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Facility study underway to repurpose ISP campus

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

About 13 people from area economic development groups met with consultants on Wednesday morning regarding a state study looking at how to best utilize the former ISP grounds.

FORT MADISON - A study is officially underway to look at how to best repurpose the property of the historic former Iowa State Penitentiary.

Officials with ISP have held three tours over the past 18 months to allow people a chance to see the retired maximum security prison. Money raised through the tours has helped pay for a study to look at what can be done with the campus.

According to Rebecca Bowker, a spokesperson for ISP, more than 8,200 people have toured the prison in that time. ISP officials have set another tour for Oct. 27. The first tour requested donations to the food pantry for entry, but the other two were charged admission.

Stacey Keller and Mark Sauer with Mead & Hunt Inc. out of Madison, Wis, were awarded the contract from the state to put together a proposal based on information gleaned from officials from the economic development sector, ISP officials, city

and county officials and others involved in helping find a use for the campus located on Fort Madison's southeastern edge.

Wednesday morning, 13 people representing those entities met at Boulders Inn and Suites in Fort Madison to take part in

a roundtable discussion surrounding the historic former prison. An afternoon session was also held with other community members and retired ISP staff.

Bowker said it's her hope the report would be in the See ISP, page 2

FM plant kicks out first of new Siemens blades

Retooling of facility results in new blade, processes

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - According to a Siemens Gamesa release Thursday morning, the plant has produced its first new blade after reconfiguring the facility to the new line earlier this year.

The facility celebrated the completion of the first blades for the SG 3.4-132 wind turbine in the U.S. at its blade manufacturing facility in Fort Madison Wednesday. The SG 3.4-132 is the first new product added to the existing production lines at the company's U.S. facilities since the merger of Siemens Wind Power and Gamesa in April 2017.

The nacelle and hub for this turbine were assembled last month at SGRE's nacelle plant in Hutchinson, Kansas. The wind turbine tower is sourced from a U.S.-based tower manufacturer.

According to the announcement, Fort Madison employees traveled to the company's facilities in Somozas and Aoiz, Spain, for training on the new blade design of the SG 3.4-132 turbine. The

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Lee County Sheriff's deputies talk with a suspect Thursday afternoon after they were called to a domestic assault on Avenue O just west of Fort Madison. John Henry Wilson, of Fort Madison was taken into custody at the scene on a charge of domestic assault with a firearm.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Man arrested Thursday for assault with a firearm

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A Fort Madison man was arrested Thursday afternoon and charged with a domestic firearms assault charge.

Lee County Sheriff's deputies were sent to the 6000 block of Avenue O on Thursday afternoon, where a man had threatened a woman with a gun.

Witnesses said deputies were along the perimeter of the home with weapons drawn, but were able to resolve the matter peacefully.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber said a woman was taken from the home with minor injuries and John Henry Wilson of Fort Madison, was taken into custody and charged with domestic abuse assault with a firearm.

No other injuries were reported as the scene.

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Obituaries/From the Front

OBITUARIES

ARLEN TRELSTAD

Arlen Trelstad, 85, of Montrose passed away on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at 11:20 AM at the Ft. Madison Community Hospital.



TRELSTAD

He was born on December 27, 1932 in Waseca, MN to Art and Myrtle Magnuson Trelstad. On June 14, 1958 he married Carolyn Turnquist. Arlen worked at Armour

Dial and retired after 38 years of service. He served in the US Army. Arlen ran a yardwork business with his son Kenny for many years. He loved being outdoors, riding his golf cart and doing all he could to keep Montrose

beautiful.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Trelstad of Montrose; five sons, Kenneth Trelstad of Montrose, Greg Trelstad of Burlington, Tim Trelstad of Le-Claire, IA, Tom Trelstad of Kansas City, MO and Rich Trelstad of Ft. Madison; three grandchildren and one brother, Mel Trelstad of Red Wing, MN. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mary.

Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A private burial will take place in Montrose Cemetery.

