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## Great River Health looking at FM site

*Burlington group looking at site cater-corner to FMCH campus*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - An official with Great River Health Systems out of Burlington confirmed Monday morning the group is look-

ing to buy property on the west end of Fort Madison.

Jim Kammerer, vice president of Support Services with the company, said GRHS is still in the abstract phase of a parcel of land on the southeast corner of Ortho Road and Hwy 61.

"We are in the process of purchasing that property, I don't think it's been finalized because there was some stuff with the abstract," he said.

The company is looking to purchase the land for an outreach clinic. Kammerer said

that type of clinic usually provides services that typically aren't provided in the community.

"We're looking at that land for an outreach clinic," he said. "Outreach clinics provide services such as urology - those types of services that aren't currently provided in the community and are not inherent to a typical community hospital."

Kammerer said Fort Madison doesn't offer

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### Freshmen FM 'station'

As part of Wednesday's freshman half-day start to the school year, the students went onto the field with Principal Greg Smith and Plasma to welcome in the new year. The high school put on the partial day as part of the calendar year this year at the request of Smith who said the new twist was very well-received.

## New program a hit for freshmen

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
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FORT MADISON - A new program to bring freshmen along a little more informally seemed to be a hit with students Wednesday morning at Fort Madison High School.

Principal Greg Smith said he's heard nothing but

“

*From the time they walked in, I thought, this is not what freshman look like coming into the high school. They're confident, giggling and joking around having fun.”*

-Greg Smith  
FMHS Principal



SMITH

good things from the incoming class of Bloodhounds, who as part of the half-day of activities, formed an "FM" on the Jim Youel Field.

"I asked them earlier how many felt better doing it this way without all the other kids coming in, and almost everyone raised their hands, so it's been good," Smith said.

He said he's been wanting to introduce the freshmen to high school in this manner for a couple of years.

"I spoke with the previous superintendent about it and he wasn't as keen on it as I was. But I asked the new superintendent (Erin Slater) and she just said, 'Let's do it.'"

"This time I said we have to get this on the calendar. The fourth graders are doing it over at the middle school, too, as a transition into that school as well."

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### Davis County vs. FMHS

## Mustangs, Hounds open with fresh faces

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - It's shaping up to be a heavy run game, although with no games under their belts, who knows what's in store Friday when Davis County and Fort Madison crack open the 2017 football season.

The game, which was originally scheduled to be played in Bloomfield, was moved to Fort Madison as a result of construction on the Davis County High School football field. Friday's game kicks off at Jim Youel Field in Fort Madison at 7:30 with a special game ball arrival set for 7:20.

Head Coach Tony Shiffman's squad's coming off a scrimmage last week against Mediapolis on the road. Shiffman said he was impressed with the younger players who took most of the snaps. He said his projected starters are healthy and excited to get the season started.

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### DEATH NOTICE

## DONALD ASA CHARBONEAU

Donald Asa Charboneau, 80 years, of Denmark, Iowa died Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at the Donnellson Health Center, Donnellson, Iowa. Arrangements are pending at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison, Iowa.

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## Ys Kindermusik classes begin Sept. 11

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison YMCA's seasonal popular Kindermusik program will kick off its fall session beginning on Sept. 11

Classes focus on engagement through music and bonding with parents and instructors on different days and times throughout the week. Sessions are also broken out by age group for parents with children under the ages 4 and under.

The classes are listed below.

Cuddle & Bounce (ages 0-1) Tuesday's 5:45pm

In Cuddle & Bounce, a joyful first Kindermusik experience, parents and their newborns, infants and crawlers engage in instrument play, dance,



exploration time, and together time. As they do so, they strengthen critically important early parent-child bonds; learn about their baby's early development & fine-tune their baby-communications skills. Welcome to the magic time of life, that all-too-fleeting first chapter of life when miracles happen daily. This is a 30-40 minute class for children and parents/caregivers to attend together.

