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## Candidates talk trade programs, communication

*First in a two-part series  
looks at half of school board  
candidates for Nov. 5 election*

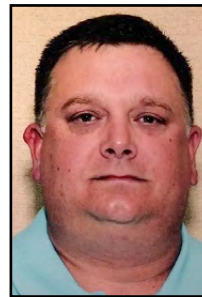
**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR



ROSS



WYKERT



HOTOP

FORT MADISON – Career education training and communication are on a list of priorities for three candidates up for election on Nov. 5.

Incumbents Carol Ross and Jared Hotop and former board member Joshua Wykert all said the career education training programs underway at the high school are a point of pride for the district, but can be improved.

The other three candidates: incumbents Dianne Hope, Lois DiPrima and newcomer Candice Smrt will appear in a preview of the remaining candidates in the Pen City Current later this week.

Ross, who's been on the board since Sept. 2015 and is a West Point resident who works for Menke & Co. as an accountant, said she'd like to see some programming added at the junior high level including robotics and foreign languages.

"I would like to see us make a few changes... It really doesn't help us that at the middle school level the only students allowed to do robotics are AP students, so when they get to high school it's new to them," Ross said.

"One of the things I was told, is that the kids that go to AP get pulled out of other classes once or twice a week. The reason they don't do that with kids that aren't in AP is that those kids would struggle. So maybe an after-school club type things. And I would really like to



see us add foreign language at middle school. We don't have that."

But Ross said improving facilities for the elementary students is still one of the top priorities for the district.

"I want to keep improving things for the kids. We cannot have the elementary students in those buildings. We have to start thinking outside the box and look for alternatives and other funding options out there aside from a bond referendum."

She said declining enrollment is also a big issue citing improving test scores and programming.

"We're making good strides in improving our test scores and programming, but it takes time to reverse that

trend. If they leave as a kindergartner, they're probably not going to come back," she said.

Part of the problem, Ross said, is declining family sizes, but she said adding options for kids that don't want to go to college could also be a way to stimulate district growth.

"We do a good job with our welding and trades programs, but I don't want to forget those that aren't going to college so we need to keep improving our options."

Wykert, too, said that type of programming could lead to improved district enrollment which would lead to additional revenue.

He said one of the top priorities facing the district, and education in the state as well, is ensuring the future per student funding is increased at a rate greater than inflation. Wykert said another issue to try to stop is the outflow of students to other district.

"We're talked about as one of the highest performing districts in the state and we need to be asking the question of why we're losing kids to other schools," he said.

"That's revenue you're losing. Keeping students in your system is how you keep revenue."

Wykert is a financial manager at Cryotech in Fort Madison and said his financial experience would be an asset to the board. Wykert sat on the board for about three months when he was appointed to fill the seat of Gayla Young who died at the end of 2018.

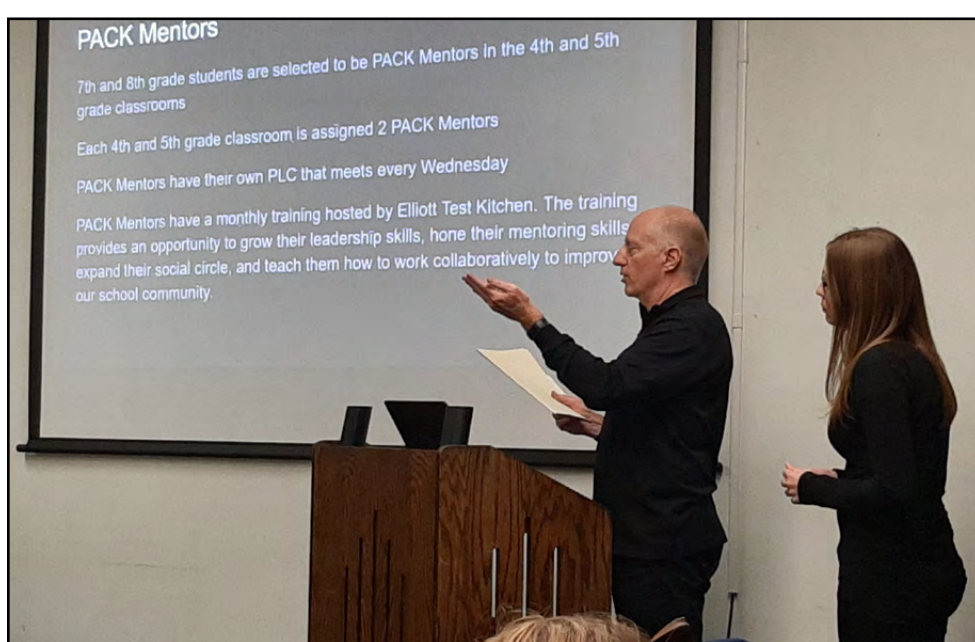
Wykert said that time exposed him to budget planning and that's where his expertise would come into play.

