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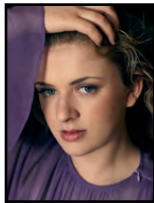
## American Idol champ to play Relay for Life

*Poppe to sing at luminaria and at 9 p.m. concert at FMHS*

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The Relay for Life of North Lee County is pleased to announce 2018 American Idol winner Maddie Poppe will headline this year's event, to be held Friday evening, September 27, 2019 at Fort Madison High School.

The event will include a similar structure to past events, however, the traditional luminaria ceremony, which will begin at 8:00 PM, will include music performed live by Ms. Poppe.



POPPE

A concert performed by Maddie Poppe will follow in the high school gym at 9:00 p.m., featuring songs from her newly released album "Whirlwind." Tickets for the concert are \$40, and are available by visiting the Relay for Life of North Lee County website, at [www.relayforlife.org/northleecountyia](http://www.relayforlife.org/northleecountyia). Cash payments will also be accepted in person at Fort Madison Community Hospital in their Community Relations Department. All proceeds from the concert will benefit the American Cancer Society and go towards this year's event goal of \$60,000.

"We're extremely excited to make this big announcement," said Angie Budnik, the Relay for Life of North Lee County committee chairperson.

"Our Relay for Life event has a rich history of honoring those who have battled this dreaded disease, and this year we're determined to increase the awareness of the strength this group of courageous people possess. This year's theme, "Idols of Strength," is a true representation of this goal, and we're thrilled to be able to have last year's American Idol champion come to our event to help us celebrate the strength possessed by the cancer survivors throughout our community."

Maddie Poppe introduced herself to Southeast Iowa with an announcement video that has been posted on the Relay for Life of North Lee County Facebook page. You can learn more about her music from her website, at [www.maddiepoppe.com](http://www.maddiepoppe.com), or by download through various digital platforms by searching "Maddie Poppe."

## New app will track school buses

*"Here Comes the Bus" app will give parents bus info*

BY CHUCK  
VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The wheels on the bus go round and round, but now you'll know when there getting close to you.

Not only will a new app that is being rolled out by the Fort Madison Community School District allow residents on district routes to see when the bus is going to arrive, it has a bunch of other bells and whistles, too.

Transportation Director Richard Hand outlined the program the district is testing from Synovia Solutions. The app will be able to be downloaded onto resident phones, ipads, etc and uses GPS technology to ping the buses location every three seconds.

Hand gave the presentation to the Fort Madison School board as part of Wednesday's regular school board meeting at the district's central office.

Hand said he's still in the process of learning the program, but researched several companies and thinks he's found the best fit for the district.

"It lets the parent know by an app on their phone when the bus will be at their student's stop," Hand told the board.

Hand said he can set the parameters to shoot a text to the parents when the bus is five minutes out.

"Instead of the student waiting out at the end of a long lane, they'll get a text saying the bus is five minutes out. That'll be really helpful for families that live clear out at the end of

