman, Daniel Sokolik, Aiden Pennock, Teague Smith, Ike Thatcher, Tanner Settles, Brandt Booten and Taylor High all had two wins by fall.

Emmett Kruse and Christian Vincent had one pin. Hayden Woolever, Landon Rudd, and Eric Millard also competed. The wrestler of the meet was Tanner Settles, who recorded falls over two quality opponents.

Community forums to be set soon on newest referendum issue

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CMBA competed against two other Iowa architect groups and was selected based on criteria including history with K-12 projects and pre-bond experience. The district indicated that CMBA has been involved in these types of projects in Iowa, South Dakota, and Nebraska.

Also part of the pro-

cess over the next several months will be to determine the elementary facility needs for current and future teaching and learning spaces for students, families, and community.

"The board is excited to continue engaging the community on these important decisions. The district will announce

community engagement meetings via the district's Facebook page and district website," Slater wrote.

Anyone interested in getting notifications of upcoming community meetings can email Rachel Goldstick, the district's marketing officer at rachel.goldstick@fmcsd.org.

"We wanted to update everyone on where we're at in the process," Slater said Thursday.

She said conference calls have already been conducted with the firms and the district and plans are underway to start some processes with teachers next week and then set some community forums.

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MON 10 Dec

Clear Skies
High- 16.4° F | Low - 8.9° F

TUE 11 Dec

Clear Skies
High- 29.4° F | Low - 12.9° F

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CURRENT-LEE

FORT MADISON - The following is a list of events and happenings going on in Fort Madison as submitted to the Pen City Current.

Downtown Enchanted Forest

The Fort Madison downtown Enchanted Forest will be open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lee County Bank Building at 803 Avenue G on Dec. 8, 15, and 22, with visits with Santa from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Community Blood Drives

The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will be holding a blood drive on Dec. 7 at FMHS from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Dec. 8 at Cultural Hall- 2193 Old Denmark Road from 8-10:30 a.m.

Winter Spectacular

The Fort Madison High School Winter Spectacular will take place on Sunday, Dec. 9 with doors open at 1:30 p.m. and the show beginning at 2 p.m. Free admission, but preferred seating is available for a donation. Refreshments will be provided. Contact FMHS at 372-1862 for more information.

FMCH Health Education Series

Fort Madison Community Hospital will be hosting the first in a monthly community health education series on Dec. 11 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at FMCH in the Business Center Conference Rooms. Dr. Yadira Garcia will lead the discussion. Light refreshments will be served.

Tree of Love Gatherings

The Lee County Health Department is hosting a series of gatherings to help with holiday healing after a loss. The remaining events are on Wednesday Dec. 12, and 19th from 2 to 3 p.m. at 3 John

Bennett Drive in Fort Madison.

Santa at the FM YMCA

The Fort Madison YMCA will be hosting a Cookies and Cocoa with Santa on Saturday Dec. 15 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Be ready to play some Reindeer Games, too.

Senior BINGO at The Kensington

Each month on the second Wednesday of the month, The Kensington hosts Senior Community BINGO at 2 p.m. in their dining room at 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. All seniors are welcome and cash prizes are awarded.

Caregiver Connection at Kensington

The Kensington hosts this monthly gathering to help educate attendees about all dementia types. Held at noon the 4th Tuesday of every month in The Kensington's private dining room, 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. Call 319-372-4233 to RSVP or for more information.

LCHD Senior Health Clinic

The Lee County Health Department will be holding two senior health clinics this week. The first will be from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Mississippi Terrace in Keokuk on Dec. 11 and another on Dec. 12 at the Hillview Village in Fort Madison from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Pen City Current will list your event in this highly visible CURRENT-LEE section in increments of 25 words for \$15. Add a photo for \$5. Effective Jan. 1, 2019 non-profit organizations are eligible for the reduced rate of \$10 per 25 words and \$3 per photo. To place your listing, call Chuck at (319)371.1670 or Lee at (319)371.4125.

