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FMHS girls take Keokuk in cold Saturday tennis meet.

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Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Local law enforcment including Fort Madison Police, Lee County Sheriff's Department, Des Moines County Sheriff's Department, and Iowa State Patrol were still searching for the driver of this Chevrolet Sunday. The driver was wanted by Des Moines County before getting into Fort Madison where he collided with a Lee County Sheriff's vehicle disabling it near the corner of Avenue F and 10th Street. Below, Fort Madison police officer Jamie Carle stays with the vehicle, which couldn't be shut off, Saturday night at about 11:15 p.m., while officers scoured the neighborhood after the driver took off on foot.



Bucket calf arrives at Empty Nest

Ginnie is becoming a farm girl!It was Easter Sunday (also April Fools Day). We walked into church and the first thing Ginnie and I heard from the door greeters was, "We have a calf for you!" (No, this was not an April Fools joke.)

Oh, boy! My day could not have been made any happier, and it was already happy because of Easter.

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm

The church was packed to overflowing. I had a hard time paying attention to the sermon because my mind was making preparations for the baby calf. What a gift of life on a



special day!

At coffee hour, we met with the people who had the calf, farmer friends of ours. The calf was born the day before under a blue moon (the last blue moon until 2020). The mama cow had a bad leg and would have to be put down. A home was needed for the little black Angus heifer. We were glad to oblige.

We had a shelter and pen all ready. All we had to do was buy a nipple bucket and milk replacer from the farm supply store on our

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FM teacher picked as lowa NEA director

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

FORT MADISON - A lifelong Fort Madison student, teacher, and advocate has been elected to directorship with the National Education Association.

At a delegate assembly this weekend at Prairie Meadows in Altoona, Rachella Dravis, a 28-year veteran of the Fort Madison Community School District, was elected to one of two Iowa directors' posts on the national board that advocates for public education in the United States.

Dravis is the first teacher from Fort Madison to be elected to the post.



Dravis has been active in advocacy for area students in several different elected positions with the Fort Madison Education Association and the Iowa State Education Association as an executive director representative. She said she has been thinking of seeking the national post for many years.

"I started this process about five years ago. I was nominated a couple of years ago but the circumstances in my life didn't allow it. My hus-

band died and then my brother died and that was more important," she said.

"This past year I had friends talk to me and asked if

"This past year I had friends talk to me and asked if I was ready to do this yet. I'll call them all my sisters, and we talked about activism, advocacy, and the passion I have for our students and this profession, and I told them I think I'm ready to go out there and see if I can get elected to this position."

Campaigning for the position is done within the educational community with delegates to the assembly based on membership. With Fort Madison being in a rural district, association members don't tally as high as the urban and larger communities in the state, which puts rural nominees at a disadvantage, but one that Dravis hit head on.

She made her presentation to the assembly on Saturday as part of the second election process. There were two directors' positions being filled by election this weekend and Dravis was elected on Saturday after about an hour of voting. Cedar Rapids kindergarten teacher and 20-year teacher Kelly McMahon was elected to the other director's post. The two will be filling positions currently held by Mike Beranek of West Des Moines and Joshua Brown of Des Moines.

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Obituaries/Lottery Numbers

OBITUARIES

DEANA WORRELL PERLBERG

Deana "Dee" Worrell Perlberg, 40, died April 5, 2018 at the Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, IA.

Deana was born on November 14, 1977 in Keokuk, IA, the daughter of William and Deborah (Roberts) Worrell. She attended Wells Carey School in Keokuk until the fifth grade. She moved in 1989 to Glenwood, IA where she continued her education and



graduated from Glenwood Senior High School. After high school she attended Iowa Western in Council Bluffs and graduated with an Associates of Arts Degree in sociology.

On October 7, 1999 Deana married Jason Perlberg.

Deana's passion was music. She could tell you almost every artist or song that was playing. She also enjoyed making cross stitch projects, going camping, candle selling, and motorcycle riding with her dad. Her favorite thing was spending time with her boys, family, and

She is survived by her three sons, Michael, Devon and Derrick, her parents, William and Deborah Worrell of Glenwood, IA, her grandmother, Wanda Roberts of Keokuk and a slew of family and friends.