"I got a taste for it and have some knowledge going in and I think I can help the district financially get to a better path that hopefully moves us toward a new school," he said.

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Fort Madison Middle School Principal and counselor Melissa Helt talk with the Fort Madison School Board Monday night about the school's PACK mentoring program that utilizes 7th and 8th graders to mentor 4th and 5th graders at the school.

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC



## Biden to visit West Point

BY PCC STAFF

WEST POINT – Former Vice-President Joe Biden, a 2020 candidate for president, will visit Lee County on Wednesday.

The event will be held at Small Grand Things, 1903 West Point Road, West Point. Biden is expected to speak at 2 p.m. and organizers are encouraging the public to arrive around 1:30 p.m.

The stop is part of a swing through eastern Iowa for the former Delaware senator who served in that capacity for more than 36 years.

Recent national polls show the race in Iowa tightening after Biden held a respectable lead ahead of Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren. South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg has closed the gap and all three are within single digits in polling.

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# Obituaries/Local News

## OBITUARIES

### MONA HIBBERT

On Sunday morning, October 20, 2019, Mona Hibbert passed very peacefully into the welcoming arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



HIBBERT

She was born January 10, 1935 in Marion County Missouri to Everett and Ruby Lawson. (both long passed but never forgotten).

She was an LPN and worked for various nursing homes including Sunset Home, Good Samaritan and Illinois Veterans Home.

She had four sons, who survive, Sam (Terrie) Newlon, Art (Deborah) Newlon, Jim Heitz, and John (HeeKyong) Heitz, twelve grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, her sister, Wanda Matteson of LaPlata, MO and brother, Lynn (Ruth Ann) Lawson of Brookfield, MO, her brother-in-law, Dr. Ben Poage of Richmond, KY and thirteen nieces and nephews. She also had many lifelong friends. Two special ones still survive, Marilyn and Judy. She was preceded in death by her brother, Edward Lawson and sister, Nina Poage.

She loved taking day trips where she marveled at God's creation, especially wild flowers, fall colors, soft clouds and birds. She also liked cooking, antiques, gardening, bluegrass, and old-time southern gospel music.

There will be no services at this time. She will be interred next spring at Ariel Christian Church Cemetery in Ralls County, MO. Family and friends will gather then for a remembrance and a wildflower planting. Did we mention she LOVED wildflowers especially daisies?

Memorials can be made to Living Waters Assembly of God Church in Keokuk IA. (Note; blanket Sunday). Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

## OBITUARIES

### NORMA I. NAVE

Norma I. Nave, 94, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 6:04 PM at her home.



NAVE

She was born on January 5, 1925 in Ft. Madison to John and Ruth White Roxlau. Norma married Worth Taylor and they later divorced. On August 6, 1960 she married Lester W. Nave in Kahoka, MO and he passed away on July 10, 2004. Norma worked at Sheaffer Pen Co and IAAP. She and her husband owned and operated the 12th Street Tavern for twenty seven years and retired in 1987. She enjoyed being outdoors and working at flea markets. She was a member of AARP, Amvets Club and the Ft. Madison Senior Citizens. She was a Cubs fan and a Jeff Gordan and Tiger Woods fan.