Online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.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.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

FRI 31 Aug		Heavy Intensity Rain High- 77.4° F Low - 75.8° F
SAT 01 Sep		Moderate Rain High- 84.5° F Low - 69.7° F
SUN 02 Sep		Moderate Rain High- 84.2° F Low - 74.7° F
MON 03 Sep		Light Rain High- 84.4° F Low - 74.7° F
TUE 04 Sep		Light Rain High- 85.8° F Low - 74.0° F

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Economic officials don't see large manufacturer in the picture

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hands of Iowa officials by October and talks would be underway with the state for the use of the campus prior to the end of the year. She said the state is spending about \$30,000 a month in utilities and sewer charges currently on the old facility.

Keller, the project manager and an historic architect with the Mead & Hunt, said most of the main buildings on the property range from fair to very good condition and the hurdles that are in the way are nothing that would prevent rehab efforts.

Rick Kready, Vice President of Operations for Pioneer Group and a consultant for Mead & Hunt, also has a position with Historic Preservation Partners, a group that has rehabbed historic structures across the nation. Kready, Sauer and Keller all toured the grounds with Bowker and said there is certainly work to be done, but Kready said nothing should scare the group.

"What we saw in there really is kinda normal stuff," Kready said. "You got the lead paint and the asbestos, but believe me, that's not a big thing - it's not scary anymore."

Kready said he's taken on bigger projects with bigger hurdles than the prison has in front of it. He said tax credits are available for certain buildings on the property, but not all of them, so he said he was recommending the prison campus be nominated as an historical district so all the facilities would be eligible for state and federal tax credits and incentives.

He told the group about a large historical veteran's administration facility in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, just outside of Kansas City, that he was part of rehabilitating and now is an

award-winning project.

Bowker said the demographics of such a project would be different in Fort Madison, because the city doesn't have the metro support to draw from that the VA project had.

Kready said it takes some cold calling and digging, but developers and tenants can be found for most projects.

Sauer said the campus encompasses about 80 acres, which is similar to DuPont's or Pinnacle's property, so manufacturing interests could be a way to market the property. He also said south-east Iowa has a moderate to low-income housing shortage and housing could also be a consideration.

Others in attendance included Tim Gobble of Fort Madison Partners; Joe Steil and Dennis Fraise with Lee County Economic Development Group; Bryan Bross, a physical engineer with Klingner Associates of Burlington; Tracey Lamm of Southeast Iowa Regional Planning; Don Weiss of Southeastern Community College; Kirk Brandenburger of Keokuk Area Convention and Tourism; and Chelsey Lerud of Greater Burlington Partnership.

Steil said he could envision a "city within a city" where retail, housing, professional services and other unique entities come together to take advantage of the history of the buildings creating a tourist area similar to villages in other Iowa cities.

"Most importantly, and I don't know if your study goes this far, but tell us how this compliments Fort Madison and the region so it becomes that destination point and had that blend of different cultures of things people might be looking for," he said. "A little city within a city."



STEIL

Fraise said Fort Madison's downtown and the former Sheaffer

Pen building should all be a part of the research process to create a district mentality. Fraise even suggested an escape room be a part of larger corporate retreat that would be attractive to corporations all over the country, especially considering the grounds it's built upon.

"It's just more arrows in the quiver," Fraise said. "I think our challenge is here is that there's no shortage of really great ideas, but it's going to be honing those down to that handful we can concentrate on. You could have this conversation ad nauseum. At some point you have to be able to focus on something."

Gobble said a lot of the conversations are regurgitations of ideas that people have been talking about for years.

Bross talked about a project in Burlington where the hospital was going to raze it's former practice building downtown, but offered that money to private investors to repurpose the building and then grant money and investments were secured to rehab the building which is now full of tenants. But many of those tenants such as professional services and retail were already operating in the city.

Bowker said the city would need to be careful to not draw business from downtown into a new vision out there and then hurt the downtown.

Weiss brought up a facility in Fairfield, which is used as a co-op facility in a former turn-of-the-century law office, where meeting space and office space

and services are available for monthly rental.

