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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Cory Bohnenkamp pulls channel cat from his hold on Sunday afternoon. Bohnenkamp and his teammate Brandon Ruffcorn had a grand total of 28.3 lbs, but had a big fish of 8.7 lbs.

Catfish tourney raises thousands for the Dan Meyer family

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A gray morning with a bleak forecast pushed the 1st ever Dan Meyer Memorial Catfish tour-

namment back a day, but that didn't stop anglers from coming from as far as Wisconsin to pull channel cat from Pool 19 Sunday morning.

The first annual Dan Meyer Memorial tournament was met with

some biting winds on the Mississippi, but more than 80 anglers showed up for a 7 a.m. start.

Annie Meyer, who helped put the tournament together with her husband Calvin, said the event raised a total of

just under \$2,000 for the fishing portion alone. There was also a free-will fish fry at the Eagles Club in Fort Madison where awards were given out and a raffle was held

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EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



Stowaway dryer sheet softens day

I needed Ginnie to help me string the electric chicken wire fence—her to hold the roll while I shoved the stakes in the ground. I figured it would be a good time for her and me to work together outdoors, on the farm, in the fresh air. I was right.

It was rather cold and windy the morning of our fence building, so we had to bundle up proper. I spied Ginnie stuffing facial tissue in her coat pocket to blow her nose on. I told her that farmers didn't use tissue outdoors, they blew their noses on the ground. She told me that when she's tried it in the past that she wound up getting it all over her, so she guessed she wouldn't make a good farmer. I let her have her way.

When we were outdoors stringing wire mesh, and trying to figure out how the fence worked as we unfolded it, I kept smelling something quite fragrant in the air. Knowing it surely wasn't the chickens, and not seeing any trees or flowers in bloom nearby, I deduced that it was the presence of Ginnie. What a pleasant feeling, to scent the fragrance of your wife while doing an otherwise, kinda-sorta, nasty job. It made the whole day pleasantly odoriferous. When I commented about her fragrance, Ginnie acted a little confused but accepted the compliment with a self-congratulatory grin.

After stringing the wire mesh, hooking up the solar energizer, and getting zapped a couple of times, I figured out that maybe I ought to use the included voltage meter.

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FMHS wraps Dinner Theater

ANIAH ROSS
PCC FMHS INTERN

FORT MADISON - This last weekend was an epic and emotional performance for the Fort Madison High School Music Department.

Dinner Theater is held near the end of every

school year, usually with a different theme each year. The theme this year was Around the World, including songs from the Beatles, Shakira, and Toto. Both of the Jazz Bands and the Show Choir also performed for their last time this season. Some of the seniors even sang their

hearts out with their own solos.

This year's music department seniors were full of tears at Saturday night's performance. Most of them have been here all four years. Saying goodbye to something

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Photo by Shawna Ross/PCC

The FMHS music department wrapped up its annual dinner theater production Saturday night with some songs from Around the World.

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HTC TAPS 8th Annual Bunny Hop Event – March 31st, 2018

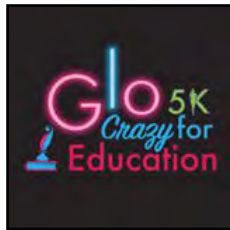


WEST POINT - HTC Bunny Hop 5K Run/Walk or 10K Run event. Saturday, March 31st beginning at the West Point Library. Registration begins at 8:00a.m. The race begins at 9 a.m. Pre-registration before March 23rd is \$20 & includes t-shirt. Registration on or after March 23rd is \$25. Drinks and light snacks will be provided for participants. Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place finishers in each age group. Registration forms can be found here or www.holytrinitieschools.org. [Click here](#) to download & print your registration form.

Lee County Bridges group to hold Keokuk community-wide meeting April 9

The steering committee is hosting the next community-wide Bridges out of Poverty training in Keokuk on April 9th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church located at 1101 Blondeau Street. The Public is invited to attend

Glo Crazy for Education run set for April 7



FORT MADISON - A 5K run/walk will be held on April 7 at Baxter Sports Complex beginning at 8 p.m. Proceeds from the event will go to the Elliott Test Kitchen in Fort Madison. The event is being put on by Fort Madison service clubs including Fort Madison Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary clubs as well as the Fort Madison High School key club. Registration can be done at www.pencitycurrent.com/glo-crazy/.

