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FMHS returns gift of service to area veterans

Students and faculty put on special event for those serving and retired from military

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Veteran's Day is celebrated on Nov. 11th, the recognized end of World War I. But at Fort Madison High School they hold another celebration around the holidays as a gift to area veterans.

FMHS students and faculty put on an assembly honoring all veterans Thursday afternoon with performances from the high school band and choir, and Army Sgt. Carlos Ruiz.

Fort Madison High School Principal Greg Smith said the student government, which organizes the event, wanted to celebrate the veterans in December as a gift from the school to those who had given so much for them.

Command Sgt. Major Matt Doty of the Iowa National Guard gave an address to the assembly and said each year the country sets aside Veteran's Day to pay tribute to all veterans for their devotion, patriotism and self-sacrifice on behalf of all Americans.

"It is a celebration of their service to our nation, state, and community. Just like police, fire, EMS, teachers, and countless other professions, our veterans make our world a better place to live," Doty said.

"So today I ask you to make yourself better. Contribute to your community to make it better. Our nation's veterans, throughout history, have kept us free, returned home, and continue to serve our nation in a multitude of ways. Today, we say thanks to them all."

Doty said regardless of the branch veterans serve in, Army, Navy Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard, Veteran's Day belongs to them.

"Service members live by values including loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor integrity and personal encourage and excellence in all we do. They do not leave those values behind when they transition into personal life. They continue to serve by making positive contributions, building stronger futures and inspiring future generations."

He said students are the future and will build and

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Above, The Color Guard led by retired U.S. Army veteran Dan Dunbar retrieves the American flag at the end of Thursday's Veterans' Assembly at Fort Madison High School. The Fort Madison High School Student Government put on the event and then donated \$350 to the local American Legion Post. Below Command Sgt. Major Matt Doty speaks to high school students and faculty about the impact veterans have had in and out of active duty.



Empower Rural Iowa adopts ideas

DES MOINES– Today, the Governor's Empower Rural Iowa Initiative officially adopted its recommendations to present to Governor Kim Reynolds for the 2020 legislative session. The task forces considered ideas from task force members, industry experts and public input to develop recommendations for the governor's consideration as she looks to build on the success made in 2019.

Read the full list of policy recommendations here: https://governor.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/ERI_Recommendations_122019%20%281%29.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

"By connecting, investing and growing our rural communities, we can ensure Iowa's success is every Iowans' success. We know how to come together to think differently and build an Iowa that shatters expectations," said Gov. Reynolds. "The efforts made today will allow us to build on the significant achievements made in 2019 to expand, grow, and revitalize rural Iowa."

"The Governor's Empower Rural Iowa Initiative is about making sure there is opportunity and prosperity in every corner of our state," said Lt. Gov. Gregg, co-chair of

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Business News/Local News

Weirather named hospital EOM

Submitted article

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison Community Hospital recognized Patricia Weirather as their October Employee of the Month. Weirather is a Radiology Tech. She has been with FMCH for 31 years. Patricia was recognized with the following nomination.

This employee does so many things on a daily basis. She jumps in at any question(s), patient “issues”. She is so very kind in answering any/all questions for her patients. She takes the patient right up to the door, making sure they make it

out to the waiting room with their families and then answers any questions if there are any from the family. She speaks to everyone who comes by, and thanks patients for using FMCH, always kind. Weirather exemplifies these FMCH Standards of Behavior-Guest Relations, Respect, and Positive Attitude.

“The radiology department only had five employees when I was hired. They were great mentors, very hard working and dedicated professionals that made a huge impact in my work life. My favorite part about working at FMCH is our

patients. I enjoy being a small part of their health care. I also enjoy my radiology team, enough to want to stay for 31 years” expressed Patricia on working at FMCH.

She enjoys helping her husband on their farm and spending time with her family when not working at FMCH.

The Employee of the Month is an initiative developed by the Reward & Recognition team. Each month a FMCH employee is honored for going above and beyond for the good of the patient, their co-workers and the organization.



Fort Madison woman wins \$50K on holiday scratch-off ticket

BY PCC STAFF

CLIVE, Iowa — A Lee County woman has won a \$50,000 prize. Elizabeth Long of Fort Madison won the sixth top prize in the Iowa Lottery’s “\$50,000 Holiday Crossword” scratch game.