"I really like the idea of multi-use facility that includes residential, convention, hotel, recreation, parks and hiking trails," he said. "I think it's a unique opportunity that you're not going to find anywhere else, and I really think we need to capitalize on the uniqueness of that."

Other ideas that were talked about included incubator facilities, boutique hotels, niche businesses, mental health facilities, area jail overflow, and restaurants.

Bross said whichever way the study goes, the state is going to want to see a pretty defined vision for the project.

"They're going to want to see a plan. They're gonna want to see the vision and then make a decision to follow the direction we want to go," Bross said.

Keller said the three-day meetings are meant to generate three good ideas to present to the state. She said the report will then be turned over to the state's Department of Administration for consideration by different areas of the government that could lend support to the ideas.

Gobble said he envisioned a campus with niche shops, specialized rooms, with lower level retail and the upper story apartments..

Fraise said he didn't think the area is capable of attracting a large scale manufacturer, so the smaller scale repurposing of the campus was probably a more workable plan.

"Whatever we do has to mesh really well," Fraise said. "It has to be a cohesive plan that makes sense so we don't have something over here that's a detriment to all things over there. It's so unique that we could almost build a brand around this asset."

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For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

08/27/18 - 1:14 p.m. Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident at the intersection of 19th Street and Avenue H.
 08/27/18 - 1:28 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 1300 block of Avenue G.
 08/27/18 - 4:52 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1000 block of Avenue D.
 08/27/18 - 5:51 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a shoplifter in the 4800 block of Avenue O.
 08/27/18 - 6:15 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1200 block of Avenue D.

08/27/18 - 8:25 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary on Storms Ct.
 08/27/18 - 11:06 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1500 block of Avenue M.
 08/28/18 - 11:45 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 3000 block of Avenue J.
 08/28/18 - 5:51 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Kyra Lee Cruz, 18, of Montrose in the 4800 block of Avenue O, on a charge of fifth-degree theft. She was released on a promise to appear.
 08/28/18 - 8:18 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Ryan Anthony Bahl, 44, of Fort Madison in the 300 block of 22nd Street on a charge of disorderly

conduct- disturbing the peace, public intoxication, and reckless use of a firearm. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/29/18 - 12:30 p.m.. - Fort Madison Police cited Stoney Keelan Morse, 27, of Fort Madison, in the 1500 block of Avenue M on a charge of trespassing. He was released upon citation.
 08/29/18 - 11:05 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1900 block of Avenue H.
 08/29/18 - 11:19 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 5200 block of River Valley Road.
 08/29/18 - 11:25 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the

1500 block of Avenue M.
 08/29/18 - 12:24 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1200 block of 37th Street.
 08/29/18 - 3:03 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a shoplifter in the 1900 block of Avenue H.
 08/29/18 - 3:39 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue M.
 08/29/18 - 5:34 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in 1000 block of Avenue E.
 08/30/18 - 7:58 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at 19th Street and Avenue H.

08/29/18 - 8:04 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at 32nd Street and Avenue K.

Lee County Sheriff's report

08/28/18 - 8:18 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Trenton Darius Gosnell, 22, of Montrose, in the 2400 block of Peach Orchard, on charges of driving while license revoked, public intoxication, and a warrant first-degree harassment. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/28/18 - 1:51 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Bonnie Jean Andrews, 47, of Hamilton, Ill., in the 900 block Tamea Street in Keokuk on charges of 3rd-degree

burglary and trespassing. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/28/18 - 3:20 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Trenton Darius Gosnell, 22, of Montrose at the sheriff's office on a charge of criminal trespass. He was held in custody. *Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report

08/28/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to two assists, four medical, two down powerlines and one smoke detector investigation
 08/29/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical and one vehicle accident.