Survivors include four grandchildren; several grandchildren, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and a daughter Sharon Richers.

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 1:30 PM at Soldiers' Circle, Oakland Cemetery with Rev. Dean Graber officiating. King-Lynk Funeral Home is assisting the family and online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

## FMEA to host candidate forum

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Education Association will be hosting a community forum on Tuesday, Oct. 29 beginning at 6 p.m.

The forum will feature all six of the candidates for the Nov. 5 Fort Madison Community School District Board of Directors.

The forum will open at 5:45 for attendees to write down questions to be asked during the forum which is scheduled to run until 7:30 p.m. at the Connection Bank Community Room in downtown Fort Madison.

There are four seats open on the school board with six candidates vying for the open seats including incumbents Dianne Hope, Jared Hotop, Lois DiPrima, and Carol Ross.

Newcomer Candice Smrt is also on the ballot for one of the seats as is former school board director Josh Wykert.

Wykert was appointed as a school board director in January after the death of director Gayla Young. He served until the spring election that year and was defeated by Brad Menke for the seat.

State law this year moved all school elections to the November general election cycle.

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# For the Record/Lee County News

## For the Record

### Fort Madison Police Report

10/18/19 – 9:19 a.m.  
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2400 block of Avenue L.  
 10/18/19 – 10:19 a.m.  
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2500 block of Hwy. 61.  
 10/18/19 – 1:12 p.m.  
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a gas drive off in the 5000 block of Avenue O.  
 10/18/19 – 2:43 p.m.  
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 900 block of Avenue G.  
 10/18/19 – 6:10 p.m.  
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 600 block of Avenue F.  
 10/19/19 – 3:00 a.m. –

Fort Madison Police arrested Brad Whisenand, 41, of Fort Madison at the police station, on charges of animal neglect and public intoxication. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 10/19/19 – 7:08 a.m.  
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of 35th Street.  
 10/19/19 – 7:38 a.m.  
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 300 block of 15th Street.  
 10/19/19 – 9:44 a.m.  
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1100 block of Avenue E.  
 10/19/19 – 10:49 a.m.  
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft on Richards Drive.  
 10/19/19 – 1:36 p.m.

– Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of 35th Street.  
 10/19/19 – 1:46 p.m.  
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 1000 block of Avenue H.  
 10/19/19 – 2:21 p.m.  
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1400 block of Avenue F.  
 10/19/19 – 5:31 p.m.  
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2700 block of Avenue J.  
 10/19/19 – 7:26 p.m.  
 – Fort Madison Police arrested Joshua William Milligan 27, of Fort Madison in the 2100 block of Avenue L, on charges of trespass and interference with official acts. He was taken to the Lee

County Jail and held.  
 10/19/19- 9:12 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Rebecca Linn Dunlap, 26, of Fort Madison, in the 700 block of Avenue D, on a warrant service. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 10/19/19 – 11:36 p.m.  
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 800 block of 11th Street.  
 10/20/19 – 12:19 a.m.  
 – Fort Madison Police arrested Jessica Lee Gerdes, 39, of West Point, in the 800 block of 11th Street on a charge of operating while intoxicated. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 10/20/19 – 8:34 a.m.  
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 200

block of 1st Street.  
 10/20/19 – 2:46 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Serena Dawn Schnider, 41, of Fort Madison, on a charge of driving while suspended. She was released upon citation.  
 10/20/19 – 4:55 p.m.  
 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1400 block of Avenue F.