She purchased her winning ticket at Hy-Vee, 2606 Ave. L in Fort Madison, and claimed her prize on Monday at the lottery’s regional office in Cedar Rapids.

The \$50,000 Holiday Crossword is a \$5 scratch game. It features 13 top



prizes of \$50,000 and overall odds of 1 in 3.53. Nonwinning holiday scratch tickets can be entered into the lottery’s Ho Ho Dough Play it Again® promotion from now through Jan. 7 at

8:59 a.m.

The promotion includes \$200,000 in cash prizes. Tickets can be entered online or through the LotteryPlus mobile app. For rules and complete details, visit ialottery.com.

Recommendations include focus on broadband mapping

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the Governor’s Empower Rural Iowa Initiative. “Today’s recommendations will keep us moving in the right direction.”

“I appreciate the opportunity to co-chair the Governor’s Empower Rural Iowa Initiative and look forward to working with her administration to build on the success from this past year,” said Sandy Ehrig, co-chair of the Governor’s Empower Rural Iowa Initiative. “I want to thank task force members for putting together these recommendations that seek to better connect, invest, and grow our rural communities.”

Earlier this year, Gov. Reynolds signed HF 772, the Empower Rural Iowa Act that will lay the foundation for vibrant rural communities by providing incentives for broadband and workforce housing. The bill passed the Iowa Legislature unanimously, was a key priority in the Governor’s Condition of the State Address, and was based on previous task force recommendations of the Governor’s Empower Rural Iowa Initiative.



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Obituaries/For the Record

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

12/17/19 – 11:05 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Heather Ann Pierre, 33, of Fort Madison, in the 2600 block of Avenue I, on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to the Lee County Jail.
 12/17/19 – 8:36 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Rebecca Dawn Davis, 40, of Fort Madison on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 12/17/19 – 9:55 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Cara Michelle Hitchcock, 36, of Fort Madison, in the 1300 block of Avenue D, on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 12/18/19 – 8:44 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1000 block of Avenue H.
 12/18/19 – 9:40 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue G.
 12/18/19 – 11:08 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Kenneth Kyle Pierce, 35, of Fort Madison, in the 1700 block of 35th Street on a charge of aggravated domestic abuse/assault. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

12/17/19 – 4:09 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Eric John Reid, 3, of Montrose in the 2300 block

of 270th Street in Montrose on warrants for violation of probation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 12/17/19 – 4:25 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Dale Lee Heidbreder, Jr., 40, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 12/17/19 – 9:25 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Brandon Lee Ladd, 22, of Keokuk, in the 1600 block of Main Street in Keokuk, on a warrant for assault with bodily injury. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 12/18/19 – 4:07 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a one-vehicle accident on Hwy. 27 northbound. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Labron Michael Baltimore, 25, of Minneapolis, who reportedly fell asleep at the wheel, left the roadway and traveled through the median, rolled and came to rest on it's side in the ditch. He was charged with failure to maintain control, no insurance, and expired driver's license. No injuries were reported.
 12/18/19 – 8:50 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested John Richard Jones, 38, of Keokuk, at Mt. Pleasant Correctional Center, on a warrant for 3rd-degree burglary. He was released on a pre-trial release.
 12/18/19 – 10:00 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tyler Keith Jen-

nings, 32, of Montrose, at the Des Moines County Jail, on a warrant for violation of parole. He was released on bond.
 12/18/19 – 11:47 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jacob Dustan Mills, 33, of Keokuk, in the 400 block of Cedar Street in Montrose, on charges of operating a vehicle without owner's consent, and 3rd-degree burglary. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 12/18/19 – 3:31 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Eric John Reid, 43, of Montrose, at the sheriff's office on charges of 1st-degree theft and ongoing criminal conduct. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 12/18/19 – 3:48 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Conner Jerome Talton, 22, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue

12/17/19 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical call and two structure fires.
 12/18/19 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls, one false alarm, one stove fire, and one report of gas odor.

OBITUARIES

PATRICIA C. ARIE

Patricia C. Arie, 87, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 1:56 AM on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at the Great River Medical Center.