She was preceded in death by a special uncle, Danny Worrell and other grandparents. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk. A time of food and fellowship will follow at the Labor Hall in Keokuk.

A procession to the cemetery will form at 9:45 a.m., Wednesday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk.

Memorials may be made to the family c/o Deb Worrell, 109 W. Florence Ave. Glenwood, IA 51534.

On-line condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.



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OBITUARIES

JOYCE E. ERICKSON

Joyce E. Erickson, 84, of Keokuk, IA, died Friday, April 6, 2018 at her home. She was born on March 20, 1934 at St. Joseph Hospital in Mitchell, SD, the second daughter of Herbert H. and Lydia Schroeder Stahnke. She lived in rural Gilmore, SD until 1936, and then moved to Ricketts, IA where her father was a pastor. In 1941, her family joined her father at Ft. Leavenworth, KS where he was stationed as a



ERICKSON

chaplain during WW II. She attended seven different grade schools until 1946, when they moved to Villisca, IA, where she attended and graduated from Villisca High School with the Class of 1951.

After High School she attended Lutheran Hospital of Nursing and graduated in 1954. She began her nursing career at a Veteran's Hospital in Greeley, CO. She returned to school in 1956 and attended Arizona State University for one semester. She then transferred to the University of Iowa and graduated in 1958 with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

On August 24, 1958, Joyce was united in marriage to Wilbur P.N. Erickson in Villisca, IA. He preceded her in death on January 21, 1987.

Joyce had been a resident of Keokuk for fifty years. In 1972, she began working for the Visiting Nurse Association, which became Keokuk Area Hospital Health Care. She retired in 1997.

Joyce was a member of the First Lutheran Church of Keokuk and WELCA.

Joyce loved to read about history, play bingo at Hy-Vee and quilt with the Quilting Circle at the church. She also enjoyed traveling and one of her favorite trips was to

She is survived by one son, Paul Erickson (Mary) of Garland, TX, two daughters, Denise Davis (John Washburn) of Keokuk, and Linda Pohorsky (Brent) of Fate, TX, four grandchildren, Joseph Davis, McKenzy Pohorsky, Steven Pohorsky and Hunter Christy, two great- grandchildren, Killian Davis and Kalani Whalen and one great-grandchild on the way, one sister, Candus Zambone (Al) of Bridgeton, NJ and her best friend, Linda Saltzgaver of Keokuk.

Besides her husband, she was also preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Ruth Detert.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Wednesday at the First Lutheran Church in Keokuk with Pastor Rodney Underwood officiating. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Tuesday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with the family meeting with friends from 6 – 8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the First Lutheran Church or Donor's Choice.



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OBITUARIES

JUNIOR HAROLD MCKINNEY

Junior Harold McKinney, 95, the patriarch of the McKinney Dynasty, peacefully entered his eternal home at 5:55 P.M. Saturday April 7, 2018 at the Keosauqua Health Care Center.

Left behind to honor and cherish his memory are his loving wife of 75 years Evonne. Three sons: Dwight McKinney, Jerry (Teresa) McKinney and David



(Martha) McKinney. Six daughters: Judy (Bill) Dulin, Barbara (Ed) Howard, Patty Sedlacek, Kathy (Jim) Murphy, Peggy (Mike) Simpkins, and Pamela (Chuck) Warner. Twenty- one grandchildren, thirty-six great grandchildren and ten great- great grandchildren.



MCKINNEY

Junior was born June 2, 1922 near Downing, Missouri in Scotland County the son of Oscar and Amanda (Paris) McKinney.

Junior proudly served his country in World War II as a Ball Tur-

ret Gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress. He flew 27 missions over Europe. Received 5 Bronze Stars, the Air Medal with 4 Oak Clusters and the Good Conduct Medal. He was a member of the Farmington American Legion.

He farmed in Clark County Missouri, and Johnson County Iowa. He worked construction building homes and apartments in Iowa City. Junior worked maintenance in his later years at the University of Iowa. He retired from Southeastern Community College in 1984. He and his wife enjoyed 20 years traveling, wintering in Texas and fishing in the summers.