### Lee County Sheriff's Report

10/18/19 – 1:30 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Levi Lewis Happs, 23, of Wyaconda, Mo.; at the Boonville Correctional Center in Boonville on a warrant for probation violation. He was held in custody.  
 10/18/19 – 6:20 p.m.  
 – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Donald Ray Junior Wall, 47, of Fort Madison in Des Moines County,

on a warrant for violation of probation. He was held in custody.  
 10/18/19 – 7:00 p.m.  
 – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Rick Keegan Tinder, 25, of Keokuk at the Lee County Jail on a judgment hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on a served weekend.  
*Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

### Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

10/18/19 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls and one false alarm.  
 10/19/19 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to two false alarms and one motor vehicle accident  
 10/20/19 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to five medical calls.

## Conservation foundation holds fundraiser

BY PCC STAFF

DONNELLSON – The Three Rivers Conservation Foundation is hosting a Chicken Dinner Fundraiser on Sunday, November 3rd, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Charleston Board of Trade. The price of the dinner is \$10 for adults and

\$6 for children under 12. The goal of this initiative is to help Lee County Conservation raise funds for new playground equipment at the Pollmiller, Wilson Lake, Chatfield, and Heron Bend. The members hope to have the first playground project completed at

Pollmiller by 2020. Funds raised from this event will support this project. Tickets are available at the Lee County Conservation Office or from any foundation board members. Walk-ins are also welcomed the night of the event.

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# Current-Lee

## CURRENT-LEE

The following is a list of current events and happenings in Fort Madison and north Lee County as submitted to the Pen City Current.

### Boo-athlon Caregivers Connection Class to be held Oct. 22 at The Kensington

Debbie Green from FMCH Hospice will join us on Oct 22nd at 12pm for our next Caregiver Connection class. She will talk about navigating the end of life, a part of the normal process of living. Honest, open communication with family, friends, and medical providers regarding a person's choices for end of life care to provide a smoother road in this part of life's journey. We will review some of the documents that are available for a person to use to share their wishes. We will also talk about how to talk to your physician and your loved ones regarding your choices – what questions to ask, topics to assure you have a meaningful discussion. Having these discussions early and planning early provides a much higher quality of life during the end of life. It's hard to talk about – we will provide some tools to help. A simple lunch will be served. Class is held at The Kensington and lasts one hour. Free. Please RSVP to Victoria at 319-372-4233.



The PORT of Fort Madison will be holding it's annual Spooktakular Boo-athlon fundraiser at the Baxter Sports Complex on Oct. 26, beginning at 9 a.m. Registration forms can be found online at [www.fortmadison-ia.com](http://www.fortmadison-ia.com) under the community tab/PORT, on the PORT of Fort Madison Facebook page of by calling Kathy Benda at 319-470-7848.

### YMCA Sailfish Parents Meeting

A new parents meeting will be held Oct. 25 at the YMCA Preschool Room starting at 5:30 p.m. For more information contact Jason Dixon at 319-759-5972 or Jen Fett at 319-850-2439.

### YMCA Daddy Daughter Dance

The annual dance will be held Nov. 8th at the Fort Madison Elks Lodge from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cost is \$20 per couple for YMCA members, \$30 per couple for non-members. \$5 for additional children. Registration deadline is Nov. 1.

### 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.

### Brakes for Breasts

Griffin Brake & Muffler Center will be holding a Brakes for Breasts where the center will be giving away free quality brake pads and shoes and will donate 10% of labor and other necessary parts to the Cleveland Clinic Breast Cancer Vaccine Fund during the Month of October.

### An Evening with Gary Dolphin

The Voice of the Hawkeyes will be the guest at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course Tuesday, Oct. 22 for a dinner and social hour. Tickets are available by calling Ryan McMillan at 319-528-6214 or emailing [rmmcillan@sheaffergolf.com](mailto:rmmcillan@sheaffergolf.com).

[com](http://www.fortmadison-ia.com). Doors open at 4:30 with the dinner and social hour from 5 p.m to 6 p.m.

