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McGregor clears hurdle for WP administrator post

Utility board still needs to OK hiring before it's official

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT - West Point resident Dennis McGregor has been selected from a pool of more than a dozen

candidates as the West Point City Council's choice for the city's next administrator.

However, the West Point Utility Board still has to vote on the position as well. The West Point City Administrator serves double duty as the city's top paid official and the utilities director. West Point Mayor Paul Walker said the hiring wouldn't become official until the utility voted on the issue Tuesday.

"I don't foresee there being any problems," Walker said. "But if something were to come up, we'd just go

back to square one."

McGregor wasn't in attendance at the meeting as he was in Canada for his current employer. Walker said the timeline would be about a month, if approved by the utility board, for McGregor to tie up some pending commitments with his current employer, before taking the position with the city.

Current West Point City Administrator Gary Men-

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Flocking to the market

The Fort Madison Main Street's Farmers' Market was hopping as soon as it opened Monday at 4 p.m. Cars filled the North Lee County Historical Society Parking lot and then spilled onto side streets with more than 100 customers buying up wares on a muggy Monday evening.

Wright to lead FM Main Street

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - After two years of tending the needs of past, present, and future business owners in Fort Madison's Main Street District, Cassie Gilbert has stepped away and Denicia Wright has taken the hand-off.

Wright was originally hired as the Fort Madison Partners office manager on May 17, but when Gilbert gave her notice in June, Partners staff looked to Wright to fill the position. Her first official day was Friday, July 6.

Wright and Gilbert were able to work together for a little over two weeks before Gilbert left the area.



WRIGHT

"It was nice to have those two weeks, you don't always get that," Wright said. "Even though I was pulling double duty handling the office manager's position and trying to learn Main Street. She taught me a lot about how Main Street Iowa works and the administrative part the goes with it. There is a lot of stuff we do where we have to work with the state."

Main Street communities such as Fort Madison work under the watchful eye of the Iowa Economic Development Authority's Historical Preservation Trust, including a yearly certification process to allow them to continue to be called an Iowa Main Street Community.

But the time also allowed Wright a chance to get to familiarize herself with the business owners and operators in the district.

"She took me around and introduced me to a lot of the businesses and we had some very warm receptions. People were sorry to see Cassie go but they welcomed me with open arms," Wright said.

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Obituaries/Local News

Back-to-School effort in need of donations

Program expanded to include three- and four-year-olds

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Donations are still being accepted for the second annual Back-To-School Health Fair scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 4th from 10 a.m. to noon at the Fort Madison Community High School. More than 100 students have registered for the backpacks, which include a new pair of shoes.

Registration forms are located at the Food Pantry. There is a foot measuring device at the pantry to ensure the proper size of shoe is ordered. The committee's Facebook page has full updates and those with additional questions are encouraged to contact Dawn Johnson @ dawn.johnson@fmcgsd.org or 660-341-6427.

This year the commit-

tee is including three- and four-year-old children to participate in a developmental screening. Students entering K - 8th grade will be eligible to receive a backpack with most school supplies and new tennis shoes.

These are just some of the more than 100 pairs of new shoes in backpacks that are being donated to needy school children in the area as part of the 2nd Annual Back to School Health Fair set for Saturday, Aug. 4 at FMHS. Courtesy photo.

During the event children accompanied by their parent can expect to participate in a number of learning opportunities about resources and services available in our community. Children will have their vision checked and are also eli-

gible to get a free haircut provided by local area hairdressers.

If you would like to donate supplies you may do so in a donation box that has been placed in the following local businesses: Family Video, Dollar General, Fareway and Lee County Bank until July 16th. A list of items needed is on each box. If you have donated or collected supplies in the past, please consider utilizing the collection boxes. This helps ensure appropriate items are collected and distributed when needed. Any items that are not utilized and distributed during the event are divided among buildings.

The committee is purchasing any items not donated to fill backpacks as well as tennis shoes for each registered participant. If you are interested in sending a monetary donation to this cause you may send a check



Courtesy photo

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OBITUARIES

JAKE ANTHONY STEWART

Jake Anthony Stewart, 34, of Keokuk, IA died on Wednesday, July 4, 2018.