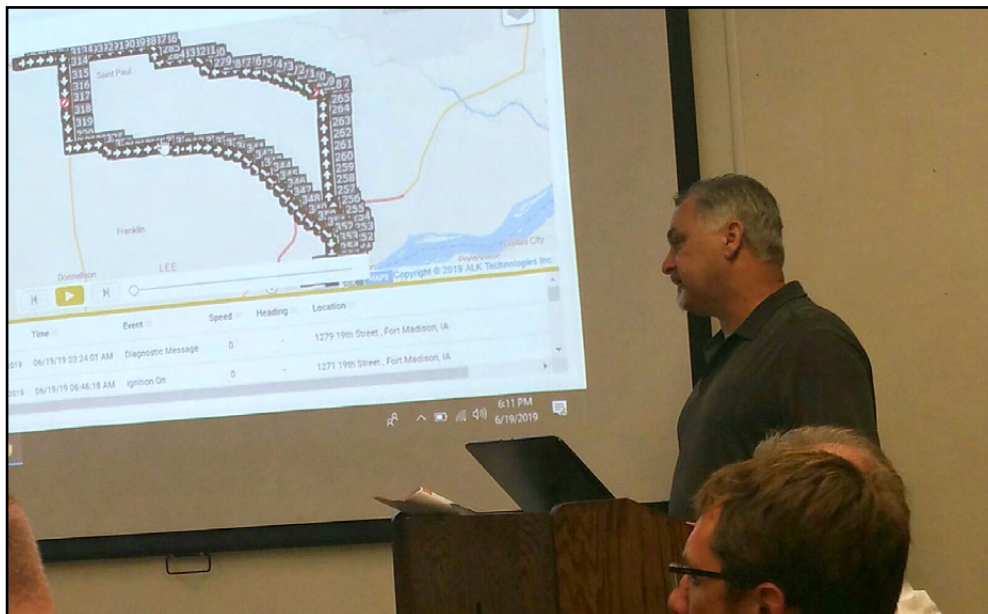


Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison School District Transportation Director Richard Hand explains the technology behind the district's new "Here Comes the Bus" app that is being tested by the district now.

the routes."

The app is a free download on cellphones or computers and residents will have to have a district code and password given out by the district to access information. Hand said that's a security measure to keep those outside the dis-

trict from knowing where buses are specifically.

He said messages can also be sent out if a bus breaks down letting families know the bus will be arriving later. Additionally, the system comes with dashboard mounted tablet scanners on each

bus. Students will have a bus pass with a bar code on it and the student will be scanned on and off the bus. If the student is supposed to be on the bus, a green indicator light will activate, if the student is

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## HAM radio operators hold 24-hour simulation

*Drill to be held at Rodeo Park Lions' shelter*

Submitted article

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Amateur Radio Club will be participating in a nationwide, 24 hour long emergency preparedness drill called Field Day.

This event is sponsored by the American Radio Relay League, a national organization for amateur radio and locally by Lee County Emergency Management Agency. Field Day events test federally licensed amateur radio operators' (HAM) ability to set up portable stations, under simulated disaster

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## Obituaries/Lee County News

# Lee County Conservation to hold duck blind drawing

*LCCD to lottery a dozen duck blind spots on county owned property*

BY PCC STAFF

MONTROSE – Lee County Conservation will hold a Duck Blind Drawing on Thursday, June 27th at 6:30 p.m. at the Lee County Conservation Center.

The blind locations will be located on the county-owned islands near the river channel. There are 12 blind spots available for hunters to choose from during the drawing.

The annual permanent blind rules for the county-owned islands were developed and recommended to the Lee County Conservation Board by the Duck Blind Committee in 2018. This will be the second year a drawing has been held for these blind spots. If a blind is not selected at the drawing, the spots will then be offered on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Hunters interested in the blind drawing are encouraged to visit [www.leecounty.org](http://www.leecounty.org) to review the blind rules and the map of the blind sites prior to the drawing. For more information on the blind drawing, hunters should call the Conservation Center at (319) 463-7673.

### OBITUARIES

## NANCY MARIE ANDERSON

Nancy Marie Anderson, 68 years, of Denmark, Iowa died at 7:00 pm Sunday, June 16, 2019 at the Great River Hospice House, West Burlington, Iowa. She was born June 14, 1951 in Fort Madison, Iowa, a daughter of Floyd F “Bud” and Ruth Marie (Spiekermeier) Grossman.



ANDERSON

She was a 1969 graduate of Fort Madison High School. Nancy worked for 20 years at General Electric in West Burlington, Iowa. She loved spending time with her seven puppies: Cyrus, Zeva, Giovanna, McGee, Dinozzo, Pawsy, and Basil. She also enjoyed gardening and crafting.

She is survived by her companion and “man friend” of 24 years, Jerry Waste of Burlington, Iowa; two daughters, Tami (husband Aaron) Schumann of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa and Tennelle Anderson (husband David Kuhn) of Woodbury, Minnesota; one son, Joshua Anderson of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; one brother, Randy (wife Tamara) Grossman of Fort Madison; six grandchildren: Kassidy and Kyler Box; Andy, Lauren and Riley Kuhn; and one nephew. She was preceded in death by her parents and one nephew.

Her family will greet friends from 1:00 to 2:30 pm Friday, June 21, 2019 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Her ashes will be placed at her gravesite at Denmark Cemetery, Denmark. A memorial has been established for PAWS, contributions may be made at the funeral home. Online condolences to the Anderson Family may be made at [www.barrmemorialchapel.com](http://www.barrmemorialchapel.com).