### No Tricks Just Treats

The 3rd Annual Lee County Sheriff and Lee County CrimeStoppers will be holding their annual No Tricks, Just Treats event at the sheriff's office Oct. 28, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the sheriff's office at 2530 255th Street in Montrose.

### Old Settlers Trick or Treat

4th Annual "Trick or Treat" in Old Settler's Park will be held on Thursday Oct. 31, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. A light supper will be provided by Fraise Auction & Real Estate.

### Halloween Historic Jail Tour

Volunteers with the North Lee County Historical Society will be opening the historic 1869 Lee County Jail during citywide Trick or Treat hours from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Oct. 31. The tradition of giving out "Tootsie" rolls in honor of former Lee County Sheriff Harold R. "Toots" Delahoyde.

### FMAAA 4-Course Thai Meal

Carol Mapes will be the featured chef for a 4-course Thai Meal on Friday, Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. at the FMAAA center. Tickets are \$25 per person. Call the center at 372-3996 for additional information or tickets.

### Flashlight Maze Nights

Each Saturday, weather permitting, the Harvestville Farm Corn Maze will be open from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. with last entry at 9:30 p.m. Bring your own flashlight. For more information call 319-470-1558.

### Lighted Parade Float Work Nights

Float work nights for the annual holiday lighted parade are held every Monday starting Sept. 30 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 1200 Avenue I. Entrance is through the back. Call the Chamber at 319-372-5471 for more information.

### SCC Vendor Blender

A vendor blender will be held on Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with proceeds benefiting SCC student club activities. \$3 admission and lunch will be available in the SCC cafeteria from 11:30 to 1 p.m.

### 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.

### Lee County Health Department clinics

LCHD will be holding a Children's Immunization Clinic at #3 John Bennett Drive on Oct. 24, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. The clinic is open to children who have no insurance, are insured by Iowa Medicaid or those who have private insurance that doesn't cover the cost of vaccines. Free lead testing is also available. Contact the health department at 372-5225.

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## Opinion

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Former council says Nov. 5 vote should be based on community vision

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter from a perspective not many have or would ever want to take on as a citizen of Fort Madison. I am writing this letter as a citizen who has also dedicated six years as a member of Fort Madison City Council from 2011-2017 in second ward and currently as a member of the Tourism Commission. As a member of city council, it's more than first and third Tuesdays. It's increased shopping times at the store or a less than warm meal at the restaurants due to people coming to you with their issues and "suggestions". Being on city council is not for the money or glory from it because it's many headaches and stress filled decisions. But none of those who have taken the oath to serve our community would ever take anything back or be sorry we put ourselves out there. We understand our call to uphold the interests of those we represent and make decisions for the city we feel will produce the best possible outcome. My duty was to always do what was in the best interest of the city and its citizens. Some on council past and present may have a different way as to how they approach and vote each agenda item turned ordinance or city project. Each representative is duly elected by the will of the people, but decisions as to each agenda item should be in my opinion as to what is in the best interest of the city and its citizenry when those officials are elected.

Recently, the newly adopted ordinance allowing golf carts, ATVs, and UTVs to be street legal and access to streets throughout the city was a hot button issue with many citizens. Anything can be a hot button and anything to anyone is everything even if just an issue like the recent golf cart, ATVs, and UTVs ordinance. While I was personally against the adoption of this ordinance due to safety concerns and other factors, one issue shouldn't decide your vote to elect a member of council who may be on the ballot. While in the back of my mind I have my opinions and thoughts as to why or how the ordinance could pass and why certain officials voted in favor, that wasn't the singular factor to me casting a vote in the November election. In my opinion the whole of one's body of work on the city council should be taken into consideration, but I understand each voter has that right to vote their conscious and elect who they feel best represents their vision for our city.