Junior was met at the Pearly Gates by his parents, three brothers, daughter-in-law Linda, son-in-law Mike and precious angel granddaughter Jessica.

Friends may call after noon on Tuesday at the Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington. The family will meet with friends from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M. Wednesday April 11, 2018 at the Farmington United Methodist Church with Pastor Michael Elrod officiating.

Burial with full military rites will be held at the Campground Cemetery near Downing, Missouri.

Memorials may be made to the Campground Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made to the family at <u>www.schmitzfuneralhomes.</u>

The Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington are assisting the family with arrangements.

CURRENT-LEE

Lee County Bridges group to hold Keokuk community-wide meeting April 16

The steering committee is hosting the next community-wide Bridges out of Poverty training in Keokuk on April 16th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church located at 1101 Blondeau Street. The Public is invited to attend

Pen City Current will list your event in this highly visible CURRENT-LEE section in increments of 25 words for \$15. Add a photo for \$5. Non-profit organizations are eligible for the reduced rate of \$10 per 25 words and \$3 per photo. To place your listing, click here or call Lee at (319)371.4125.





Sports/From the Front

FMHS girls win first tennis meet

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - In frigid temperatures, the Fort Madison girls tennis team sneaked in a meet with Keokuk Saturday morning.

What was originally scheduled to be an Invitational, turned out to just be the two teams due to the frigid temperatures. But the Hounds warmed up on the bottom half of the seedings to get the win.

Senior Katie Larson dropped her match at No. 1, to Jakala Hall 7-9. Larson has struggled against Hall for the past two years.

"Katie had a good match against long-time foe Jakala Hall and almost had her but ended up falling 7-9," head coach Amy Doherty said.

Japanese transfer student Miho Shirai got her first dose of American high school tennis, falling 4-8 in No. 2 singles to a Chilean transfer student in Keokuk's Daniela Lozano. Larson and Shirai also teamed up against Hall and Lozano and fell 6-8 for the Hounds' only losses on the day.

At No. 3, Kearstyn Johnson knocked off the Chiefs' Maddi Miller 8-1 in short order. Larissa Ferrill dropped freshman Keleigh Hall 9-7, while Lanie Kuntz and Zoe Ramatowski at 5 and 6 both breezed to wins, 8-1, and 8-0 respectively.

Johnson and Ferrill earned a hard-fought 9-7 win in doubles over Miller and Keleigh Hall, while Kuntz and Ramatowsi didn't give up a game in their 8-0 doubles win over the Chiefs' Kara Kavanaugh and Susannah Olsen.

"It was freezing, but good for the girls to finally get the chance to see how they will perform against opponents," Doherty said.

"Keokuk's numbers 5 and 6 were brand new, so Lanie and Zoe didn't have much trouble. Larissa faced a little adversity and fell behind after starting with a lead. She at one point was down 6-7 but finally calmed down enough and pulled out the win."

Doherty said Miho had a good match at number two against Keokuk's exchange student and with a little more experience in competitive play, she'll be tough to beat.

She also said the doubles teams are going to be difficult to beat after a bit more court time.





Glo-ing Crazy for Education

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Close to 100 runners took part in the first-ever Glo Crazy for Education 5K GloRun on Saturday at the Baxter Sports Complex. The event was organized by the Fort Madison service clubs including Fort Madison Kiwanis and Key Club. Close to \$3,000 was raised to benefit Elliott Test Kitchen.

Bottle calf brings challenges to the farm

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way to pick up the baby calf. How exciting!

Wouldn't you know it. The farm supply store was closed for Easter. No problem. The farmer would keep the calf one more day, giving it more time to nurse and receive colostrum from its mother.

We took a peek at the calf. She was a beauty.
What would we name her? Ginnie and I racked our brains. "Baby Calf"--no, too descriptive. "Ebony"--maybe. "Blossom"--that's it! She will be our Easter Blossom! (Everyone says, "Don't name it, or you won't want to butcher it when the time comes." Oops.)