She was born on June 21, 1932 in Ft. Madison to Joseph and Frances McMahon Fitzgerald. On October 23, 1954 she married Kenneth Bergmeier and he passed away in April of 1982. She then married James E. Arie on June 7, 1986 and he passed away November 18, 2007. Patricia was a PBX Operator for the Santa Fe Railroad for several years. She then spent many years as a full time homemaker until working and then retiring from the Lee County Clerks office. Patricia was a member of Sacred Heart Church, Altar & Rosary Society, and the Hospital Auxiliary. She enjoyed crocheting, sewing, and cooking many great meals for her family.



ARIE

Survivors include a son, Stephen (Jenny) Bergmeier of Athens, OH; two daughters, Frances (Fred) Barber of Trophy Club, TX and Catherine (Chris) Weide of Glenwood, IA; five grandchildren; five great grandchildren; a step daughter, Christine (Doug) Smith of Thousand Oaks, CA; a step son, Bill Arie of Kenosha, WI; five step grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, both husbands; one brother; one sister; one half brother; one half sister.

Friends may call after 2 PM on Friday, December 27, 2019 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will meet with friends from 4-5 PM. There will be a rosary recited at 3:30 PM at the funeral home. The funeral mass will be held on Saturday, December 28, 2019 at 10 AM at Sacred Heart Church with Rev. Joseph Phung officiating. Burial will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

A memorial has been established for Sacred Heart Church and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

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Pick 4 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm



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The Holy Trinity Early Childhood Center in Ft. Madison recently hosted their Christmas concert. The littlest Crusaders included students from the childcare room, 4 year old preschool, and pre-kindergarten. The joyful event had a spirited mix of Christmas songs and even a visit from Santa and his elf.

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CURRENT-LEE

LEE COUNTY – The following is a list of current events and happenings in Fort Madison and north Lee County as submitted to the Pen City Current. These listings are updated throughout the week and run in our E-edition regularly.

The Enchanted Forest

The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Enchanted Forest again this year in the Old Lee County Bank Building at 803 Avenue G. Businesses have sponsored Christmas trees that will be on display each Saturday before Christmas from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Partners Annual Dinner

The Fort Madison Annual Dinner is set for Feb. 21, 2020.

Weekly Book Sale

Friends of the Fort Madison Public Library is holding a weekly book sales from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday's at the Public Library.

Kensington events

The Kensington is offering Senior's Only Community Bingo on the second Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. The event is free for seniors and cash prizes are awarded. Caregivers Connection is held the 4th Tuesday of every month at noon. Call 319-372-4233 to reserve your seat.

Christmas Eve Services

Fort Madison United Methodist Church will hold a Christmas Eve service at 4:30 pm on December 24. Pastor Lanette Van will provide the message. All are welcome.

City offices closed

Fort Madison City offices will be closing at noon on Tuesday, December 24th, and will be closed Wednesday, December 25th and Wednesday, January 1st for the holidays. For the week of Christmas, recycling for Route A will be moved from Wednes-

day, December 25th to Tuesday, December 24th. For the week of New Year's, recycling for Route B will be moved from Wednesday, January 1st to Tuesday, December 31st. All garbage routes will remain the same.

FM Day at Carver Hawkeye

It will be Fort Madison Day at Carver Hawkeye Arena on Dec. 29 at 3 p.m. Tickets for the game include a t-shirt for \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. A bus ticket for a Trailways ride to the game is \$5. Tickets can be purchased through Dec. 11 at the Partners office.

Ornament workshop

The Fort Madison Public Library is hosting a Christmas Ornament Workshop on Dec. 24 from 9:30 to noon at the library with a visit from Santa Claus.

Blackhawk Winter Skills Camp

The 2019 Blackhawk Baseball Winter Break Skills and Evaluation Camps will be held Friday and Monday Dec. 27th and 30th. Youth MVP camp and an Advanced & Evaluation Camp will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for ages 13-18 at Loren Walker Arena. Cost is \$75 for both days. Cost is \$75 for both days. For more information contact Justin Schulte at 319-208-5047 or by email at jschulte@scciowa.edu.

Roarin' in the 20s

Small Grand Things will be hosting a Roarin' in the the 20s New Year's Eve Dance from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the venue located south of West Point on West Point Road.

Baxter Sports Complex Fundraiser

The 3rd annual Baxter Sports Complex Social Tour and Auction Fundraiser on Feb. 29, 2020. Tickets will be on sale soon at the sports complex.