## Live Healthy Lee County picking up produce next week

LEE COUNTY – Live Healthy Lee County will be at the Fort Madison Farmers Market from 5:30-6:00pm on Monday, June 24th to pick-up any donated produce for their Produce Box Project. Anyone with donations is welcome to bring them to the market, and LHLC will take the donations to one of the participating sites.

If you can't make it to the market, and have a donation feel free to drop it off in the yellow produce boxes at one of the following locations Southview Apartments (Donnellson), Heritage Center (Keokuk), Hillview Village (Fort Madison), Mississippi Terrace (Keokuk), Newberry Center (Fort Madison), Park View Apartments (West Point), and River Terrace (Keokuk). Denmark Star Park also has a community table.

“Our tenants have really enjoyed getting the fresh produce. Many of them stay close to home or don't have the transportation means to get to the farmer's market so being part of this project has been great for us,” states Andrea Hernandez, Tenant Services Coordinator at Hillview Village.

For more information on the Produce Box Project contact Emily Biddenstadt, Lee County Health Department Outreach Coordinator, at (319)372-5225.

### WEST POINT SWEET CORN FESTIVAL

### Princess Contest 2019

**WHO:** Girls 4-8 years old

**WHEN:** Money jars may be put out at any time  
(will be picked up August 4<sup>th</sup>)

**Crowning is Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**WHAT:** Participants will put out a money jar, preferably a large coffee container at a location (restaurant, gas station, office, etc.) The participant with the most money raised will be crowned the 2019 West Point Sweet Festival Princess! Participants are required to place the jar at the location and the SCF committee will pick them up on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

**PRIZES:** The winner will receive a crown, sash, and the free ride tickets. They are also invited to ride on the float with the Queen in the parade on Sunday of the festival. Please include child's name, West Point Sweet Corn Festival Princess Contest, and any other information you are comfortable with on their decorated jar.

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## Obituaries/Local News

### OBITUARIES

# SHARON ELIZABETH BROWN

Sharon (Sheri) Elizabeth Brown, 84, of Keokuk, IA, passed away on Tuesday, June 18th, 2019, at her home with her husband, family and friends at her bedside.

Sheri was born March 13, 1935, in Summitville, IA, the daughter of Edgar and Lorraine Case Brandenburg.



BROWN

Sheri was united in marriage to H. Wesley (Wes) Brown on September 6, 1952 in Keokuk, IA.

Sheri is survived by her husband Wes, her daughter Marlys McKaig of Iowa City, IA; her sons Kenton Brown of Peoria, AZ and Kyler Brown of Fort Lauderdale, FL; her daughter-in-law Noemi (Mimi) Brown of Peoria, AZ; her son-in-law Doug McKaig (deceased); her grandsons Brandon McKaig of Minneapolis, MN and Luke McKaig of Kansas City, MO; Justin Brown and Nathan Brown of Tempe, AZ; and great granddaughter Ava McKaig of Kansas City, MO.

Sheri was preceded in death by her parents Lorraine and Edgar Brandenburg and two brothers.

Sheri was a graduate of the University of Iowa High School, Iowa City, IA, class of 1953, where her husband likes to point out that she was a married homecoming queen.

Sheri was an active member of the St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary, having served as president. She was a long-time member of All Saints Catholic Church, volunteered for Birthright of Keokuk, worked on committees for Keokuk Main Street, Inc., was Secretary/Treasurer of Keasling's Pharmacy and Gifts for 55 years where she also served as manager of the Hallmark Gold Crown and Gifts department and was an ambassador for Keasling's inside and outside the store throughout those years. She was an avid and fierce bridge player.

Visitation will be held from 5 - 7 p.m., Thursday at Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, with the family meeting with friends at that time, followed by a Vigil Service.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m., Friday at All Saints Catholic Church in Keokuk, with burial to follow at the Keokuk National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the International Myeloma Foundation (IMF) — a charity supported by her favorite comedian, Ray Romano, or to St. Vincents School of Keokuk.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

#### Pen City Current obituary policy

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Pick 3 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
Pick 3 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm
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Pick 4 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm



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# Rodeo looking for Little Miss Rodeo and All-Around Cowboy

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – It's that time of year!! Contestants are being sought for the annual Little Miss Rodeo & All-Around Cowboy Contest!