Sing & Play (age 1) Thursday's 9:45am

Sing & Play is an energetic and joyful celebration of the very young child's growing new movement and language skills. A mix of parent-child joint activities and child-focused activities provide parents a unique opportunity to participate in all the music and movement fun, but also to stand back, observe and revel in how these older babes and toddlers are beginning to walk, talk, sing, play, clap, tap, and dance--all on

their own! This is a 35-45 minute class for children and parents/caregivers to attend together.

Wiggle & Grow (age 2) Thursday's 10:15am

Wiggle & Grow is a music-filled class that celebrates the unique joys of the growing child. It features a mix of activities for parents and children that include singing, dancing, and exploring and playing instruments. Children will get to practice their active listening, turn-taking, and social skills, as well as develop their gross- and fine motor skills. This is a 45 minute class for children and parents/caregivers to attend together.

Laugh & Learn (age 3) Monday's 5:15pm

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## For the Record/Lottery Numbers

### For the Record

#### Fort Madison Police report

08/22/17 - 11:40 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a vandalism in the 400 block of Vica Lane.  
 08/22/17 - 11:53 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue L.  
 08/22/17 - 11:54 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 5400 block of Avenue O.  
 08/22/17 - 12:45 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 1900 block of Avenue D.  
 08/22/17 - 1:06 p.m. Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1700 block of Avenue J.  
 08/22/17 - 4:14 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 500 block of 12th Street.  
 08/22/17 - 8:43 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded

to a report of a burglary in the 2600 block of Avenue I.  
 08/23/17 - 5:36 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Dustin Jay Krueger, 41 of Fort Madison on a warrant for 1st-degree burglary in the 1500 block of Avenue M. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

#### Lee County Sheriff's report

08/22/17 - 11:18 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Andrea Lynn Woodward, 28, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for violation of a no-contact order. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond.  
 08/22/17 - 12:40 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Adrian Jamier Miles, 22, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 08/22/17 - 12:42 p.m. - Lee

County Sheriff's deputies arrested Andrew Scott Scanlan, 28 of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 08/22/17 - 3:25 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Lisa May Brooks, 38 of Donnellson, at the sheriff's office on a judgment entry. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.  
*Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

#### Fort Madison Fire & Rescue

08/21/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to four medical, two false alarms, one smoke detector malfunction  
 08/22/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to two seven medical calls, one false alarm and one motor vehicle accident and one gas leak.



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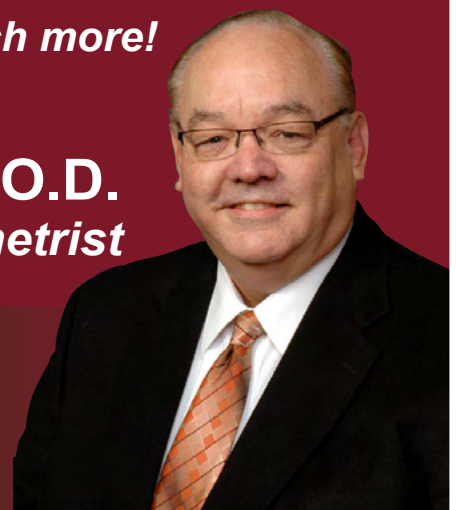
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## Education News



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### Richardson PTO buys equipment for teachers

FORT MADISON - The Richardson Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization purchased Hula-Hoops and various basketballs for teachers at the school this year.

The equipment was color-coded for each classroom and the the equipment was labeled with character-building words like "tolerance". The equipment was handed out on Wednesday afternoon.

From left to right are Jennifer LaFrenz, an autism specialist at the school, Ashley Hardin, Suni Shehan and Denise Trout, all first-grade teachers, Dawn Johnson, a kindergarten teacher, Morgan Alchier, PTO President, Brandi Koering, PTO Treasurer and Christina Tripp, PTO Secretary.