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Sports

FM Invite loaded with top state wrestlers

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Some of the best wrestlers in the state and beyond will be taking the mat this weekend in Fort Madison.

The Bloodhounds are hosting the Fort Madison Invitational, a two-day pool play and then bracketed wrestling tournament on five mats at the Hound Dome Friday and Saturday.

Then the little one's take over on Sunday in at Battle of the Border Kids' Wrestling Tournament also at Fort Madison High School.

Head Coach Ryan Smith said last year he got rave reviews from area coaches about the event's format. That word of mouth has brought in additional schools and bring in some of the best wrestlers in the area.

Last year's Invitational was the first time it had been a two-day affair with pool play.

"Last year was the first time we went to two days and we got rave reviews from the way it was handled," Smith said.

"They like the format we do with pool wrestling on Friday night where we break them into four man pools. If we have a full brackets that will mean four pools in each weight group."

The pool play will determine if the wrestlers go into the gold bracket which is for the top eight placers in pool wrestling Friday, or the Silver Bracket, which is the bottom eight in each weight class.

Smith said that helps reduce the possibility of a wrestler coming in and going 0-2 and sitting out the rest of the tournament.

"We like that because then the wrestlers that go 0-2 to start can still wrestling the bracket against other wrestlers at the same level of competition," he said.

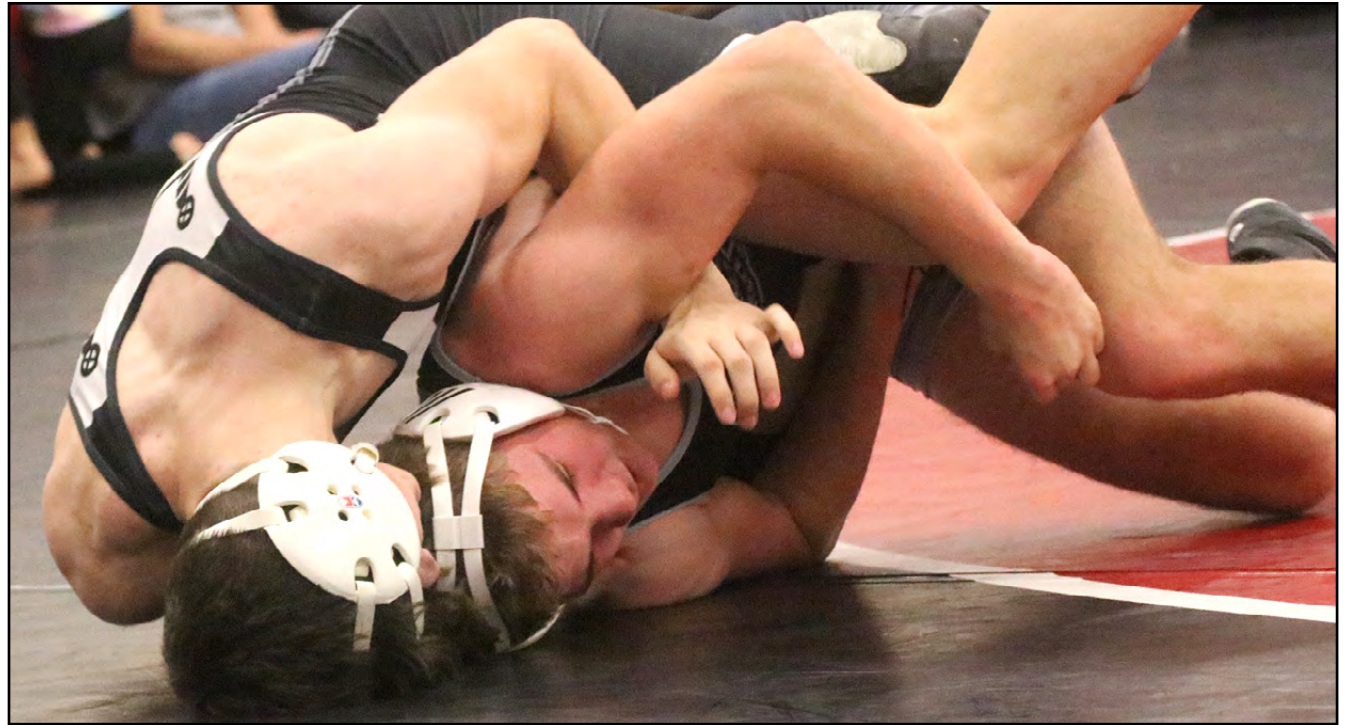
"That's the best thing about this tournament."