Day putting up fence was time well spent

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I'm more of a short-it-out-with-a-screwdriver-kind-of-guy. (There were explicit warnings against this in the instructions, which I read only after building the fence.) When I applied the voltage meter to the fence I was taken aback. The voltage fluctuated between 4,000 and 8,000 volts. Holy moly, guacamole! If that doesn't keep the chickens in and the mink out, I don't know what will.

All-in-all, I was pleased with the fence that Ginnie and I built. And I didn't do any yelling or cussing (except when I got zapped). When we made a mistake, and there were a couple of those, I just accepted it as part of the experience and moved on. Ginnie and I were having too much fun working together to ruin it by a raised voice. I remember our wedding vows: "No yelling except if the teepee's burning down." When you're pushing

70, you're more able to discern what's important in life and what isn't. If an error costs you five extra minutes, or an hour, or a day, what's the big deal in comparison to a loving relationship?

After a day of building chicken fence, I had my courage up. "Tomorrow," I told Ginnie. "We're building a pen for the bucket calf."

"Do I get to bring tissue with me?" she asked.

Working outdoors for the better part of a day, in the sun and wind, and that heavenly fragrance, had our appetites worked up. I was starving. Ginnie went in the house to throw together a meatloaf, while I picked up the tools. The hardest part of any job, I've noticed over the years, is getting started and cleaning up. With Ginnie gone, however, I noticed that fragrance was still in the air. Odd.



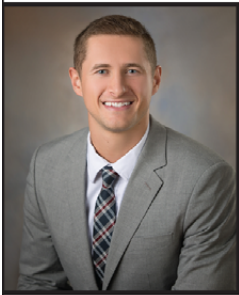
I gathered up the last couple of eggs (11 hens, 11 eggs) from the hen house and went indoors, looking forward to a hot shower and hot food. The meatloaf was smelling mighty good and there was that fragrance again, all mixed in with the meatloaf. I took off my coat and long-sleeved shirt, and what fell out of the sleeve?—a dryer sheet!

Mercy sakes, alive! And I thought I had been in heaven all day.

Actually, I had.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm In Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at curtswarm@yahoo.com or find him on Facebook. Curt's stories are also read at 106.3 FM in Farmington.

Two heads are better than one.



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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



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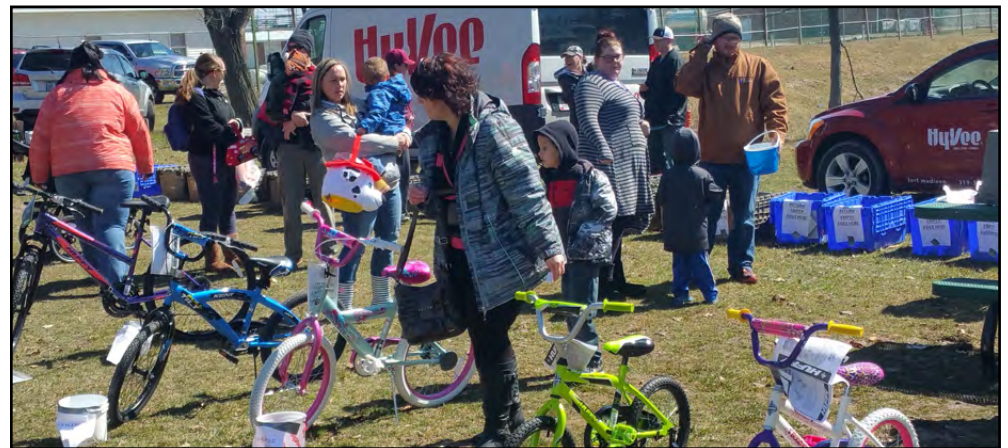
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Scene Around Town



The Easter Bunny made its annual visit to the Fort Madison Community Easter Egg Hunt organized by Hy-Vee Food Stores. Hy-Vee then gave out food and bicycles depending on the prizes in the 1000s of eggs. Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC



Spring Cleaning

Keep it green!