This year's event is to be held on Monday, September 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Tri-State Rodeo Arena.

The contest is open to children ages 5-7. Contestants must be age 5 by August 1st, and no older than age 7 at the time of the contest.

An entry form is available on the Tri-State Rodeo website at [www.tristaterodeo.org](http://www.tristaterodeo.org) under the "Ready to Rodeo Week Events" tab.

Entry forms and contestant photos must be postmarked by Aug. 1st and can be mailed to Trish Eaves-Fedler, 1930 303rd Avenue Fort Madison, IA 52627. For more information, contact Trish at (319) 470-8030 or Lisa Frederick at (815) 343-0911.

Canisters, with each child's photo

and name, will once again be placed in area businesses for family and friends to cast a vote by dropping their "spare change" into the canister.

The night of the event, contestants will be interviewed and have a chance to showcase their talent. Judges will score the children on personality, attire, interview and talent. Judges have no knowledge of how much money each contestant has collected in their canister. In the event of a tie, the amount in the canister will help determine the winner.

A portion of the money collected in the canisters goes to Miss Rodeo Iowa to help defray traveling expenses as she competes for the coveted title of Miss Rodeo America in Las Vegas this coming December.

Each contestant will receive a goodie bag for participating, however only one girl and one boy can win the title of Little Miss Rodeo & All-Around Cowboy.



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## Sports

# Mayhem on tap for FMHS fundraiser at Buffalo61

BY ETHAN LILLARD  
PCC SPORT

FORT MADISON- Many current adults grew up watching wrestling and still follow it to this day. And why not? From snakes and guys riding out on Harley's, all the way to dudes walking through a mist of fire sparks and jumping through tables, wrestling has always been a form of entertainment that finds a way to relate to its audience.

Central Empire Wrestling out of Wellman, Iowa picked the perfect way to relate to the Fort Madison audience it will perform for this Saturday at Buffalo 61.

Holy Trinity alumn Noah Cutler, or Ricky Love as he's better known on the mat, will be the featured wrestler in the main event Saturday. Along with Love, the event will feature former University of Iowa Hawkeye football player Steve Manders, world renowned wrestler Rory Fox, the 'World's Strongest Little Man' Chad Strong and many others.

"I think we provide a family-friendly atmosphere," Central Empire Wrestling promoter and owner Austin Bayliss said. "There will be something for everyone. We do a really good job of interacting with our fans, interacting with the people who book us and the communities."

The whole idea for the event stemmed from Fort Madison baseball Head Coach Ron Walker attending a CEW event last fall. During the event, he met with Bayliss and got to talking about their shared love of baseball and wrestling. The next thing you know, Walker was calling Bayliss trying to coordinate CEW and the baseball team for a fundraising event.

Walker then met with long-time friend, fellow wrestling enthusiast and Buffalo 61 owner Chase Gibb. With Buffalo 61 in Fort Madison, the parking lot space to put on an event of this size and Gibb wanting to give back while also providing a form of entertainment



Photo by Clint Dye/Tag-Team Photography

Wrestling comes to live action Saturday in the Buffalo61 Bar and Grille parking lot as Central Empire Wrestling comes to town to help raise funds for the Fort Madison High School baseball team.

even he himself enjoys, it only made sense for Walker and Gibb to tag team for a fundraiser.

"Rumor has it Coach Walker or Chase Gibb might be getting fitted for some tights, but we don't now that for sure," Walker said with a grin on his face. "You don't wanna miss what's going to happen."

"Since I turned 40 I've noticed that certain parts of my body are starting to ache that haven't ached before," Gibb said about whether he would climb into the ring Saturday. "But, that being said, you never know what's going to happen."

Along with Walker and/or Gibb, the winner of ticket sales among the baseball team may also have a role in the events that unfold.

"Some of the baseball players will be involved," Bayliss said. "I don't know the exact dynamic of that yet, but my understanding is they have been selling tickets and some of them will be rewarded with an opportunity in conjunction in the event."