Blossom needed a little encouragement at her first

feeding from the nipple bucket. I backed her into a corner and straddled Blossom while Ginnie held the bucket. I pried Blossom's mouth open with my fingers and Ginnie stuck the nipple in. It worked! Blossom was nursing before you could say, "Gee whillikers!" After a belly full of warm milk, Blossom danced around the pen and kicked up her heels. How cute! At the second feeding, she was up and waiting.

It seemed to be taking an awful long time for Blossom to suck down the two quarts of milk replacer. We solved the problem by reaming out the hole in the nipple. She now gulps milk down in nothing flat and nose bumps us for more,

thinking we're her mother. Eee gads!

Blossom goes nuts when all the milk is gone and cries for more. I can't stand a hungry baby. However, there are all kinds of warnings about overfeeding a new calf. It was recommended that we get some high-grass content hay, and also put out a little dry calf starter, along with a bucket of water. Ok, so where do we get hay? We cannot possibly handle those huge round bales you see nowadays, and those smaller square bales are getting pretty tough to find. I put out an urgent request on social media. Presto, I had a name and phone number almost immediately. By noon that day, Blossom was sampling her sweet Iowa grass hay.

Say what you want about social media, but the response from it can be amazing.

Ginnie and I immediately called our kids and grandkids to come and watch Grandma and Grandpa bucket feed Blossom. They stampeded out and displayed mixed emotions, from, "let me hold that bucket, Papa Swarm," to trepidation. We're building memories we hope will last a lifetime.

Ginnie and I couldn't be happier. We're living the dream!

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



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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON **CITY COUNCIL** 4/3/2018

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Randolph presided with Council Members Greenwald, Morawitz, Rink, Andrews, Seidel, Lair and Cangas present.

On motion, Council approved the agenda as written. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 4/3/2018; Liquor License Renewal: Walgreens #11759, 2639 Avenue L, effective 5/21/2018; Outdoor Service Privilege for Main Street BBQ, Faeth's, L.L.C., 832 Avenue G, effective 5/12/2018; and Payment of Claims.

Mayor Randolph opened the public hearing at 5:36 P.M. Concerning PIP 2018-03, Water Storage Facilities Rehabilitation. There were no oral or written comments. On motion, Council closed the public hearing. On motion Council approved Reso-

EXPENDITURES

Sp. Rev. Funds

Road Use	49,568.79	Road Use
Capital	190,909.10	Debt
Water	177,316.65	Capital
Sewer	84,640.46	Water
Solid Waste	4,454.79	Sewer
	\$708,380.47	Solid Waste
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PAYROLL	3/29/2018	
General	\$145,148.26	
Spec. Revenues	3,260.09	
Road Use	20,174.09	
Water	20,789.53	

CLAIMS - APRIL 3, 2018 ABATEMENT SPECIAL-TIES, LLC ABATEMENT OF 721 AVE G 15,180.00 ACCESS SYSTEMS PA-PER FEED UNIT 531.25

Solid Waste

Storm Wate

tion contract for the project to Utility Service Co., Inc., of Perry, Georgia, in the amount of \$1,428,056.12, and approving contract and bonds of Utility Service Co., Inc., pending receipt of the documents. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2018-27, accepting the submitted plat of survey and waiving subdivision requirements (Title 11 – Subdivision Regulations) for Virginia Walker for property located at 3096

lution No. 2018-25, adopt-

and form of contract for the

project. On motion, Council

2018-26, awarding construc-

ing plans, specifications

adopted Resolution No.

miles of City limits. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's reappointment of Corey Fraise and Larry Wright to the Planning and Zoning Commission, terms expiring March 31, 2021.