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



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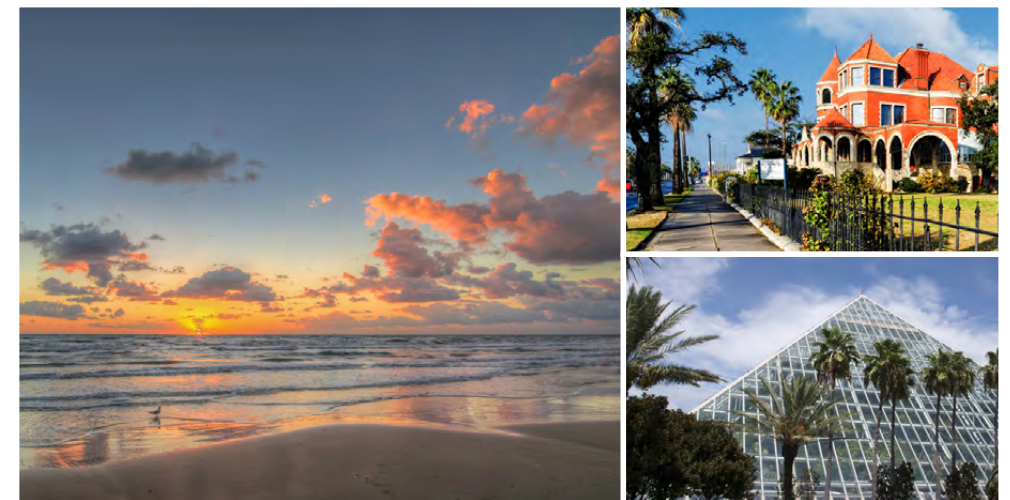
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Sports

Crusaders serve up three-game win over Danville



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Holy Trinity's Emily Box (3) and Claire Pothitakis put a block wall in front of Danville's Isabella Smith on Thursday. The Crusaders downed Danville in 25-12, 25-5, 25-8 for their first win of the season.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DANVILLE - While some teams in the state have played as many as a dozen matches, the wait for the Holy Trinity Catholic volleyball girls came to an end Thursday night as they got on the court in Danville for the first time this season...

...And now they'll take 10 days off.

The 4th-ranked Class 1A Crusaders made relatively quick work of the Bears with a 25-12, 25-5, 25-8 win moving to 1-0 on the year.

Danville had two leads on the night, both at 1-0 in the first and third games of the night, but the Crusaders took advantage of some stellar serving from senior Taylor Boeding and a dominant net game from All-State hitter Emily Box.

The 5'11" senior forced the Bears to play up and over most of the night at the net. Box, along

with senior Eryn Anderson and newcomer Katie Denning, put up a formidable wall making attacking difficult from the other side of the net.

After Anderson netted the first serve of the night, Danville shanked their first serve and then Boeding, foreshadowing a stellar serving performance in the second game, rattled off five straight serves to give HTC a 6-1 lead. Box had three kills in the stretch. Danville's Isabella Smith ended the run on a score at 6-2, but the Bears couldn't keep the serve as Box killed to give it back to the Crusaders.

Sophomore Bailey Hellweg then took advantage of four straight miscues on the Danville side to push HTC's lead to 10-3, with Smith ending the rally. Danville didn't get the ball in play on the next serve and HTC's Mya Lawlor put together three straight points off serves that the Bears couldn't get back over. At 15-4, the Bears went on a 7-1 run as the Crusaders

seemed to get a bit jittery midway through the first game.

Danville's Avery Boyer and Karleigh Miller, both sophomores, were able to find the floor on the HTC side during the run that ended when Ashlee Duerksen hit a shot long to give the ball back to HTC.

Holy Trinity then got their legs back with a kill from Box at 18-11 and then Boeding took over with serving, hitting a couple aces, running the Bears out of game one with five straight, capped off by a perfect assist to Box who finished the game with a smash to the right corner.

Head Coach Melissa Freesmeier said the Crusaders were a little tight at the beginning.

"We were a little tight I thought in that first game," she said. "I expected that. We missed that first serve and then

had some hitting errors, but I'm happy with the way the match went and I thought we did some really good things we can build on."

After Box quickly put the first serve of game two by Danville on the floor, Boeding continued from the line and ripped off 14 straight serves, including three aces and had Danville back on its heels trying to figure out a way to stop the run. Denning had a kill in the run, but the Crusaders didn't get a chance to put their high-octane offense in gear as Danville tried to figure a way to get a side out.