While not every baseball player will be a part of the

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## Sports

# Brands to highlight FMHS Camp of Champs

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The 22nd Annual Fort Madison Wrestling Camp of Champs is set for July 14-16th at the Fort Madison wrestling room.

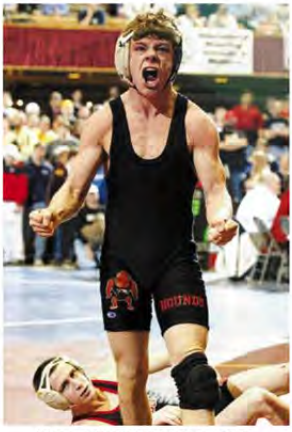
The camp this year will feature Nelson Brands, a 3-time state champion, two-time freestyle All-American, and a member of the University of Iowa wrestling team; Guy Patron, Jr., a three-time All-American at Loras College; and Eddie Smith, a two-time U23 Greco-Roman All-American and an All-American at Loras College.

The three-day camp will run from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday; and 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday. Cost is \$30 and due to space limitations only the first 50 wrestlers will be accepted. Wrestlers entering 3rd through 12th grade are welcomed at the camp.

Wrestlers must bring and be responsible for their own gear. Headgear is recommended but not required and street shoes are not allowed on the mats.

The registration deadline is July 1 in order to receive a free camp shirt and shorts. For more information contact Coach Ryan Smith at [ryan.smith@fmcscd.org](mailto:ryan.smith@fmcscd.org).

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For wrestlers entering 3<sup>rd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade

# Buffalo61 set for full-on outdoor wrestling action

**WRESTLING** - Continued from Page 4

script for the show, every player that is a part of Fort Madison baseball from 7-U and beyond is invited to attend the event and can get in for free for wearing a team jersey.

“They are all future Bloodhounds,” Walker said. “We look to build our program from top to bottom throughout the community.”

With everything that has been going on around Fort Madison High School, Walker sees this as the perfect chance for the community to come together for a day of fun, relaxation and a chance to bond off the field.

“We’ve had a lot of things going on here in the community and in the school district the last three to four weeks,” Walker said. “I think this is going to be a great event to bring everyone together ... let’s get away from situations on the baseball field and kick back and enjoy a few laughs.”

All the proceeds raised from ticket sales will go directly to the Fort Madison baseball team. Walker said he hopes to use the money for a new outdoor hitting cage and/or a new scoreboard.

The event will be held in the Southeast corner of the parking lot at Buffalo 61 in Fort Madison starting at 7:00P.M. Food will be served per normal with an open menu. Admission is \$10. There will be nine VIP tables and then standing room only or attendees are invited to bring a lawn chair. The event is set to have five matches with Six Strings Down performing live music entertainment immediately after.

While there will be plenty going on to draw fans’ interest and attention, event promoter and CEW owner Austin Bayliss goes back to the star attraction being the hometown kid, Ricky Love.

“In my opinion, he is what brings this whole event home,” Bayliss said. “He’s from Fort Madison, played on the baseball team and wrestles, tying everything together. He’s the perfect fit for the main event and a good overall human being too.”

“It will be pretty exciting,” Cutler said about coming home to wrestle in Fort Madison for the first time in his career. “I haven’t been through town in at least five years. It will be nice to get back and see some familiar faces hopefully and take a look at all the historic places I got to see growing up.



Pen City Current will not publish an e-Edition Wed., July 3rd through Sat., July 6th in observation of the Fourth of July

News will continue to be published to [pencitycurrent.com](http://pencitycurrent.com) as it happens and the e-Edition will return Sun., July 7th



We wish you all a very happy holiday and remind you to celebrate safely and responsibly!

**Live Healthy @ the Market**

Come to one of the Live Healthy @ the Market events to learn about area health & wellness services.

