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Group offers LCCB duck blind proposal

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - In what can only be considered bucking the trend of recent meetings between duck hunters and the Lee County Conservation Board, a proposal was submitted Tuesday night that was met with appreciation and respect.

Scott Umthun, a representative of a duck blind committee consisting of about 10 people, said the group met for about three and half months with the goal of coming up with a set of rules that could govern private blinds

on property owned by the county.

The conservation board said last fall that they were going to eliminate permanent blinds by 2019 due to repeated violation of duck blind regulations. That decision ran afoul with many duck hunters in the area, who then descended on the LCCB meetings, and, at several points, those meetings became very heated. At one meeting in particular, several hunters had to be removed by conservation staff, after hunters threw wadded up paper and cursed at the board and Lee County Supervisor Don Hunold, who serves as a liaison to the board.

Umthun said he wanted to leave the past in the past and said the best way forward was through good dialogue and possibly keeping the committee together to help police the bylaws and re-establish a working relationship with the board.

"I think it's a great idea for that committee to be a small group that stays together and is involved with the all the crap these guys have to put up with. So you can see where we're at, because when we say "no" to someone they're going to be upset," Hunold said.

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They're back

Nick Hantzeas and Ashley McVeigh are peddling pizzas and other fare at the Parthenon that is now open again for business. Hours are 4 p.m.-9 p.m. during the week and 4 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday, and closed Tuesday. Orders can be made by calling 319-372-7755.

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Morrison to take over at Kensington

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Kensington senior living community in Fort Madison, Iowa, welcomes Leia Morrison as its new Director. Joining a team of more than 65 locally and 800 nationally, Morrison will move into the role as former Director Rachel Benda takes a new regional position as Director of Operations for Agemark, parent company of The Kensington in Fort Madison, which currently includes 19 home-like communities for seniors across six states.



MORRISON

"I'm so excited to join this staff and this community," Morrison shares. "I can't imagine a better place to bring what I've learned and to continue to serve seniors. Experiencing the loving feeling in this community and seeing the commitment to caring for and respecting each resident during my interview period and now in my first weeks here just confirms why I chose to dedicate my career to serving seniors."

Martin Hug, COO of Agemark, sees growth in the future for The Kensington, Benda and Morrison. "As our population ages and more individuals are exploring their options, the opportunity to meet their needs in a truly family-like, warm and loving environment also grows. We're very happy to welcome Leia to our team," explains Hug. "Her experience and knowledge are extremely important, of course, but it's her passion for helping seniors find enjoyment and feel at home every day that makes her a perfect fit."

"For more than a decade, Rachel has done an exceptional job leading our community and staff as

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HTC's Alfred gets James Madison fellowship

BY AVA PEITZ
HTC Intern/PCC



ALFRED

FORT MADISON - Ryan Alfred, Holy Trinity Catholic's 2018 Teacher of the Year, has been tapped to receive another award, a James Madison Gradu-

ate Fellowship. A James Madison Graduate Fellowship is a \$24,000 graduate fellowship awarded to

"individuals desiring to become outstanding teachers of the American Constitution at the secondary school level," according to the James Madison Foundation website. Their goal is to award one fellowship

per state per year. The fellowship goes toward a master's degree, and from there, Alfred will engage in other classes concerning the Constitution.

"James Madison is one

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Local News/For the Record

Benda takes new regional post with Agemark

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they create that loving environment for our residents. In fact, under her leadership, The Kensington in Fort Madison was honored as one of only four senior communities in the entire U.S. by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) just last month, for its achievements through the Quality Initiative Recognition Program. We're thrilled that Rachel can now share her expertise with all of the Agemark communities in her region."

As the new Director at The Kensington in Fort Madison, Morrison brings rich experience and a strong professional background. Prior to taking the new position, she served as Executive Director at Hancock County Senior Services Association based in Carthage, Illinois. She has also served as a Divisional Director for one of the largest providers of short- and long-term health care services for seniors in the U.S.

Morrison holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Management from Hannibal-LaGrange University in Hannibal, Missouri and is completing her Masters of Business Administra-

tion with a healthcare focus at Ashford University. She is a Certified National Dementia Provider and holds additional certifications in Alzheimer's/Dementia, geriatrics, nursing and chemical dependency counseling. She is an active member of several state, regional and national organizations that focus on senior services professionals and in public policy advocacy for services for the senior population.

About The Kensington Fort Madison The Kensington Fort Madison is an Agemark community located in Fort Madison, Iowa. It employs more than 60 people who serve in a wide range of capacities, from caregivers to cooks, nurses to administrative staff, to meet the needs of the seniors who reside there. Members of the family of employees are carefully chosen for their dedication to the company's mission of providing a loving, home-like environment for all residents and for their alignment with the company's core values, which include compassion, commitment, professionalism and integrity. For information on living or working at The Kensington, visit www.kensington-evergreen.com.