He was born October 20, 1983 in Keokuk, IA the son of Charles Anthony, Sr. and Laura Malloy Stewart.

Jake had been employed by Henniges in Keokuk and most recently by Glen Meyers Driveway & Septic Tank Service in Keokuk.

He attended Apostolic Holiness Church in Keokuk.

Jake liked tinkering with things to see how they worked. He would take them apart, then put them back together. He was athletic and competitive and loved playing basketball, and football, and had played on the Keokuk High School teams. He also loved to go fishing with his grandma Stewart. Jake was a great dad and loved his children very much.

He is survived by six children, DeAndre Stewart, Domanick Stewart, Madison Stewart, Malachi Stewart, Ka-Ioni Stewart and Liam Stewart, his mother, Laura Malloy of Keokuk, his father, Charles Stewart, Sr., of Keokuk, three sisters, Amy Glover (Jason) of Keokuk, Rebecca Mason of Keokuk and his twin sister, Kayla Stewart of Waukee, IA two brothers, Charles Stewart, Jr., of Keokuk and Joseph Stewart (Kelsey) of Clive, IA, his grandfather, Greg Kase of Keokuk and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Sharon Kase, David Malloy, Roy and Thelma Stewart, great-grandparents, Ed and Gladys Butler and Elmer and Louise Malloy.

A service of remembrance was held at 3 p.m., Saturday, (July 7) at the main shelter house in Rand Park. A time of food and fellowship followed the service.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Vigen Memorial Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may left for the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com



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THU 12 July



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FRI 13 July



Moderate Rain
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SAT 14 July



Light Rain
High– 89.6° F | Low – 80.9° F

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For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

7/6/2018 - 4:29 p.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/ theft in the 1800 block of Ave. L.
 7/6/2018 - 5:07 p.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 30th St. and Ave. L.
 7/6/2018 - 6:08 p.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 30th St. and Ave. L.
 7/6/2018 - 7:37 p.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 600 block of 9th St.
 7/6/2018 - 9:32 p.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 400 block of Ave. H.
 7/6/2018 - 9:58 p.m - Fort Madison Police arrested Amanda Jean Smith, 24, of Fort Madison on a charge of theft- fifth degree in the 1000 block of Ave. H. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released on promise to appear.
 7/6/2018 - 9:58 p.m - Fort Madison Police arrested Joseph Theodore Jean Gray, 33, of Fort Madison, on a charge of theft- fifth degree in the 1000 block of Ave. H. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on promise to appear.
 7/6/2018 - 10:30 p.m - Fort Madison Police arrested Brent Michael Lee McCormick, 39, of Fort Madison, on charges of disorderly conduct and public intoxication in the 2100 block of Ave. L. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 7/7/2018 -11:58 a.m - Fort

Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 900 block of Ave. G.
 7/7/2018 - 2:55 p.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of Ave. D.
 7/7/2018 - 9:00 p.m - Fort Madison Police arrested Beth Ann Wenke, 37, of Fort Madison on one charge of OWI - 2nd Offense, one charge of careless driving, one charge of failure to maintain control, and one charge of failure to obey a stop sign, in the 1700 block of 39th St. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 7/8/2018 - 2:17 a.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 3100 block of 260th Ave.
 7/8/2018 -10:30 a.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1100 block of Ave. E.
 7/8/2018 - 5:46 a.m - Fort Madison Police cited Teresa Ann Manning, 43, of Fort Madison, on a charge of driving under suspension at the intersection of 37th St. and Ave. O. She was released upon citation.
 7/8/2018 - 4:25 p.m - Fort Madison Police arrested Russell Kutcher, 35, of Fort Madison, on a charge of assault serious misdemeanor in the 1100 block of Ave. G. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 7/7/2018 -10:35 p.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2400 block of Ave. L.
 7/9/2018 - 2:15 a.m - Fort Madison Police arrested Jarod Alexander Ramos, 37, of Fort Madison, on a

charge of possession of controlled substance- methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