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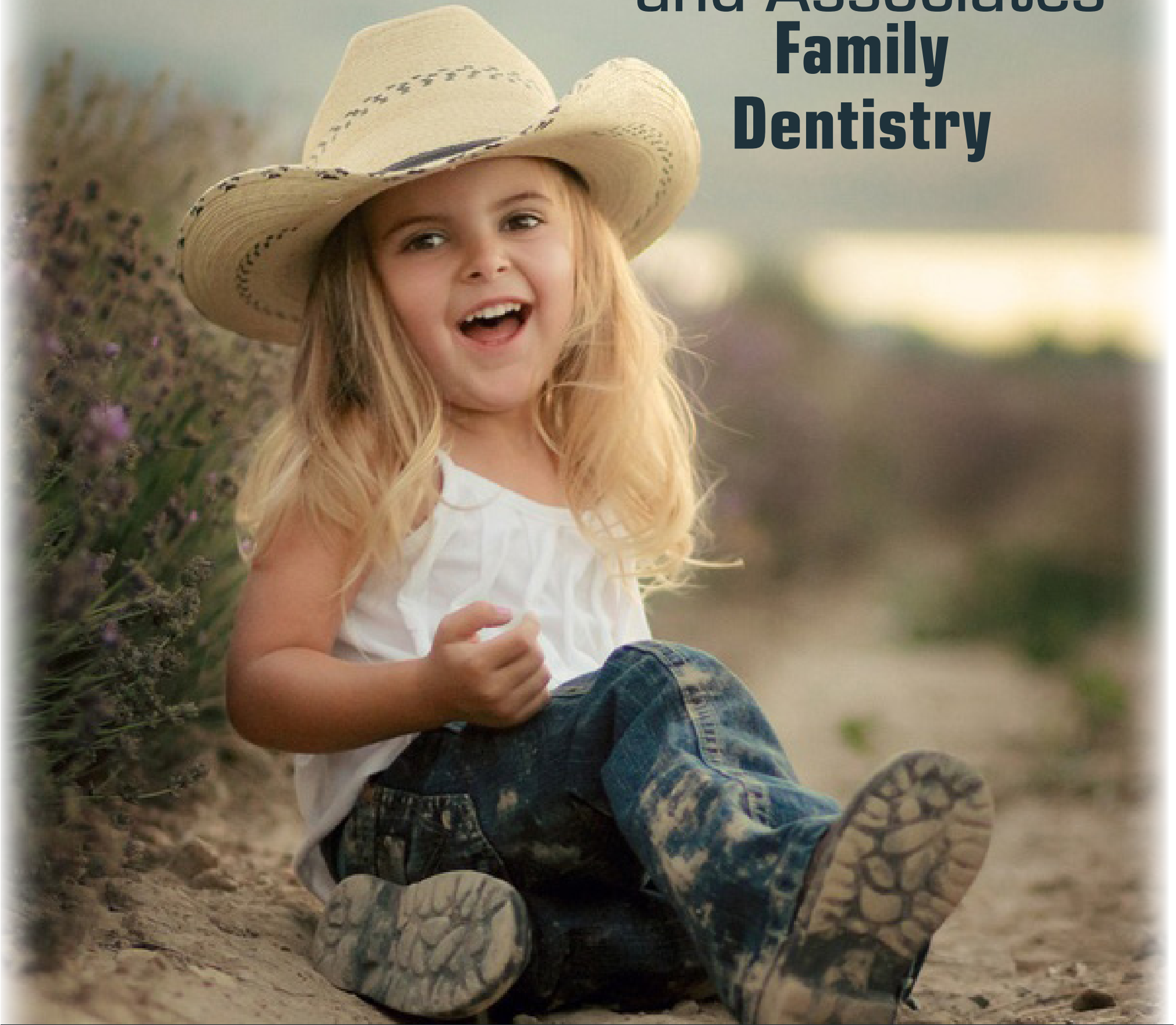
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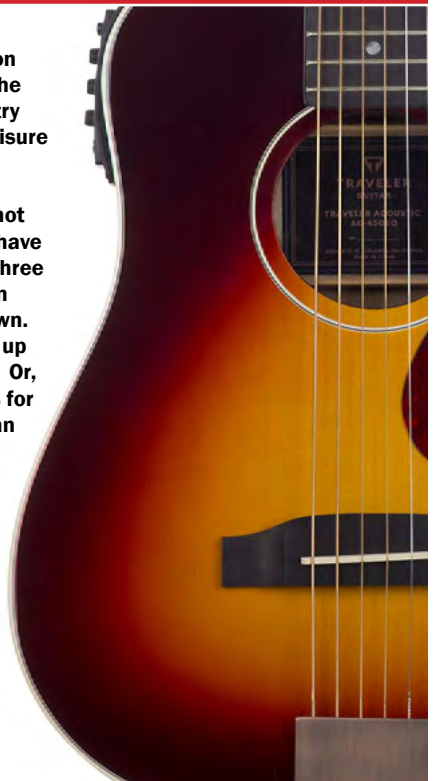
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## Business News