This year, do your part to keep our environment clean, too! Here are just a few of the ways you can help:

- Properly dispose of your household hazardous waste materials, construction debris, & electronic waste
- Use environmentally-safe cleaning products
- Reduce • Reuse • Recycle
- Check our website for proper disposal methods, acceptable materials, & more



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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Great River Regional Waste Authority Is accepting bids for the mowing of its properties located at 2092 303rd ave in Fort Madison and 111 Carbide lane in Keokuk.

Bids must be received by April 2nd by 4:00 p.m.

It is recommended that all bidders look at the properties before submitting their bids.

Bids shall be for mowing services, weed eating every week (Unless not recommended by GRRWA) and also spraying weeds if needed.

Bids need to be sent to: Great River Regional Waste Authority, 2092 303rd Ave. Fort Madison Iowa 52627 and to the Attention of: Wade Hamm.

PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WEST POINT UTILITY SYSTEM

WEST POINT, IOWA March 13th, 2018

The West Point Municipal Utility System Board of Trustees met in regular session at, West Point City Hall, West Point, Iowa

52656 on March 13th, 2018. Board Chairman Randy Welding presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board Members Ted Vonderhaar and Brian Schmitz both present. Tentative agenda was approved by consensus Status of delinquent accounts was discussed and considered by Board Members in detail. Field operations report, as prepared by Utility Super-

intendent, was discussed by Board Members in detail.

Board Chairman was reported on the following: The next regular Utility System Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday , April 10th, 2018 at West Point City Hall 5:30 p.m. and is open to the public. On motion, minutes of prior regular meeting of February 13th, 2018 was approved. On motion, approved warrants

payable for March 2018 as presented. On motion, meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m., March 13th, 2018.

EXPENDITURES FOR FEBRUARY 2018

ALTORFER INC. -SUPPLIES	4,074.89
CULLEN CONSTRUCTION - REPAIR	2,238.54
DAILY DEMOCRAT-LEGAL PUBLICATION	9.23
DELTA DENTAL - INSURANCE	135.50
DRAKE HARDWARE - ANTIVIRUS RENEWAL	78.12
EFTPS - FED/FICA TAX	4,004.12
FASTENAL - PARTS	14.90
FLETCHER-REINHARDT INC. - SUPPLIES	3,487.24
FLOYDS EZWAY - TRASH PICK UP	120.00
HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE - SUPPLIES	163.88
IA DEPT OF REVENUE - PROPERTY TAX	19.57
IPERS -RETIREMENT	2,317.68
MC FARLAND - SUPPLIES	46.12
MASTERCARD - UNIFORM	432.28
MEDIACOM - TELEPHONE	309.80
MENKE PROFESSIONAL - SUPPLIES	36.45
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY CO. - HANHELD BATTERY	806.83
PETTY CASH	12.59
RATHBUN REGIONAL WATER - WATER PURCHASE	6,795.00
RESALE POWER GROUP OF IOWA - ELECTRIC PURCHASE	60,066.26
RICHOH USA - COPIER	71.73
SENSUS USA - ANNUAL SOFTWARE	1,949.94
SONNY'S SUPERMARKET - SUPPLIES	22.44
STATE AUDITOR - ANNUAL EXAM	125.00
STATE HYGIENIC LAB - LAB FEES	13.00
STUART C. IRBY - PARTS	217.21
T&R ELECTRIC - TRANSFORMER	7,845.00
TASCO - PAGER SERVICE	114.20
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA - SALES TAX	3,956.89
UPS - SHIPPING	9.81
US POSTAL SERVICE - STAMPS	476.60
UNION SECURITY INS. - INSURANCE	167.04
WELLMARK BC/BS OF IOWA - INSURANCE	2,022.03
WEST POINT LUMBER-KEYS	7.66
WEST POINT UTILITIES - UTILITY CHARGES	1,907.45
WEX BANK - GASOLINE	447.95
WIEGAND, TED - AUDIT SERVICES	1,979.11
WINDSTREAM - TELE-	

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Denise Fraise, Commissioner of Elections of Lee County, Iowa do hereby certify this ballot as a correct copy of the regular ballot to be used in the polling places at the Special Election on April 3, 2018.

Notice - - Curbside Voting

Any voter who is physically unable to enter a polling place has the right to vote in the voter's vehicle. Please contact the County Auditor's Office for details. You may contact us by phone at (319) 372-3705

or by email at auditor@leecounty.org.