7/6/2018 - 10:52 a.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michael Leland Link, 47, no address listed on a warrant of failure to appear at the Sheriff's office. He was released the next day.
 7/6/2018 -5:46 p.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kori Jeremiah Nance, 31, of Nauvoo, Ill. on a charge of being a fugitive from justice at the Sheriff's office and was held there.
 7/7/2018 - 1:01 a.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one vehicle accident in the 3000 block of Hwy. 61. Brendan Caley Carper, 20, of Burlington was traveling northbound on Hwy. 61 when he struck a large rock that was in the middle of the roadway. No injuries or citations were issued at the scene.
 7/7/2018 - 1:31 a.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Colt Wayne Bergeheger, 20, of Keokuk on a warrant of violation of probation in the 1400 block of Main St. in Keokuk. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 7/7/2018 - 9:20 a.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michelle Lee Ferguson, 40, of Fort Madison on a charge of judgement hold at the Sheriff's office. She was held at Lee County Jail.
 7/7/2018 - 2:25 p.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Denaijha Deighshelle

Lambkin, 24, of Fort Madison on charges of interference with official acts and disorderly conduct in the 4600 block of Ave. J. She was released the next day on personal recognizance. She was held at Lee County Jail.
 7/7/2018 - 5:00 p.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 2400 block of Hwy. 2. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Tiffanee Raye Kimball 39, of Cantril, was struck by a horse trailer being pulled by a vehicle driven by Katrina M. Shaner, of Stronghurst, Ill. As she was driving, the horse trailer came loose from her vehicle and struck Kimball's vehicle, causing severe damage to the vehicle itself. Kimball was struck with glass from the side windows that shattered upon impact. No injured or citations were issued at the scene.
 7/7/2018 - 6:26 p.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Patricia Lynn Lamma, 30, of Keokuk on a warrant of contempt-resist court order at the

Sheriff's office. She was held at Lee County Jail.
 7/7/2018 -10:53 p.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Destiney Leeann Gilpin, 27, of Keokuk on a warrant of judgement hold in the 100 block of 4th St. in Keokuk. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 7/8/2018 - 2:00 a.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested William Jay Mcnamee, 30, of Burlington on a warrant of judgement hold in Wever Junction. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 7/8/2018 -3:29 a.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kimberly Brook Fink, 45, of Argyle on a warrant of violation of no contact order and a charge of domestic abuse assault in the 3100 block of 260th Ave. in Montrose. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 7/8/2018 - 10:31 p.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kajohnique Joeel Wamer, 18, of Salem on a charge of a temporary hold at the Sheriff's office. She was taken to Lee

County Jail and held.
 7/8/2018 - 8:39 p.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to an accident at the Turkey Run boat access owned by Lee County Conservation. A vehicle legally parked at the Turkey Run boat access notified deputies of damage done to her vehicle as a result of an apparent hit and run. According to the report, tracks in the vicinity showed erratic driving and a paint transfer was left on the vehicle.
 7/8/2018 - 10:50 p.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jarrod Ray Hagmeier, 37, of Keokuk on charges of burglary in second degree and eluding- speed 25 over limit in the 2600 block of Hwy. 61. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 7/9/2018 - 9:289 a.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Amy Lynn Bunker, 33, of Wayland, Mo. on a warrant of judgment hold at the sheriff's office. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



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FMCH holding first ever baby gear fair

Submitted article

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison Community Hospital Birthplace will be hosting a Mommy & Baby Gear Fair on Saturday, July 14th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. This new event will take place in the Conference rooms of the Business Center, lower level east addition at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

The Mommy & Baby Gear Fair was conceived with new and expectant parents in mind but anyone wanting to see first-hand what is new in the world of baby gear is welcome to attend.