# Farrell gives Social Media Q&A to Young Professionals

Courtesy of Fort Madison Partners

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The presentation not only provided the Young Professionals with ideas regarding new ways to impact business and potential customer audiences

through social media, but also discussed the importance of promoting your best self in order to reach personal and professional goals.

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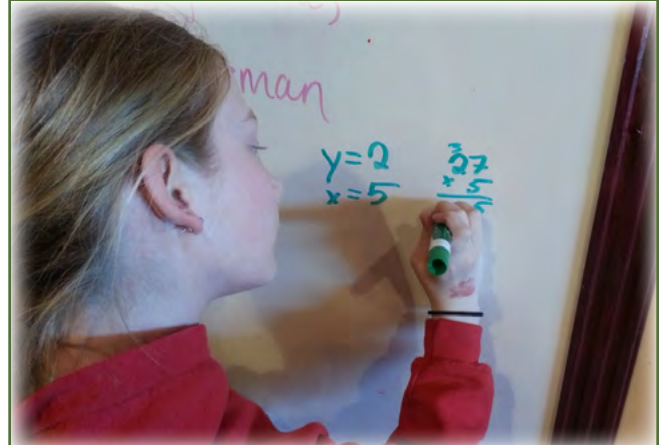
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## From the Front/Local News

# GRHS wants to build clinic at Ortho Rd, Hwy 61

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currently offer Urology services. However the hospital does hold clinic three times per week with Great River Medical Center urologists.

The clinic, if built, will stand just across the intersection from the Fort Madison Community Hospital.

"I can't say if it's going to be competitive or not competitive, but that's the type of clinic services we're considering there," he said.

The company has also acquired the services of Hometown Medical Care in West Point. Kammerer said the staff at that facility will be transitioning to Great River Health Systems on Oct. 1, but he said details on that property are also still being worked out.

"We don't know yet if we're going to own that or just lease it," he said.

The company also owns The Keokuk Clinic in Keokuk which is a clinic primarily focused on internal medicine. Kammerer said GRHS is looking at other properties in Burlington, but have no additional plans for acquisitions in Lee County at this time.

He said the company is aware of some flooding concerns with the property along Ortho Road, but said that's part of the company's process in investigating the land and they have plans to mitigate the issues. Other locations were also being scouted for the clinic.

FMCH officials deferred commenting on the announcement.

# Move & Groove on for 4-year olds

**YMCA** - Continued from Page 2

Laugh & Learn classes combine the preschooler's natural love of music, storytelling, and imaginative play. Early music concepts are introduced, and age appropriate activities will help foster the child's independence, social and emotional skills, language growth, and self-control. Parents will get a chance to connect with other