De Kraai benefit set for May 12

FORT MADISON - Friends of Paula De Kraai will be holding a cancer benefit on Saturday, May 12th, from 1 to 10 p.m. at the Eagles Club at 4821 Avenue O in Fort Madison. A live auction starts at 2 p.m. with a raffle and kid's raffle starting at 5 p.m. and a bake sale will begin a 1 p.m.

Raffle and auction items include a gun raffle, VIP Big Country Bash tickets, Riverfest Meet and Greets, handmade end tables from Sleepy Hollow, hotel and casino night stays, Iowa State Fair and Lee County Fair passes, and gift baskets. Will also have a kids raffle, snow cones, and from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. there will be live music by Spazm.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police report
04/23/18 - 6:56 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 100 block of 2nd Street.

04/24/18 - 4:42 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2200 block of Avenue D.
04/24/18 - 5:08 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a shoplifter in the 4800 block of Avenue O.

04/24/18 - 6:10 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny theft in the 2000 block of Avenue B.
04/24/18 - 6:25 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue B.
04/24/18 - 9:50 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested

Michael Leland Link, 47, of Gladstone, Ill., in the 1200 block of 26th Street. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Lee County Sheriff's report
04/23/18 - 1:34 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Christian Jay Jones, 46, of Galesburg, Ill., at the Henry Hill Correctional Center in Galesburg on nine warrants including ongoing criminal conduct, possession of methamphetamine less than 5 grams, four warrants for failure to appear and three warrants for violation of probation. He was held in custody.
04/24/18 - 1:48 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident at the intersection of 243rd Avenue and

353rd Street. A vehicle driven by Clinton LeRoy McGee, 77, of Keokuk, was headed southbound on 243rd and failed to stop at a stop sign. Unit 1 then entered the south ditch sustaining minor to moderate damage. McGee was taken to Unity Point Hospital in Keokuk with minor injuries. He was cited for failure to obey stop sign. *It should be noted those listed above are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.*

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report
04/23/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls.
04/24/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical call.



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Sports/Education News

Hellige takes 1sts at Mepo

BY PCC STAFF

MEDIAPOLIS - The Fort Madison boys track team took fourth place at the Mediapolis Invitational on Tuesday evening, but several Hounds brought home titles.

The Bloodhounds captured 113 points. Mediapolis won the meet with 165 total points.

Sophomore Matthew Hellige took first in the 1600 and 3200-meter runs with times of 4:55.22 and 10:37.11. He also had a 3rd place finish for FMHS in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:14.70.

Fellow HTC sophomore Quentin Schneider brought home a first-place in the 400-meter hurdles and Elijah Barnes got past the 51' mark with his first-place shot put at 51'-3". Barnes earned 2nd in the discus with a throw of 131'-2.5".

Senior Caleb Gehle, fresh off competing in a

national event in Indiana, took first places in the 101, 201 and 401-wheelchair races and the wheelchair shot put with a throw of 17'-4".

The boys distance medley relay team also captured 1st place with a time of 3:55.65, a full 8.4 seconds ahead of the competition.

Complete results are below.

400-meter dash - Bryce Britton 1:03.83 (6th), Shay Smith 1:11.41 (8th)

401-meter wheelchair - Caleb Gehle 1:53.17 (1st)

4x200-meter relay - FMHS 1:42.22 (4th)

800-meter run - Matthew Hellige 2:14.70 (3rd), Dayne Cordray 2:18.24 (4th)

200-meter dash - Zander Schweiss 26:32 (8th), Dominic Frantz 26.70 (10th)

201-meter wheelchair - Caleb Gehle 55:04 (1st)

400-meter hurdles - Quentin Schneider 1:01.67 (1st)

1600-meter run - Matthew Hellige 4:55.22 (1st), Miquel Trejo 5:11.00 (3rd)

4x100 meter relay - FMHS 49:07 (4th)

Long Jump - Shay Smith 15'-10" (3rd), Bryce Britton 14'-2" (6th)

Discus Throw - Elijah Barnes 131'-2.5" (2nd), Heath Hoenig 106'-4" (7th)

Shot Put - Elijah Barnes 51'-3" (1st), Alec Craft 37'-0" (9th)

Wheelchair Shot Put - Caleb Gehle 17'-4" (1st)

800 Sprint Medley - FMHS 1:48.10 (4th)

3200-meter run - Matthew Hellige 10:37.11 (1st), Miquel Trejo 11:29.98 (3rd)

100-meter dash - Alex Gully 11.92 (2nd)

101-meter wheelchair - Caleb Gehle 28.33 (1st)

4x100.25-meter relay - FMHS 57.95 (3rd)

4x400-meter relay - FMHS 4:02.25 (4th)

FMMS to give reunification drill dry run

Submitted article

FORT MADISON - Safety is a priority in the Fort Madison Community School District. Over the past year, district officials have attended a nationally recognized conference on school safety, created a Threat Assessment Team to better organize safety protocols, implemented the use of P3 Campus (an anonymous reporting app for students and parents), and have worked vigilantly to improve the safety and security of students and staff alike.

On May 2nd, 2018, from roughly 8:30 am to 10:30 am, Fort Madison Middle School (FMMS) will be conducting a reunification drill. Reunification refers to the process of exiting the building in case of an emergency and reuniting at a designated area.