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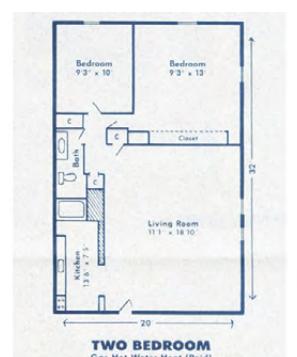
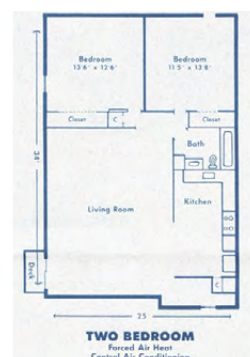
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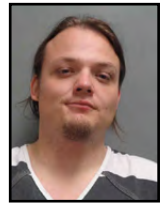


# Lee County News/Weather

## Task Force gets Keokuk man on felony meth charge

BY PCC STAFF

KEOKUK – Colby Matthew Manning, 26, of Keokuk, Iowa was arrested on June 20th, 2019 in the 2400 block of Bank St. on felony drug charges and a warrant for probation violation. Manning is charged with delivery of less than five grams of methamphetamine a class C Felony, with enhancement for 2nd offense.



MANNING

The arrest of Manning stems from an investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force into allegations that he was involved in the distribution of illegal drugs in the Lee County area.

The Lee County Attorney's Office, the Lee County Sheriff's Office, Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, Lee County Probation and Parole and the Keokuk Police Department assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation.

The defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

The Lee County Narcotics Task Force is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Justice and the funds administered by the Iowa Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy.

## Ham Field day will run 24 hours at Rodeo Park

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conditions, and contact other groups across the United States and Canada.

HAM Radio operators are an invaluable resource for communications, especially once present systems become inoperable. The Fort Madison Amateur Radio Club intends to use voice, Morse code, digital, and satellite communications.

The public is encouraged to stop by and see what being a HAM is all about. The Field Day will start at 1pm on Saturday June 22nd and run through Sunday at 1 pm and will be held at the Lion's Shelter House in Rodeo Park.

## Parents will know when buses are close

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not on the right bus, a red light will display.

"Now we'll have better control of our bus loads which should help us maybe cut a route or two down the road," he said.

"The bus drivers are going to have to pay attention to the students scanning on and off. Parents will also get a notification when the student scans off and the app will show were they got off."

He said all the buses are equipped with the scanners now and there is a spare set. The school district doesn't own the equipment, it's a lease agreement with Synovia and the school isn't on the hook for maintenance.

He said the technology also has mechanical features that will alert the driver and Hand when there is a mechanical issue with the bus. He said it can also monitor speeds of buses so if he were to get a complaint on a driver, he can immediately pull up

data that would verify or contradict driving behaviors.

Hand said the data is carried by Verizon and it is possible in some areas where a ping may not get registered or if the cell service is having issues it could drop the pings and lose track, but it would be very similar to cellphone service.

The original test showed 366 hits back to server on a test run to Houghton and back. Hand said he can see individual startups of buses, the diagnostic checks drivers must do on each start up and other information, that before, he had to manually audit.

"I can be a better manager with the drivers because it's impossible to be out there when 19 routes start up. And if I am out there, we're all going to do it exactly as were supposed to," Hand said. "Now I don't have to be out there, I can take a look at this every once in a while and

say 'Ok, we got a problem here, let's make sure we're doing this correctly so we can be safer. That's what it's all about."

Superintendent Dr. Erin Slater said Hand has done a tremendous job in offering improvements that help the safety and security of students and provide information to parents. She said the project has been several years in the making.

In other action, the board:

- approved the 2019-20 school district fee schedule. Textbook/electronics fees will increase \$6 for elementary, \$13 for middle school and \$10 at the high school. The district is eliminating the elementary and middle school \$6 student planner fees.

- approved the district's group insurance premium renewal which included a \$45,000 increase in worker's compensation premiums. In total, premiums

will go up \$56,000 effective July 1. The bump in workers compensation was due to a couple of recent accidents, district manager Sandy Elmore said.

- approved salary contracts, bargaining agreements and handbooks for all district staff.

- approved the final resolutions to refinance the districts sales tax bonds on the new middle school, which Elmore said could save the district about \$1.2 million over the next 10 years. The bonds are also callable at anytime, so if the district comes into extra money they can pay off the bonds early.

- approved 2019-20 meal rates. All school lunches and milk will go up by .10 per meal. Pre-school through 5th grade will be \$2.45 per lunch. Sixth grade through 12th will be \$2.70. Adult meals will be \$3.85 and all milk will be .35 each. The district will be offering free breakfasts to all students.

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