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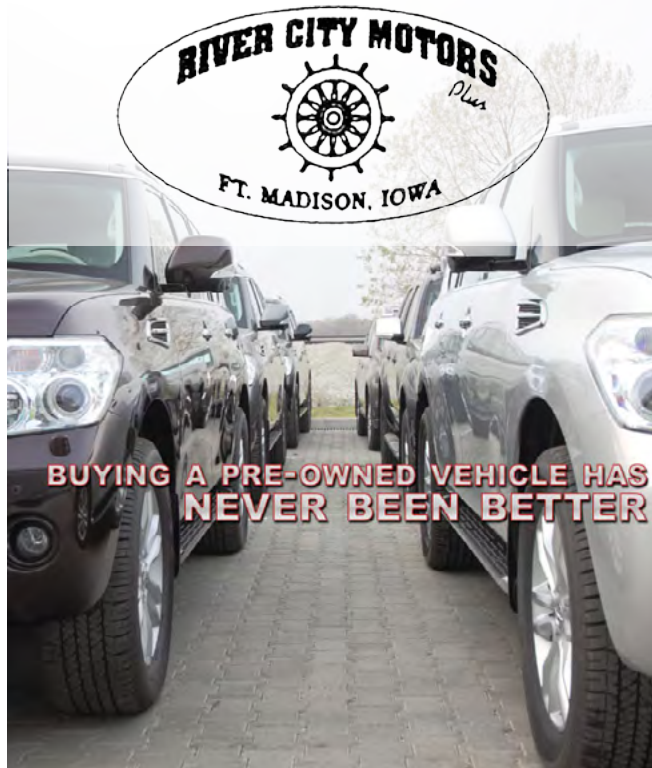


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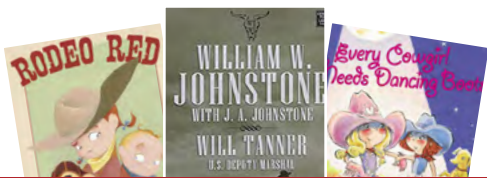
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## From the Front/Weather

# Half-day for freshmen came from Cedar Rapids program

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The 1/2 day was a morning of getting acclimated with the school layout and getting to know some of the staff. At about 10:30 the kids all headed out to the football field for a group shot lined up as the FM logo on the field and then a social lunch was provided where staff intermingled with the students in the multi-purpose room.

“From the time they walked in, I thought this is not what freshmen look like coming into high school,” he said. “They’re confident, giggling and joking around having fun. And I asked them earlier how many thought they felt better without all the other kids coming in and almost everyone raised their hands.”

He said he got the idea from a friend in Cedar Rapids who works for elementary school program that implements the same program.

“We were having dinner and we talked about freshmen really needing to be involved in this so we did that.”

“I’ve got teachers going around, and associates and kids intermingled, and the buses come about 11:30 and they are out of here.”



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## WASN'T ME

FMHS incoming freshman Mario Kline teases Plasma at Wednesday's freshman orientation, while the students were forming a giant FM on the football field.

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# Hounds looking to get early win to start season

**HOUNDS** - Continued from Page 1

“Our first offensive drive was great. Our second defensive effort was great, and our second offense we had some hiccups. But the Mediapolis folks, the coaches, the administrators, everybody had nothing but great things to say about us. They said we looked head and shoulders over where we were last time,” Shiffman said.

“For us, truthfully our younger kids got more reps than our older kids and the younger kids responded very well. They did a great job and impressed us a lot. Overall, I think we did pretty good, we had some tentativeness which I thought we’d have. But I think it was a good outcome for us.”

Offensively, the Hounds are going to rely on seniors Alex Gully at running back in Shiffman’s offense, Shance Redd-Donald, Lorenzo Miles, and Logan Allen will handle the receiving work, and Lennon Barker will be at quarterback. The offensive and defensive line will be anchored by Elijah Barnes, a 6’-4” 245 pound senior who hasn’t played since his freshman year, and 6’-0” 235 pound senior Dalton Mabeus.

Shiffman said Barnes has taken a strong leadership role on the team and has picked up quickly on line techniques.

“I think he can be all-district,” Shiffman said. “The best thing about Elijah right now is he’s been a leader. Kids are looking up to him just because he’s so big, but he’s done a real good job with that. Not just by leading with a big play, but he’ll take a freshman

aside and help them with footwork, or hands. He does that on his own, we don’t have to coach that with him.”