At 15-0, Boeding sent one beyond the line and went to the pre-point huddle with a smile. Danville didn't get much going the rest of the way as Hellweg, Box, and Katie Scoville put the match away from the service line. Box and Lawlor both had kills in the run as HTC took game two 25-5.

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Fort Madison plant has produced more than 16,000 blades

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64-meter blades deploy a design where the components of the blades are cast in two segments and then glued into the shell pieces to produce a full blade. Teams from Spain and India joined the Fort Madison team to implement the new blade mold and production process and provide training support. Earlier this year, employees from Hutchinson, Kansas, traveled to the company's nacelle assembly facility in Ágreda, Spain, where they learned the build process, tooling requirements and quality documentation needed to produce the SG 3.4-132.

"The global cooperation across the various teams demonstrates the synergies of two industry leaders – now united – and our commitment to offer best-in-class leveled cost of energy to U.S. wind power installations," said Alfred Richter, VP of Operations in North America, Siemens Gamesa Renewable

Energy. "This milestone marks a major accomplishment for our facilities in Fort Madison and Hutchinson. Their ability to quickly learn new processes and apply their expertise to safely deliver a quality product to meet the demands of our customers is truly outstanding."

As previously announced, the company's two facilities were retooled to accommodate the updated product portfolio. These capital investments enabled the locations to expand their capabilities to meet varying market demands. Since opening, Fort Madison has produced nearly 16,500 blades and Hutchinson has assembled nearly 4,000 nacelles and hubs for various projects across North and South America.

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Friday, September 14th
5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
@ the Fort Madison High School Track

- 5:00 PM** Team Registration & Set up
Survivor Registration
Survivor Reception
Relay For Life BBQ
- 6:30 PM** Opening Ceremony
- 8:30 PM** Luminaria Ceremony
- 9:30 PM** Pizza Party
- 10:30 PM** Fight Back Closing Ceremony



Sports

Crusaders now have 10-day break before next match

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Sophomore Claire Pothitakis attacks during game three of the Crusaders sweep over Danville Thursday night on the road.

Game three saw more action at the net as Box and Denning went to work defensively as they combined for three blocks as HTC



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raced to a 14-2 win. Box finished points at 12,13, and 14. Scoville put up three more service points with the help of a kill from Lawlor from the left side of the net at 17-5. Boeding would get in on the action at the net in game three with three straight kills with freshman Kassi Randolph serving to put the Crusaders up 24-8. Box would end the night with a kill on the next point.

With the Tri-State Rodeo following up the Labor Day holiday, the Crusaders are off until Sept. 11 when they travel to Burlington Notre Dame.

Box said solid serving and Danville's struggles kept her out of her game frequently during the match.

"These games are always tough because you don't get a lot of action across the net," Box said. "But I just have to be patient and wait for the opportunities, and then be prepared for the games where we do get a lot of action at the net."

Freesmeier said despite not getting to work the offense as much as she'd have liked, the team didn't really suffer any slumps.

"We were in our offense when we could be, but our serve kept them off their game," she said. "We didn't get a lot of chances to attack the ball. But we never had a let down and I was happy with that."

The Crusaders rotated in Denning, Hellweg, and Randolph, and sophomore Claire Pothitakis throughout the match and Freesmeier said she was happy with the play of her underclassman.

"They're growing up," Freesmeier said. "We've been practicing for four weeks

now and we needed a game to see where we're at. They did some really good things that we wanted them to with some big blocks up front and they put the ball in some nice places so we're just gonna get better."

Box said she'd rather play again tomorrow, but the 10-day break shouldn't create a problem.

"We've been waiting for this for four weeks, but it seems like forever," she said. "Getting a small taste of getting a game in, it's hard not to want to play tomorrow. But we have to wait, keep practicing, and see what comes."

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-Melissa Freesmeier,
HTC Head Coach

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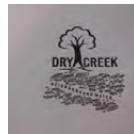
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