Any voter who has not yet registered to vote, may do so at the polls. They will need to provide proof of residency and identity and should plan on extra time for the transaction. Acceptable forms of ID are a current Iowa Driver's license or another ID as long as it contains a photo and is current, valid and contains an expiration date. Acceptable forms of residency are a current (within 45 days) residential lease, property

tax statement, utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government documents.

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cannot show ID may have their identity attested to by another registered voter in the same precinct who has proper ID. Starting January 1, 2019, all voters will be required to present an approved form of identification. For additional information about voter identification visit <https://sos.iowa.gov/voterid> or phone (319) 372-3705.

The polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES APRIL 3, 2018

CENTRAL LEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Central Lee High School 2642 HWY 281 Donnellson

OFFICIAL SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT

<p>Lee County, State of Iowa</p> <p>Official Ballot Special Election April 3, 2018</p> <p><i>Denise Fraise</i></p> <p>Denise Fraise County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections</p> <p>INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER</p> <p>1. Voting Mark. To vote, fill in the oval next to your choice. <input type="radio"/> First Choice <input checked="" type="radio"/> Second Choice</p> <p>2. Use only a black pen to mark your ballot, unless a marking device is provided by an election official.</p> <p>3. Do not cross out. If you change your mind, exchange your ballot for a new one.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PUBLIC MEASURE</p> <p>Notice to voters. To vote to approve any question on this ballot, fill in the oval in front of the word "Yes". To vote against a question, fill in the oval in front of the word "No".</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Measure B</p> <p>Shall the following Public Measure be adopted?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p> <p>Shall the Board of Directors of the Central Lee Community School District, in Lee County, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue general obligation bonds in an amount not exceeding \$9,800,000 for the purposes of furnishing, equipping, constructing, improving, repairing and renovating school buildings and improving the sites therefor at the school district's existing school buildings, including: (a) the expansion of the high school building to include a competition/performance gymnasium addition with new locker rooms and weight rooms, (b) an addition of a new commons area in the high school building to resolve space and functional needs, (c) new office space and entryway areas in the K-8 and high school buildings to improve security, (d) renovations of the K-8 building for a new early childhood center and (e) parking and site Improvements for the school district campus to improve access and safety?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Central Lee High School</p>	
CN	____Precinct Official's Initials	Typ:01 Seq:0001 Spl:01

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the Lee County Correctional Facility located at 2530 255th St. Montrose, IA. This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of Sec.

49.53, Code of Iowa. Denise Fraise Lee County Auditor & Commissioner of Elections

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/s/ Randy Welding, Chair-
man
Attest: Dawn M. Holt-
kamp, Billing & Collection

PUBLIC NOTICE
Fort Madison
Community School
District
1930 Avenue M
Minutes of the
Regular Meeting
March 19, 2018

I. The meeting was called to order by President Wondra at 6:05 p.m. Directors DiPrima, Hope, Young, Troxel and Ross were present. Also present were Superintendent Slater, Director of Curriculum and Student Services Harmon and Secretary Elmore. Director Hotop was absent.

II. Recognition of guests. President Wondra welcomed members of the audience in attendance and explained the procedures for the meeting.

III. Reading of Foundation documents. The Board read and reviewed the Foundation documents consisting of the Vision, Mission and Belief statements and the Goals for the Fort Madison Community School District.

IV. Monthly communications

A. Student Rep report. There was none.

B. Curriculum Corner. Teachers Jessica Gutzman and Kay Peterson shared information from a Special Education conference that they had recently attended.

C. "Did You Know?" The "Did You Know?" document was accepted as presented.

D. Superintendent Goal Report. Superintendent Slater provided an update on the indicators of progress towards the Board's established goals.

E. District Presentations. The Board received information regarding the Reading Conference that several teachers from the Fort Madison Community School District had recently attended.