Davis County is coming off a 2-7 season with one of the wins being a 27-20 win over the Bloodhounds in Fort Madison. The Mustangs lose a group of seniors from the squad and may be in a rebuilding year. Senior Zach Houf completed 42 passes for over 600 yards and six touchdowns. He also had the majority of the yards on the ground, gaining 556 yards on 102 carries from his signal caller spot. The rest of the Mustang offense was spread out. Junior Hyatt Flannigan and senior Collen Allen combined for 659 yards on 152 carries splitting time in the backfield. Shiffman said the Hounds will also be watching JR Zeitler who looked good on film but had very few touches in 2016, with only five carries, six receptions, and tossed a pass. “He’s the only other one that threw a pass last year,” Shiffman said. “In our scouting, they’ve got some starters back and watching film, they have some tough kids there. The Allen kid and Zeitler, we’re not sure where they’re going to fit offensively. They’ve got six starters back. They had a tough year last year, too, but we’re preparing for them like they were 9-0.” Shiffman said his squad, that finished 0-9 last year, is still very much in the rebuilding phase of a program that’s had three different head coaches in four years.

“I’ve told Lennon (Barker), ‘There might be games when you throw 10 times and there might be games when you throw 30 times. You just need to be ready.’”

-Tony Shiffman  
FMHS Head Coach

“We’re still kind of trying to rebuild,” Shiffman said. “Practices have been up and down. We’ve had a really good period and then they would struggle. So we try to focus on having really good days one at a time and then put those back-to-back, which we haven’t done yet. They’re stuck in their ways I guess and we’re trying to break that.”

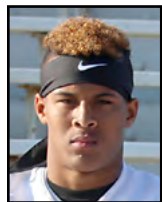
He said the team’s energy levels are good, and excitement is palpable on the team and coaching staff. “They’re ready to get out there Friday and see what we can do,” he said. “I think we’ll have a good first five minutes. We’ve got a great game plan on offense and on defense I just hope we can stick to that. We’ll have a nice ebb and flow to the game. If we’re running the ball well, I’m not going to be dumb and change that up.”

But he has high confidence in Lennon’s ability to open the game up. “I’ve told Lennon, ‘There might be games where you throw 10 times and there might be games where we throw 30 times. You just need to be ready.’ and I know he can handle that.”

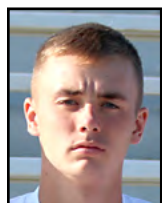
Barker is being coached by former West Hancock standout quarterback Coy Dorothy, who’s fresh off a record-setting season at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois. “He’s getting coached



GULLY



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SHIFFMAN



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The Fort Madison Bloodhounds are going to feature Alex Gully as the workhorse in the backfield this year. Gully is in his senior year and is coming off a 72 carry, 165 yard year in 2016. Here he takes a handoff from the running backs’ coach Mike Hayes earlier this year.

## Who to watch

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up by Coy Dorothy. I told Coy that I need to keep him here as long as I can. I got him right off the football field. He went from MacMurray

to Arena football and he’s going to try to play Arena again.”

On the field, assistant coach Luke Rickelman will be calling defensive plays and Shiffman will call the offensive plays himself.

“I’ve got a great staff. We’re trying to get the kids excited. They’re a bit cautious because some of the seniors are going on their third head coach,” Shiffman said. “We’re still struggling with numbers a little bit. I’ve had good talks with Coach (Todd) McGhghy and getting numbers up and what

we should have. He’s been around for some time and he knows. The problem is the young kids who aren’t out don’t know why they don’t want to play.

“I talked with some freshmen today who look the part and are athletic and I ask them why they don’t play and I get, ‘I don’t know.’ and I press them a bit on it because I want to know what’s going on out there and they just give me ‘I don’t know.’ But we’re gonna keep fighting and building the program.”

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