- 180th Street, within two

At 5:55 P.M. on motion, Council adjourned until April 17, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. /s/ Bradley A. Randolph, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

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Special Rev.	265,749.32
Road Use	120,759.72
Debt	746.23
Capital	7,908.66
Water	1,971,214.29
Sewer	283,297.01
Solid Waste/IW	65,561.32
Storm Water Utl.	18,293.31
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GENERAL 26,729.81

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ROAD USE 34,075.68

CAPITAL PROJECTS

WAASTEWATER 57,551.61

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SOLID WASTE 3,698.10

WATER 52,992.84

TOTAL 206,295.06

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I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY BOARD **PRESIDENT**

II. OPEN FORUM III. BOARD APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. BOARD APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

V. BOARD APPROV-AL OF TREASURER'S REPORT AND INVOICES **PAYABLE**

VI. EDUCATION RE-PORT: IOWA ALN, LAU-**RA WILLIAMS**

VII. BOARD ACTION ON EMPLOYEE RESIG-**NATIONS**

a. Kendra Roquet, Literacv Consultant

b. Debbie Reiter, Audio-

ADMINISTRATOR'S **COMMENTS:**

I recommend approval of the employee resignations as presented.

VIII. BOARD ACTION ON NEW EMPLOYEE **CONTRACTS**

a. Kristen Flores, Occupational Therapist, 192 days, MA+30, Step 8, \$57,003

b. Jennie Adkins, COTA, 192 days, Step 12, \$42,983

c. Katey Liles, COTA, 192 days, Step 2, \$32,953

d. Elizabeth Burdette, Speech and Language Pathologist, 192 days, MA+15, Step 1, \$46,367

e. Sarah Chaney, Speech and Language Pathologist, 192 days, MA+30, Step 1,

f. Hannah DeBruin, Speech and Language Pathologist, 192 days, MA+15, Step 1, \$46,367

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g. Katie Hoftender, Speech and Language Pathologist, 192 days, MA+15, Step 1, \$46,367

h. Alycia Hopp, Speech and Language Pathologist, 192 days, MA+15, Step 4, \$50,189

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

I recommend approval of the new employee contracts as presented.

IX. BOARD ACTION ON CONTRACTUAL AD-**JUSTMENT**

a. Norma Whitaker, Special Education Consultant to Early ACCESS Service Coordinator

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

I recommend approval of the employee contractual adjustment as presented.

X. BOARD ACTION ON SPECIAL EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY RE-**PLACEMENT**

a. PC Quote 30 @1199.00 per computer for a total of \$35,970 - These have a 4 year warranty and accidental damage coverage, and will be purchased through Erbs Technology Solutions, an AEA Purchasing Vendor.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

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XI. BOARD ACTION ON SECOND READING **OF BOARD POLICIES 212**

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

I recommend approval of the Board Policies as presented.

XII. BOARD ACTION ON SECOND READING OF THE AGENCY'S OF-FICE CLOSING POLICY & REGULATION 405.7 & 405.7R

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

I recommend approval of the Board Policies as presented.

XIII. BOARD ACTION ON FIRST READING OF **BOARD POLICIES SE-RIES 500**

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

I recommend approval of the Board Policies as presented.

XIV. BOARD ACTION ON IASB MEMBERSHIP FOR FY 2018-2019

ADMINISTRATOR'S

COMMENTS:

I recommend renewal of Great Prairie AEA's IASB membership for FY 2018-

XV. BOARD ACTION ON SHARING AGREE-MENTS WITH HEART-LAND AEA AND GREEN HILLS AEA FOR THE AGENCY'S 21ST CENTU-RY LEARNING SPECIAL-

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

I recommend approval of the sharing agreements with Heartland AEA and Green Hills as presented.

XVI. REPORTS TO THE

XVII. BOARD WILL GO INTO EXEMPT SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF **DISCUSSING NEGOTIA-**TION STRATEGIES FOR GREAT PRAIRIE AEA, IOWA CODE 20.17(3)