Shields career has been about helping people

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enforcement officer in the state," he said. "I'm still in good enough shape and mental conditioning I could push out that far. But I said if I did not get the job, I would probably retire at 55. I would have more than 22 years and it would be a decent retirement and I could find another line of work to do."

Several opportunities in security presented themselves, but Shields said it wasn't about the money, but the move and going farther away from home. His wife's parents live in Montrose and Shields' parents live in Fort Madison and they wanted to stay closer to home.

Montrose Mayor Ron Dinwiddie heard about Shields' pending retirement and approached him about the Montrose job.

Shields said the budget is a fraction of what Fort Madison's police budget is, but the department has what it needs to serve the community right now and he sees it as his responsibility going forward to keep the department up to speed with technology, equipment and training.

He said his goal is to know what the needs of the community are from a law enforcement perspective.

"I need to know that and what the vision is from our mayor and council and then look at what I have and what I need to meet those goals," Shields said.

"I've been told to make sure we are continuing to grow and moving ahead with electronic technology and I will be going back to them with quotes in the next few months to give them an idea of what that looks like."

He said things change quickly in law enforcement and he wants to make sure he and his staff of four reserves are up to date with training and stay that way.

He also said residents shouldn't be surprised to see him walking around the community at different times. He said he regularly would walk neighborhoods in Fort Madison while on duty.

"I think it's good for people to see us walking around and outside of a vehicle at times. It also allows us to possibly intervene in an issue, rather than have to respond."

When he was hired onto the FMPD in 1993 he said one of the tougher transitions was from military policing to civilian policing.

"That took some time. I had to learn to give people more time to respond to instruction," Shields said.

"People in the civilian world are not used to strict control on their lives. You have to give people an opportunity to change behavior. A lot of what I learned was to step back and give people a chance to change behavior on their own. In the military, commanders sometimes had autonomy in discipline and you can't have that in civilian policing."



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Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
at the Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson

If you are unable to attend this service, a Holiday Open House will be held at the following locations

Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington
Thursday, December 6, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point
Saturday, December 8, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

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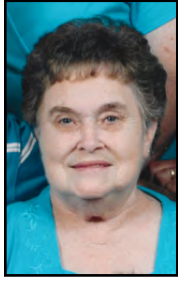
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Obituaries/From the Front

OBITUARIES

ANITA MAE WAGNER

Anita Mae Wagner, 80, of Donnellson, IA, passed away at 12:25 a.m. on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at The Madison. She was born on December 18, 1937 in rural Denmark, IA to George J. & Amanda E. Sherwood Fuget. She married Rolland E.



WAGNER

Wagner on June 3, 1955 in Quincy, IL. She worked at Iowa Army Ammunition Plant, Sheaffer Pen Company and Catfish Bend Casino. She loved watching game shows, playing crossword puzzles and going to the casino. She was an advanced cake decorator.

Anita is survived by: her husband: Rolland Wagner of Donnellson, IA; 1-daughter: Amy (Lee) Thomas of Dallas City, IL; 4-sons: Walter (Marilyn) Wagner of Suffolk, VA, Kevin Wagner of Donnellson, IA, Darrell (Ronda Hall) Wagner of Fort Madison, IA & Jay (Jody) Wagner of New London, IA; 8-grandchildren; 2-great grandchildren; 2-sisters: Carole (Ron) McCannon of Keokuk, IA & Barb (Mike) Thompson of Argyle, IA & 1-brother: Joe (Rose) Moore of Donnellson, IA. She was preceded in death by: her parents & 1-daughter: Veva Lea Wagner.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The family will receive friends from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. with the memorial service to immediately follow at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 10, 2018 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Les Featheringill officiating. Burial will be held at Oakland Cemetery in Fort Madison. A memorial has been established in Anita's memory. Online condolences to Anita's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

Program fits in with Future Ready Iowa

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May said the school's commitment to offering a Quality Pre-Apprenticeship Program elevates the skilled trades as a career option. Five Rivers Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC) is the Registered Apprenticeship sponsor with KC Contractors and Seither and Cherry Contractors participating in the Quality Pre-Apprenticeship Program.