V. Approve the agenda. It was moved by Young and seconded by Troxel to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

VI. Consent agenda. It was moved by Young and seconded by Ross to approve the consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the February 20, 2018 regular meeting, March 5, 2018, work session; financial reports for the monthly balance sheet, revenue summary sheet, expenditure report and student activity report, accounts payable for the February and March General Account Board Bills for Approval, the Student Activity Account

Board Bills for Approval and the Nutrition Account Board Bills for Approval; resignations from John Nagel as HS baseball coach, Mark Kammerer as bus driver, Kent Bailey as HS asst. girls basketball coach, Andrew Troxel as HS asst. football coach and Stacey Alvarez as dance team coach. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

VII. Action Items

A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services.
B. Superintendent.
Consider approval of the request for travel from Patrick Lamb, Brent Zirkel and Tim Wondra to attend the annual safety conference in Orlando, FL, July 23-27, 2018. The Board reviewed the trip request. Discussion followed. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Hope to approve the request

from Patrick Lamb, Brent Zirkel and Tim Wondra to attend the annual safety conference in Orlando, FL, July 23-27, 2018 as presented. The motion passed on a 5-0 voice vote with Director Wondra abstaining from the vote.
2. Consider approval of the request for travel from Jesse Frank, Middle School Student Council advisor, requesting permission to travel

to Six Flags in Eureka, MO on May 18, 2018. The Board reviewed the trip request. Discussion followed. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Troxel to approve the request from Jesse Frank, Middle School Student Council advisor, requesting permission to travel to Six Flags in Eureka, MO on May 18, 2018 as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

3. Consider approval of the request for travel from Liz Wesinger, DECA advisor requesting permission to travel to Atlanta, GA to attend the International Career Development Conference April 21-25, 2018. The Board reviewed the trip request. Discussion followed. It was moved by Young and seconded by DiPrima to approve the request from Liz Wesinger, DECA advisor re-

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Washington/Green Bay Twps & Union Twp in Des Moines County

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Denmark/Pleasant Ridge/ West Point/Cedar/Franklin/Marion & West Point Twps/WestPoint/Houghton/St. Paul Cities & Baltimore Twp in Henry County
West Point Library
317 5th St. West Point

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questing permission to travel to Atlanta, GA to attend the International Career Development Conference April 21-25, 2018 as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

4. Consider approval of the sharing agreement between FMCS and Keokuk High School for Girls Swimming for the 2018-2019 school year. The Board reviewed the sharing agreement. Discussion followed. It was moved by Ross and seconded by DiPrima to approve the sharing agreement between FMCS and Keokuk High School for Girls Swimming for the 2018-2019 school year as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

5. Consider approval of the sharing agreement between FMCS and Central Lee High School for Wrestling for the 2018-2019 school year. The Board reviewed the sharing agreement. Discussion followed. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Ross to approve the sharing agreement between FMCS and Central Lee High School for Wrestling for the 2018-2019 school year as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

6. Consider approval of the sharing agreement between FMCS and Holy Trinity for Girls Track and Field for the 2018-2019 school year. The Board reviewed the sharing agreement. Discussion followed. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Troxel to approve the sharing agreement between FMCS and Holy Trinity for Girls Track and Field for the 2018-2019 school year as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

voice vote.

7. Consider approval of the sharing agreement between FMCS and Holy Trinity for Boys Track and Field for the 2018-2019 school year. The Board reviewed the sharing agreement. Discussion followed. It was moved by Young and seconded by Hope to approve the sharing agreement between FMCS and Holy Trinity for Boys Track and Field for the 2018-2019 school year as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

8. Consider approval of the sharing agreement between FMCS and Holy Trinity for Boys Tennis for the 2018-2019 school year. The Board reviewed the sharing agreement. Discussion followed. It was moved by DiPrima to approve the sharing agreement between FMCS and Holy Trinity for Boys Tennis for the 2018-2019 school year as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

9. Consider approval of the sharing agreement between FMCS and Holy Trinity for Girls Cross Country. The Board reviewed the sharing agreement. Discussion followed. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Ross to approve the sharing agreement between FMCS and Holy Trinity for Girls Cross Country for the 2018-2019 school year as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

10. Consider approval of the sharing agreement between FMCS and Holy Trinity for Girls Softball. The Board reviewed the sharing agreement. Discussion followed. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Ross to approve the sharing agreement between FMCS and Holy Trinity for Girls Softball for the 2018-2019 school year as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