The purpose of the drill is threefold; to ensure all students and staff can exit the building properly, to observe the process of rallying to and taking attendance at the reunification point, and to return back to the building safely.

This is viewed by FMMS administration, school personnel, and the threat assessment team as an opportunity to learn and improve.

In an effort to be open and transparent to parents and the community, FMMS is announcing the drill ahead of time. FMMS Parents are welcome to observe the drill from an assigned vantage point near Baxter's Sports Complex through reservation for FMMS parents only by the end of the school day on Friday, April 27th.

FMMS is appreciative of the partnership it has formed with Baxter's Sport Complex in developing a reciprocal agreement for use of facilities as reunification areas. Safety and security is best accomplished through collaboration with various organizations and agencies.

Law enforcement personnel will also be present and involved in controlling traffic around the middle school during the drill to ensure that students are safe at all times. The drill is designed to help improve the safety and security of the school community. FMMS hopes to include other agencies in future drills to best prepare for any scenario that may cause the need for reunification.

Alfred got fellowship on first try

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of the most well known drafters of the Constitution. There has to be at least four classes that go towards the Constitution. With that, you also get a trip to Georgetown University and take 6 credits there. I'll do that in the summer of 2019," Alfred said.

Alfred was motivated to apply because of his passion for government.

"I've always wanted to obtain my masters degree and I think I have an interest in government and the constitution, and that really made me want to apply," he said.

Alfred said that most

people are given the fellowship after applying multiple times, and he wasn't expecting to only apply once.

"With this being my first year, I thought I'd at least have to apply a couple of times," he said.

Earlier this year, Alfred went on the Holy Trinity's senior class trip to Washington D.C., and is glad to be going back.

"I'm excited to go out to Washington D.C. and see D.C. again and go in and learn more about something I'm passionate about, as well as teach my students better about the country they live in and the world they live in."

While looking back at the beginning of his teaching career, Alfred remarked that the impact he has on students is more important than his accomplishments.

"It's just realizing how many kids you've impacted and knowing that they're learning all this information," he said. "The most memorable thing from my teaching is being able to teach the kids about the world they live in and making them future leaders. I think that's more important than what I've accomplished."

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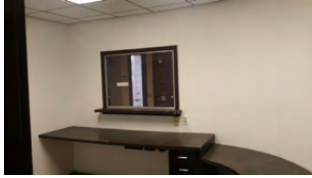
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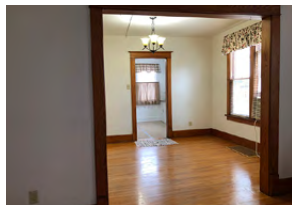
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From the Front

Committee may help keep program on track

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Umthun said having the committee stick together could take the heat off the board in helping make some of the decisions on such things as when weather would dictate pulling the blinds before waters freeze up.

The group submitted a 3-page proposal that outlined how permanent blinds could work on county owned property.

"I hope we can leave the past in the past and work forward," Umthun said. "We as a committee understand the ill feeling that was given to this group. I

think we can make something work, I honestly do. If I didn't, I wouldn't be on this committee. I don't like beating my head against the wall."

The proposal was seven sections and serves as a one-year contract that would be reviewed annually. The proposal outlines definitions, blind position drawings, construction, use of blinds, removal of blinds, and failure to comply. The agreement also serves as a hold harmless against the county and the conservation board for any potential legal issues.

One of the highlights of the proposal is a \$250 deposit before the blind position drawing and each drawing card must have a minimum of three names on it. If the party is not happy with the drawing position they can pass on the site and be refunded their \$250 on the drawing day only. Any abandonment of the site after the day of the drawing would result in a forfeit of the deposit.

Any violations of the potential agreement would result in the same penalties for all the mem-

bers on the drawing card. Any sites not selected during the draw day would be available on a first-come, first-serve basis until the next drawing.

Umthun said having a minimum of three names on the drawing card makes it more difficult for someone to skirt the rules because the other people would be subject to the same penalty.

According to the proposal, blinds must be a minimum of 4'x8' and sturdy enough to withstand daily usage and must be maintained throughout the season. The blind would be required to have

a number visible from outside the blind and it must be placed within 10 feet of the assigned stake.

The proposal also outlines materials that are acceptable for the blind and decoys.

"You guys have done a lot of pick and shovel work and have worked really hard and I really appreciate that work," said board member Bill Mullan.

Umthun said he wanted to apologize for the way the board was treated.

"I'm a hunter and I will apologize to you all for the way you were treated. Because people don't understand when someone's

there pointing a finger at you, that can get pretty emotional."

Conservation director Nathan Unsworth, who inherited the issue when Tom Buckley resigned last summer, said after the meeting that it was his job to facilitate a more productive conversation.

"Basically the board's going to think about it and at the next meeting or so they may discuss it again," said Unsworth. "My goal was to facilitate a better conversation than we had last fall. My role was to give these guys a chance to have a conversation that was meaningful."

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