"Many students and parents believe college is the only path to a good paying job," May said. "That's not the case. The skilled trades pay well and provide a rewarding career. Carpentry requires strong math skills, excellent problem solving abilities and the ability to

work with your hands."

Growing Registered Apprenticeship Programs in Iowa is a key strategy to help the state reach its Future Ready Iowa goal of having 70 percent of its workforce have education or training beyond high school by 2025.

"We're excited to offer the first Quality Pre-Apprenticeship Program in southeast Iowa," said Adam Magliari, Principal of Keokuk High School. "Expanding work-based learning opportunities to our students will allow them to explore careers such as carpentry and be qualified to start a Registered Apprenticeship in Carpentry upon graduation."

Debra Fox, Business

Marketing Specialist at the IowaWORKS Center in Burlington, helped the high school set up their Quality Pre-Apprenticeship Program in Carpentry.

"I applaud Keokuk High School for starting a Quality Pre-Apprenticeship Program in Carpentry," Fox said. "Students will be exposed to the work of a carpenter and learn if this is the right career for them. Finding a path to a great paying job where you get paid to learn is a smart choice for many job seekers."

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OBITUARIES

LAVERNE M. BOEDING

Laverne M. Boeding, 99, of West Point, Iowa, passed away at 7:26 a.m., Thursday, December 6, 2018, at the West Point Care Center in West Point.

Born September 21, 1919, in Fort Madison, Iowa, the daughter of William and Genevieve (Kramer) Watznauer. On June 24, 1941, she married Paul Boeding in Fort Madison, Iowa. He preceded her in death on April 26, 1999.



BOEDING

Survivors include her four daughters: Carol (Ralph) Pranger of Clarksville, Tennessee, Diane (Robert) Ranck of West Point, Iowa, Joyce Schwenker of Burlington, Iowa and Judy (Kent) Frueh of Castle Rock, Colorado; one son: D.J. Boeding of Fort Madison, Iowa; eight grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; two brothers: Floyd (Deloris) Watznauer of Fort Madison, Iowa and Raymond (Marilyn) Watznauer of West Point, Iowa; two sisters: Rita Miller of Burlington, Iowa and Vera (Richard) Boeding of West Point, Iowa. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband: Paul; her parents; three brothers, five sisters and one grandchild.

Laverne was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church and the Altar and Rosary Society of the church where she had served as past President. She enjoyed playing Bingo, puzzling, dancing, making strawberry preserves and grape jelly to give to her family. Laverne especially enjoyed spending time with her family.

The family will receive friends from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Monday, December 10, 2018 at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church. A Parish Rosary will be recited at 10:00 a.m.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, December 10, 2018, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point with Father Dennis Hoffman as celebrant. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in West Point. A memorial has been established in her memory for West Point Fire and Rescue.

Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements.

On-line condolences to the family may be made at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

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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.



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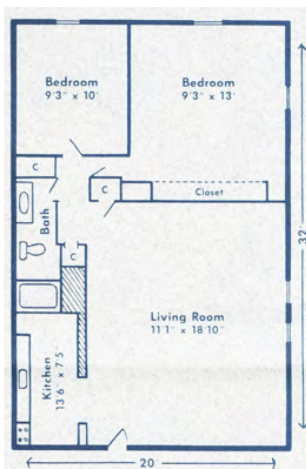
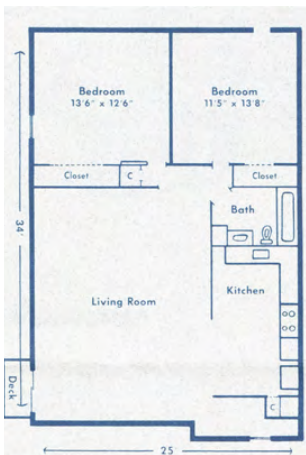
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