Cedar Rapids Kennedy is usually the big kid on the block at the tournament and Smith said they will be bringing another strong team. But this year wrestlers will come from Illinois and Missouri as well.

"Liberty, out of Wentzville is coming up and they have some tough individuals and Solon's another new team coming this year. They're a Class 2A powerhouse, so they'll bring some competition up as well," Smith said.

"Washington is also a new team coming up, so this is going to be a fun tournament."

All in all 18 teams are signed up to be at the Hound



PCC File Photo

FMHS' Jakob McGowan will be just one of close to 100 wrestlers to take the mat this weekend at the Fort Madison Invitational. Close to 18 teams are scheduled to compete in the two-day event Friday and Saturday at the Hound Dome.

Dome over the weekend. Other schools attending include Clear Creek-Amana, Illini West, Dubuque Hempstead (new), Louisa-Muscatine, Mediapolis, Muscatine, New London, Burlington, Notre Dame, Van Buren and Fort Madison Junior Varsity, among others.

"There'll be all types of state-ranked kids. Cedar Rapids Kennedy has a strong team and they're the perennial front-runner, but there will be plenty of state-ranked athletes that will be here."

At 285 lbs, the bracket could hold four top 10 wrestlers in the state with Fort Madison's Danen Settles sitting at 8th in IAWrestle rankings. But CR Kennedy's Josh Vis is currently 2nd and Dubuque Hempstead's Cayden Lovett is 10th in the most recent rankings. Louisa-Muscatine's Gabe Hayes is 6th in Class 1A.

In the 145 lb bracket, Kennedy's Dylan Falck is a top 5 wrestler in that division at 3A, while Ben Faber of Hempstead and CJ Walrath of Notre Dame also could make that bracket interesting. Washington's Dillon Sanders is 7th in Class 2A.

Other local ranked wrestlers include Burlington's Duncan Delzell No. 8 at 132 lbs, Griffen Molle at 138 No. 5 from Notre Dame and Blaine Frazier currently

No. 2 at 113.

Class 2A notables include Solon's Hayden Taylor, who sits atop the 138 lb rankings, along with teammates Zeb Gnida 7th at 152, Jax Flynn 2nd at 170. In the Southeast Conference, Keokuk's Dylan Jeffers is 5th at 182.

In 1A, New London comes into the tournament ranked 7th in Class 1A as a team and features 113lb Marcel Lopez at the top of the rankings. Lopez has wrestled at 120 as well this year. Other brackets will be interesting with the Tigers Josh Glendening 8th at 126, Dominic Lopez 5th at 138, Gabe Carter 4th at 160. Louisa-Muscatine's Chase Kruse is 9th at 170.

Action starts at 5 p.m. on Friday through pool wrestling and then action picks up again on Saturday morning at 10 a.m.

On Sunday youth wrestlers take the mat with division featuring preK-Kindergarten, bantam (1-2nd graders), novice (3-4th graders) juniors (5-6th graders) and seniors (7-8th graders) in 8-man brackets. Registration can still be done online at: https://www.trackwrestling.com/registration/TW_Register.jsp?tournamentGroupId=160303132.

FMMS wrestlers get 22 wins Monday

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison Junior High Wrestlers competed at home against Hannibal, Ottumwa, and Keokuk on Tuesday night and took 22 of 31 matches.

Individually, Landon Rudd went 3-0 with three falls. Jayden Bowen, Connor Dennis, Tate Green, Logan Pennock, Teague Smith, and Issac Thatcher went 2-0 with two pins each.

Gavyn Siemens went 2-0 with one fall and one technical fall. Landon Crank went 2-0. Joe Hartman, Maddalee Powers, and Aaron Warner went 1-1 with one pin. Hannah Carson and Henry Wiseman each went 1-1. Sadie Brandon, Bo Hedrich, and Calvin Johnson also competed.