I have known At-Large Councilman Kevin Rink since 2011 and knew of him prior. I know Kevin to be a good man who would do anything for anyone whether he knew you or not. But that shouldn't be why one would cast a vote for him. You should vote for Kevin if you believe he will best represent your vision for the city and your respective views and has done so in his tenure, not because Kevin is a good guy and would do anything for anyone. Kevin has a body of work on city council that is more than an ordinance allowing golf carts, ATVs, and UTVs to be used on our streets. He is more than the vote he casts on agenda items or anything the city has input. He is a councilman that has voted to allow TIF money for Siemens to bring manufacturing to our city and jobs to hundreds of people. He is a councilman who has questioned and worked to get the best possible outcome financially and project details that make living in Fort Madison sustainable and livable for all within the constraints and guidelines set forth by either another governing body like FEMA or other factors and entities given as to how one will vote on certain issues.

I have had conversations with the candidates for each office on the ballot and genuinely have no issues or feelings of animosity towards any of the names on the ballot. I agree with some and others not at all, and yet some I have agreement and disagreement on many issues but that in no way sways my vote in favor or not. Personally, I don't vote for a candidate because he or she is a great person or has the best morals and integrity, hell I voted for Donald Trump and I don't believe he has either of those or he may have a little of both. SIDEBAR! I hate that the president tweets and makes disparaging remarks when he has made progress or had a big win when it comes to the American people as a collective. I look at the president's whole body of work and see our country moving forward and progress. But that's not why I voted for him as president, I voted for him because he could get the job done and had the same vision for the country as I do and he as an elected official could make our country the best it could be across all fronts. Kevin Rink has morals and integrity, that has never been questioned and won't be in question. But again, that's not the reason to vote for him. Vote for Kevin because he represents your vision and has moved our city forward and progressed making for the betterment of our city and its citizens. I think all the candidates for city council are genuinely good people and have the best interest of the city in mind like Kevin Rink. I don't think any of the candidates are morally corrupt or integrity is brought into question, but again those aren't reasons as to why I would or wouldn't cast a vote for them.

Don't vote for Kevin because he's a great guy and would do anything for you, vote for him because he represents your vision for the city and the whole body of work he has compiled since taking office, making decisions as one vote on a council of seven. The moral and integrity that Kevin has is just a plus to his voting record when it comes to the betterment of our city and moving forward.

The great thing about democracy and the election process is you have choice and a right to voice that choice through casting a ballot in November or prior to at the county offices for the candidate you see best fits your vision for the city to move forward or has progressed for the better. Best of luck to all the candidates for city council and remember there's always another election.

Brian Wright

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The Board of Directors of the Central Lee Community School District held a work session on Monday, October 14th, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. with Bill Young, Brock Westfall, Brenda Mansheim and Tony Sciumbato present.

Neumann Monson and Architects were present to give a facility planning update to the board.

Elementary Principal Heather Fuger, along with

the Elementary Building Leadership Team, gave a presentation to the board. The team reviewed the CAFE Menu for Emergent Readers, which included the following: Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency and Expand Vocabulary.

The meeting closed at 7:20 p.m.

The above are the unofficial minutes of the Board of Education, and will not become official until approved by the board at their next regular meeting, November 18th, 2019.

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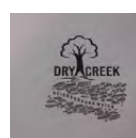
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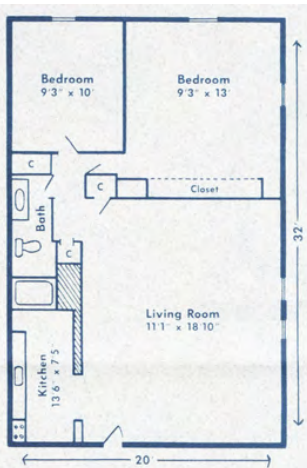
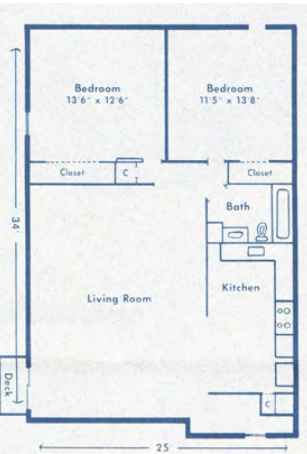
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# Local News/Weather

## FM man wins \$10K on scratch-off ticket

CLIVE, Iowa — A Lee County man said his wife didn't believe him when he told her he won a \$10,000 lottery prize.