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11. Consider approval of the sharing agreement between FMCS and Holy Trinity for Wrestling. The Board reviewed the sharing agreement. Discussion followed. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Hope to approve the sharing agreement between FMCS and Holy Trinity for Wrestling for the 2018-2019 school year as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

12. Set time and date for public hearing regarding hours/days of instruction for 2018-2019 school year. The Board discussed the need to establish a time and date for a public hearing regarding the hours/days of instruction for the 2018-2019 school year. It was moved by Troxel and seconded by Ross to establish the public hearing date for April 9, 2018 at 5:05 p.m. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

C. Board Secretary/Business Manager.

1. Consider approval of the construction contract with lowest responsible bidder for the roof improvements at the High School. Kevin Moon presented the bid results. Discussion followed. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Ross to approve the roof improvements bid from Pella Roofing and Insulation in the amount of \$93,670. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

VIII. Discussion Items
A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services

1. Winter Map Data. Director of Student Services Kim Harmon reviewed Winter achievement data with the Board. Discussion followed.

Superintendent

1. Review policy #503.3 – 504.11, 507.2-E-2 and 904.2. The board reviewed the policies listed. These policies will be brought back at a later meeting for final approval.

2. P3 Campus Update. Superintendent Slater gave a P3 Campus update and shared recent statistics from the service.

3. Certified Employee Attendance. The certified staff attendance report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

4. Board Member Attendance. The Board reviewed and discussed the Board member attendance report.

5. Discuss plans for employee retirement dinner. The Employee Retirement dinner is to be held on May 15, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

C. Board Secretary/Business Manager.

IX. Comments from the audience. There were none.

X. Legislative update. The Board received a legislative update.

XI. Announcements.
April 9, 2018, 5:00 p.m., Public Hearing - Certified Budget for FY18-19 – Central Office

April 9, 2018, 5:05 p.m., Public Hearing - Hours vs. Days of Instruction – Central Office

April 9, 2018, 5:10 p.m., Special Meeting – Approve Certified Budget for FY18-19 and Hours vs Days of Instruction – Central Office

April 9, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Work Session - Guiding Coalition Discussion – Richardson Elementary

April 23, 2018, 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting – Central Office

April 24, 2018, 10:00 a.m. Board Instructional Tour of Richardson Preschool and Carousel Preschool

Future work sessions:
May 7, 2018, 6:00 p.m. Work Session - High School and Middle School Guiding Coalition Discussion - HS Library

Break: 8:10 p.m.

End Break: 8:20 p.m.

XII. Closed Session to review confidential records and to consider to suspend or expel a student as per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(a) and 21.5(1)(e) - Student A. It was moved by Hope and seconded by DiPrima that a closed session be held as authorized by the Open Meetings Law codified at Section 21.5(1)(a) of the Code of Iowa to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential and to also include in this closed session a hearing as authorized by the Open Meetings Law codified at Section 21.5(1)(e) of the Code of Iowa to determine whether to suspend or expel a student, unless an open session is requested by the student or a parent or guardian of the student if the student is a minor. A roll call vote was administered with Directors Ross, Hope DiPrima, Troxel, Young and Wondra all responding Aye.

8:21 p.m. Enter Closed Session

8:37 p.m. Return to Open Session

XIII. Consider approval of expulsion of Student A. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Wondra to approve the parental consent agreement and expel Student A who was the subject of the previously held closed session. A roll call vote was administered with Directors Hope, Ross, Troxel, Young, Wondra and DiPrima all responding Aye.

XIV. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Tim Wondra, President
March 19, 2018
Sandy Elmore, Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE
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Community School
District
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Minutes of the
Public Hearing
March 19, 2018

I. The meeting was

called to order by President Wondra at 6:01 p.m. Directors DiPrima, Hope, Young, Troxel and Ross were present. Also present Superintendent Slater, Director of Curriculum and Student Service Harmon and Secretary Elmore. Director Hotop was absent.

II. Approve the agenda. It was moved by Hope and seconded by Young to approve the agenda. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

III. Roof Improvements at Senior High School. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive written and oral comments regarding the Senior High Roof Improvements project.