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just some of the items that will be available to check out. There will also be a number of experts on hand to talk about car seat safety, sunscreen for babies, and dental hygiene.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Meeting Notice CITY OF FORT MADISON Planning and Zoning Commission WILL MEET ON Wednesday, July 18, 2018, 6:00 PM AT THE Council Chambers, City Hall 811 Ave E TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING: AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of minutes 6/26/18 meeting
3. Non-agenda item com-

ments

4. Request to Rezone property known as 1211 25th Street from R-5 Two-Family Dwelling District to B-2 Business District, General Retail.
5. Code Review: Land Uses: Review and update Commission Members notes to the matrix of land uses. Continue reviewing land use categories and uses individually with respect to which zoning districts said uses are in.
6. Old Business: None.
7. Other/New Business
8. Adjournment

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From the Front

Wright says customer skills will translate well into Main Street district

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Wright said she will have to take part in a Main Street Iowa orientation program in August where she will get acclimated with the state's programming as well as getting to meet other Main Street community officials and staff.

Growing up in Kansas City, Wright moved to Fort Madison in 1990, but she said she fell in love with the town when she would come up for summer and winter breaks in school to stay with her grandmother. She currently lives in Fort Madison with her husband, Amos, and a son. The couple's older daughter lives in Cedar Rapids.

"I loved the homey feeling. When I came to visit, it felt like home," she said. "It was so small everyone knew everybody and everyone was nice and accommodating. When I became an adult, I wanted my daughter to grow up in that environment. I wanted my children to be able

to experience that."

For the past 15 years Wright has worked in Mt. Pleasant with Farm Credit Services of America where she was an Insurance account specialist for farmers with less than 800 acres.

She said she feels the customer service and people skills she obtained in that position will translate well into the Main Street program.

"I can say with my background I was able to develop people skills. The administrative piece I will learn," she said. "I've never written a grant or anything like that, but I will get my feet under me quickly. But right now, I'm coming in at this from the customer service side of things."

Main Street Board President Stephanie Knoch said she feels Wright will be able to pick up where Gilbert left off pretty seamlessly.

"We're looking forward to exciting things from

her," Knoch said. "She's been in the area and she's familiar with the people and the businesses. I actually worked with her at the bank years ago so I know her and she's already met quite a few business owners and made a good impression. We're excited to see her continue Cassie's success."

Wright said her goal is to not just do "how-die-doodie" calls, but meet with business owners regularly with a purpose.

"I don't want to be a nuisance to them. I want to make sure I take things to them that are important and have a purpose," she said. "My goal is to get out on the street at least once a week and talk with the business owners."

She said she's looking forward to being a part of something with a bigger impact on the community.

"I'm looking forward to being a part of something big to make our town better," she said. "We have

"My goal is to get out on the street at least once a week and talk with business owners."

-Denicia Wright
Main Street
Coordinator

a beautiful town now, but I want to be a part of keeping it going and continuing to make it better. There's always room for improvement and I'm happy to bring my piece to the table to help that happen."

Knoch said Gilbert was a great asset to Main Street.

"She made herself known to everyone. She helped get a lot of things accomplished and a lot of new businesses in town."

McGregor picked from a pool of 13 candidates

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ke, who also wasn't in attendance to do other commitments, announced his resignation at the June 12 regular meeting. Menke has served in the position for the past eight years.

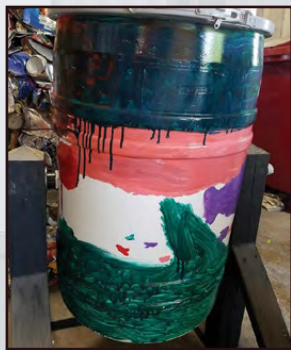
Walker said the pool of candidates was whittled down from 13 to eight with four from West Point. He said the Policy and Administration committee met and took the four from West Point and the four other most qualified and then scheduled two days of interviews with several members of the committee, Walker, and Menke. That group narrowed the pool to three and then the full board sat again to pick one of the final three.

In other action, the council:

- voted 4-0 to approve a car show on Aug. 25 on the town square. Councilman Will Stuekerjuergen abstained.
- voted 5-0 to approve liquor licenses for Phil's Pub for outdoor service expiring on July 23, 2018, and for the Sweet Corn Festival extended service area for four area establishments.
- changed the time of the next city council meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. to accommodate clean up for the Sweet Corn Festival on Aug. 13.

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