BOARD XVIII. WILL RETURN TO OPEN **SESSION**

XIX. BOARD ACTION ON 2018-2019 CERTIFIED STAFF APPOINTMENTS

XX. ADJOURNMENT

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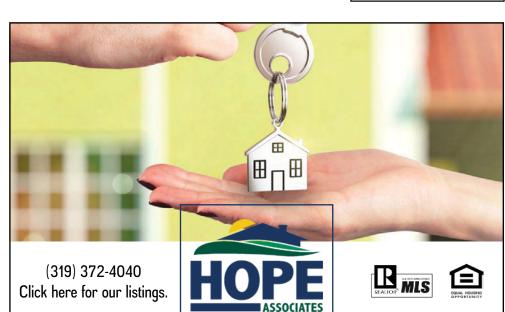
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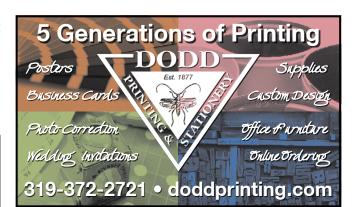
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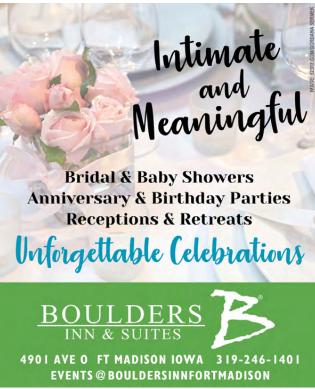






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From the Front/Weather

Dravis taking rural school advocacy to Washington D.C.

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Dravis' position is actually a one-year position as one of the current directors will be leaving the position with a year left on his term, so she will be filling in that role, but she said she's already been nominated to be elected to the directorship again at next year's assembly. Full terms are three-year terms.

She said she has the full support of the FMCSD administration.

"Obviously, this is a pretty big commitment, so I will have to prioritize the other commitments to the local FMEA and the state, but this will allow me to advocate on a much bigger, national platform."

She said the position would require her to be in Washington D.C. four times a year and attend different meetings throughout the year.

"I'd say I'd be out of the classroom 16-20 days per year, but before I even put my name out there, I spoke with the Superintendent (Erin Slater) and shared with her what this was about and what it would entail. I have her support and the support of the principal (Todd Dirth) and we've all talked about different things we can do to get somebody consistent in the classroom so the students don't see a lag at any level."

Dravis said she has several issues she'd like to go to work on as a director, but she said one of the first focuses is going to be developing a strategy to get with some of the Iowa federal Republican legislators like Sens. Charles Grassley and Joni Ernst, and Reps. Steve King and Rod

Blum. The other Iowa U.S. Rep., Dave Loebsack (D-2nd District), is a different story.

"When I go to D.C. I'm going to lobbying for education," she said. "I already know I've got a huge challenge as it's very hard to get appointments with them. They just don't want to talk to us. Loebsack is always very willing to work with us, but how can we get our voices to all five of those Congressional representatives. That's going to be a huge challenge."

She said she's happy that the assembly elected someone from a rural area and she wants to use that influence to help redirect some attention to rural Iowa districts.

"I've really been an advocate for kids and I see those kids are struggling," she said. "I don't think we have a rural voice. After you saw the results of last week's election, of the 13 locals that had bond issues, Lee County had the only two that didn't pass. That's one more example how rural, not just Iowa, other states, too, but how rural kids aren't getting the same time type of opportunities other kids across the state get. We tried to get that out at the local level and we didn't do a good enough job making them understand that. My voice now may carry a little further, may be heard a little louder."

Dravis said she also wants to talk about national issues such as the Deferred Action for Child Arrivals. The purpose of DACA is to protect eligible immigrant youth, who came to the United States when they were children, from deportation. DACA gives young undocumented immigrants: 1) protection from deportation, and 2) a work permit. The program expires after two years, subject to renewal. She said Iowa has 30,000 "dreamers" who are hoping to avoid deportation with the student or work

"I want to talk to them about funding IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) which is what funds our most vulnerable students. This is all (President Donald) Trump and (Secretary of Education Betsy) DeVos, they want to cut the public funding of education."

Dravis has been in the FMSCD since kindergarten and went to school at Richardson, Jefferson, the old high school, which was the old middle school, and graduated here. After college, she returned to the district as an associate for eight years, before landing a fourth-grade teaching spot at Lincoln Elementary 20 years ago and is now teaching at Fort Madison Middle School.

Aside from all the issues and learning that will go into the new post, Dravis said she will never lose her one main focus.

"I have a lot of work in front of me, but anything that affects our students will be on my agenda."

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Light Snow High - 40.0° F | Low - 32.7° F

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