The Fort Madison Middle School wrestlers will compete again on January 14th, 2020 at Keokuk Middle School with wrestling starting at 4:30 p.m.

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Pen City Current will not publish an e-Edition Tuesday, December 24 through Wednesday, January 1. Our special 2019 Year In Review editions will publish Thursday, January 2 through Wednesday, January 8. Breaking news will continue to be published on our website 24/7.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Fort Madison
Community School District
1930 Avenue M
Minutes of the
Regular Meeting
December 16, 2019**

I. The meeting was called to order by President Wondra at 6:02 p.m. Directors Wykert, Hope, DiPrima, Menke, Ross and Steffensmeier were present. Also present were Superintendent Slater, Director of Curriculum and Student Services Harmon and Secretary Elmore.

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. The Board received an update of ongoing activities at the High School.

B. Curriculum Corner. The Board was given a Perkins update.

C. "Did You Know?" The Board reviewed the newsroom on the district website.

D. Superintendent Goal Report.

National School Safety Conference. The Board received a presentation on the National School Safety Conference that took place in Las Vegas in July.

Superintendent Slater reviewed the Indicators of Progress towards the Board's goals.

E. District Presentations. The Board received an ESTES Facility Assessment Report as well as a Facility Committee recommendation.

V. Approve the agenda. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve the agenda as presented. The Motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

VI. Consent agenda. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Wykert to approve the consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the November 18 regular meeting; December 2, 2019 Work Session; financial reports including the November Balance Sheet, November Revenue Summary, Expenditure Report and Student Activity Report, accounts payable for the November General Account Board bills for Approval, December General Account Board bills for approval, Student Activity Board bills for approval and Nutrition Account Board bills for approval; resignations from Jennifer Gracey as associate at Richardson, Andy McWhortor as bus driver, Dawn Eid as associate at the middle school, Angela Stein as associate at Richardson, Lynne Lange as administrative assistant to the associate principal at the high school; employment of Emily Bruxvoort as associate at Lincoln, Sydney Simons as associate at Lincoln, Amy Gruntmeir as administrative assistant to

the associate principal at the high school, Tim Harmon as associate at Richardson, Melissa Pollpeter as associate at Richardson, James Boyle as food service delivery driver, Karen Jones as student government sponsor; contract modification for Judy Hand for transfer in assignment and increase in hours and approval of activity and athletic fundraisers. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

VII. Action Items

A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services.

1. Approve District Developed Service Delivery Plan committee members. The Board reviewed the committee members for the District Developed Service Plan. It was moved by Hope and seconded by DiPrima to approve the committee members as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

B. Superintendent.

1. Approval of SBRC Modified Allowable Growth Application. The Board reviewed the SBRC Modified Allowable Growth Application. It was moved by Ross and seconded by DiPrima to approve the SBRC Modified Allowable Growth Application for \$419,652.80 for Open Enrollment Out not in the Fall 2018 Count and \$1,513.60 for ELL Beyond 5 years as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

2. Consider approval of the sharing agreement between FMCS and Holy Trinity for Girls Tennis for the 2019-2020 school year. The Board reviewed the sharing agreement. Discussion followed. It was moved by Menke and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve the sharing agreement between FMCS and Holy Trinity

for the 2019-2020 school year as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

3. Consider approval of the request for travel for a group of four to attend the National Symposium for Strategic CSforALL Resource and Implementation Planning in Denton, TX on January 14 and 15, 2020. The Board reviewed the trip request. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Menke to approve the request for travel from the group to attend the National Symposium for Strategic CSforALL Resource and Implementation Planning in Denton, TX on January 14 and 15, 2020 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

4. Consider approval of the request for travel from the high school music department to travel to Orlando, Florida on April 6-11, 2021. The Board reviewed the trip request. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Ross to approve the request for travel from the high school music department to travel to Orlando, FL on April 6-11, 2021 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

C. Board Secretary/Business Manager.

1. Approval of Depository Resolution for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. The Board reviewed the Depository Resolution. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Fort Madison Community School District, that we do hereby designate the following named banks to be depositories of the Fort Madison Community School District of funds in the amount not to exceed the amount named opposite

each of said designated depositories and the school treasurer is hereby authorized to deposit the Community School District funds in amount not to exceed in the aggregate, the amount named for said bank.