IV. Receive written comments. President Wondra asked for any written comments. There were none.

V. Receive oral comments. President Wondra asked for any oral comments. There were none.

VI. Adjourn. The public hearing was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

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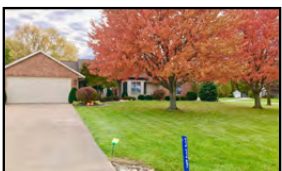


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Tournament fundraiser helps family after loss

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with proceeds going to help Dan's son Easton. Calvin is Dan's brother. Dan died unexpectedly this summer.

Dan was survived by his wife Shayla and their son.

Shayla said she was happy with the event turn out.

"This is awesome,"

Shayla said as boats were waiting in line to ramp out of the river at about 12:45. "His brother Calvin put this together with his wife Annie and the turnout was just amazing. I didn't think we'd get 40 teams and we did and that's just so cool with the weather being the way it was."

Annie said the family started planning the tournament in September and were hopeful for a strong

turnout.

"We had a tournament at about this same time last year and it went over pretty well. It was just thrown together at the last minute, but we knew from that one that we could get a good turnout this year," Meyer said.

The tournament was originally set for Saturday morning, but was postponed due to the inclement weather forecast for Saturday morning. But Sunday morning came, and after Carthage's McKenna Merritt belted out the National Anthem, boaters took to the Mississippi River pool and Skunk River for six hours of fishing.

"We only had one team that couldn't make

it because of the weather because they had something else planned for the day. We had two other teams that couldn't get their motor running so they weren't able to go out," Meyers said.

Each team paid a \$40 entry fee and the score sheet showed 40 teams on the river. With additional monies donated by sponsors, the total raised was \$1,920. Area fishing companies and businesses ponied up prizes and raffle items. \$5 of each entry went to the biggest fish pot, which was inflated by business donations.

The top 3 teams were paid for total weight of five fish. There was even a \$100 prize for the smallest fish weighed in. All fish



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Mike Kuehl of Lindon, Ill, weighs his five catch limit Sunday at the Dan Meyer Memorial Catfish Tournament held Sunday. Kuehl's team, which included Kassi Kuehl, landed their biggest catch of the day at 6lb, 6 oz. Kuehl had 32.2 pounds in five fish.

had to be alive at weigh-in.

Annie said the family wanted to make the tournament an annual event.

"We're trying to make it a yearly event," she said. "We'd like to keep it going and next year we'd like to add a kids' tournament out here. Hopefully we'll get a little better weather

next year."

Mike Kuehl of Lindon, Ill., said it was the first time he'd been in this area for a tournament. Kuehl and his teammate Kassi took third place overall with 32.2 lbs of fish.

"It was our first time being down here, but we did alright," Kuehl said. It was very windy, though."

The biggest fish was caught by Annie at 12.7 lbs. Second place overall went to Ryan Daniel, Troy Hanson, and Ken Miller at 40.2 lbs. Calvin and Annie had the most weight overall with 45.1 lbs of channel cat. The two donated a portion of their winnings to the two teams that traveled the farthest.

Seniors closing in on end of prep music careers

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you've helped build must be a difficult thing, but some of them have given their thoughts on their senior year.

"I feel that my senior year went really well," said senior band/choir member Nakia Ross. "I got more involved in the music department and I am really gonna miss how much of a family we are. Everyone is so nice and accepting and it's really hard to leave that. I'm also gonna miss all of (Band Director Tracy) Madsen's stories. They never fail to make

people laugh."

Devin Beckert, another choir/band senior said the friendships are what he'll miss the most.

"My senior year went a lot better than I thought it would. It went very fast and very smooth. The thing I will miss most about the music department is all the friendships and memories that I gained throughout my years here."

The music department at the high

school has always been a huge part of not only the community, but also the student's lives. Some, like band senior Sara (Sally) Johnstun, may even call it family.

"Coming into high school, there was never really a time where I felt truly accepted, and it wasn't till marching band my freshman year that I felt I belonged. The atmosphere in the music department is really something special, and it honestly feels like we're one big family.

You have your family members that you can't stand, but you love them anyway because they're family. That's what it feels like when you're a part of the music department," she said.

There are still a few more performances for the department, but Dinner Theater has been their final big performance. The students thank everyone in attendance at the show, it was more successful than they ever could have thought.

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