Richard Hertzler, 70, of Fort Madison, won the second top prize in the Iowa Lottery's "Naughty/Nice" holiday scratch game. He purchased his ticket at Hy-Vee, 2606 Ave. L in Fort Madison, and scratched it in the store.

"Boy, I got weak in the knees," he said Tuesday as he claimed his prize at the lottery's regional office in Cedar Rapids. "It said, 'You win \$10,000.' I had to use their kiosk machine to verify it. I was pretty excited."

Hertzler said he was eager to get home to tell his wife, Sherry.

"She couldn't believe it either," he said. "She had to take a double-take. She says, 'That doesn't happen to us! That's got to be a fake ticket or something.'"

Hertzler said he plans to pay off his wife's medical bills, give some money to their daughter and invest the rest.

Naughty/Nice is a \$2 scratch game. It features 12 top prizes of \$10,000 and overall odds of 1 in 3.91.

Nonwinning holiday scratch tickets can be entered into the lottery's Ho Ho Dough Play it Again® promotion from now through 8:59 a.m. on Jan. 7. 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 [www.ialottery.com](http://www.ialottery.com).



Fort Madison resident Richard Hertzler poses with his winnings from lottery ticket he purchases at Hy-Vee in Fort Madison recently. Hertzler's won \$10,000 on a scratch ticket.

## Career readiness a top priority in election

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"If it's not a school, then we can do things to set us up to be financially stronger."

Wykert said he sees firsthand the skills gaps present in the county and the mindset that all high school students should migrate to college is not the mindset today.

"That was the way to a future, but in my professional life, we're having trouble filling positions for skill jobs and it's good to see what our trades programs are doing here locally," Wykert said.

He said communication could also be improved between the board and the district residents.

He said the board could do a better job because right now people have to subscribe to social media platforms. However, he said residents have some responsibility in the formula as well and need to stay educated as to what is

happening locally.

"The mayor or a couple council candidates have talked about coffee with the council. I think that's a good idea and a good way for people to get real information without having to sit through meetings," he said.

Wykert is married and has two children at the elementary and pre-K levels of the district. He said he wants to not only help secure a better education for his kids but their friends and peers.

"I'm used to making tough decisions. I work for a weather-based company and I can update expectations and future plans with what's going on currently. That financial knowledge will help the district," he said.

"And we've done it at work without having a layoff. We keep our people employed because they are our best asset, and I

believe that's true in the school district as well."

Jared Hotop, who been on the board for the past four years said he wants to get Fort Madison back on top.

The 10-year Army veteran, who now works for the BNSF railroad and grew up in Fort Madison, said trades are a big part of the future of the district and would like to see programs added.

"I'd like to see the trades expanded to include electrical, plumbing, and more welding," he said.

"I think our building trades is great. We're winning all these events, and we have a great instructor. But we need to expand that into plumbing and electrical. There's such a huge demand and a lot of those jobs are good paying right out of high school."

Hotop also said communication needs to be improved not only between the district and the taxpayers, but also internally.

"I'm the type of person that I won't keep my mouth shut. If something's wrong, I want it fixed. I don't sweep things under the rug. I wanna get our district fixed. There are problems and some that we don't even know about. Then we find out this happened and now we have to deal with it. If it's ongoing we need to know about it. I want to hear from the front line, and that's the teachers, as to what they want need."

He said communication is getting better than it has been in the past.

"We're trying to get more information out there the best we can. If anyone has a better idea I'm open to it, to get information out there."

He said he grew up in Fort Madison and chose to stay here to raise a family and that commitment spills over to the schools and he wants to continue to be part of improving the district.

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