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(PMA Financial Network)

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It was moved by Hope and seconded by Wykert to approve the depository resolution as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote

2. Approval of DLR Contract for the high school HVAC. The Board reviewed the Contract with DLR for the high school HVAC project. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Hope to approve the DLR contract as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

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

1. B. Superintendent
1. Policies for 1st reading. The Board reviewed policies 200.4 through 208.1-R and 501.6 through 505.5-R. These policies will be brought back at a later meeting for final approval.

2. Certified Employee Attendance. The certified employee attendance report was accepted as presented.

3. Board Member Attendance. The Board reviewed and discussed the Board Member Attendance report.

4. Scheduled January Board Instructional Tour. The Board will tour Lincoln Elementary on January 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

C. Board Secretary/Business Manager.

1. IASB Convention Discussion. The Board shared their experiences at the annual IASB Convention in Des Moines last month.

IX. Comments from the audience. There were none.

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

XI. Announcements
January 6, 2020 6:00 PM – Work Session, Board Room, Central Office

January 15, 2020 5:00 PM – Navigate the Board Leadership Landscape with Core Governance Skills, Fairfield High School

January 20, 2020 6:00 PM – Regular Meeting, Board Room, Central Office

XII. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.
Tim Wondra, Board President
December 16, 2019
Sandra Elmore, Board Secretary

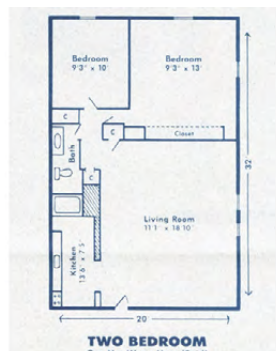
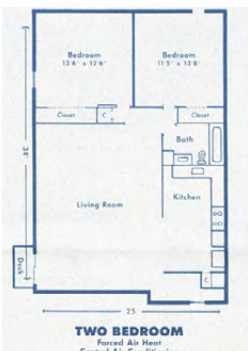
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Veteran encourages grads to consider military options

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improve the country for years to coming.

“But always remember the foundation was secured and protected by those in front of you,” Doty said.

He told the story of Salvatore Guinta, the first living person since the Vietnam War to receive the country’s highest military honor, the Medal of Valor.

Guinta and his platoon were ambushed on the way back to their post after providing security cover for a mission in Afghanistan in 2007, his second tour. The sergeant walking point was hit by enemy fire in a hail of bullets and grenades from an ambush. Guinta ran straight into the enemy fire, as his platoon fired guns and launched grenades into the ambush. Guinta killed at least one Taliban fighter, and wounded several others

before recovering a soldier that was being dragged away, and pulled him to cover.

The soldier would die the next day from his wounds, but those in Guinta’s platoon said with all the enemy fire happening, there’s no way he should be alive.

“What most amazes me about Staff Sgt. Guinta is his commitment to the the team and how humble he is,” Doty said.

“He said, ‘If I’m a hero, every man that stands around me, every woman in the military, everyone who goes into the unknown, is a hero,’” Doty said.

Doty said he watched an interview with Guinta a few years ago where a reporter asked him what kind of soldier he is, and Guinta responded, “Average”.

“The reporter said, ‘you were just awarded the highest award that the military has, presented by the United

States, and you are average?’ ‘Yep,’ he said, ‘You should see the good ones,’ Doty recalled.

Doty said not every veteran performs great acts of valor, but every veteran is truly a hero in their own right, simply because they served.

He said the U.S. has been at war for 18 years and the country has the largest population of young veterans since the Vietnam War. He said the Iowa National Guard has the largest number of veterans in their formation since World War II.

But he said less than 1% of Americans choose to serve in the military and 78% come from families that have already served.

“The contributions these veterans and their families make on behalf of our country are remarkable,” he said.

Military service isn’t for everyone, but every young person should consider whether it may be right for them, he said.

He said the country needs to broaden the appeal of service to include all fabrics of society, all socioeconomic groups and ethnic backgrounds.

“The pride and honor of military service should not be reserved for just those who hail from a tradition of military service.”

The FMHS Student Government presented the American Legion Auxiliary with a check for \$350 at the end of the assembly.

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TUE 24 Dec	Overcast High- 50.5° F Low - 45.7° F

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