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Lamb honored with National safety award

BY CHUCK **VANDENBERG**

FORT MADISON - Las Vegas is a place for the lucky, but sometimes you go out there and earn some good fortune.

Fort Madison High School Associate Principal Patrick Lamb is in Vegas this week at a School Safety Convention at the Tropicana and was honored to have been nominated... and then win one of three national school safety awards.

Lamb said he was aware that he had been nominated by School Resource Officer Cory Brown and then got a message in late June that he had won one of the awards.

"Cory informed me in June that he had nominated me and several weeks later I got another message from him that I had been named one of the award winners," Lamb said.

"It was little bit of surprise at first. It's very

Its like winning the Manager of the Year award in baseball, you just manage a great program. I'm logistically minded and manage systems well, but Greg Smith is the master of culture here."

> -Patrick Lamb Associate Principal

humbling and it's not something that I do on my own. This is really a collective award. I really need to be giving credit to people that make it possible."

Lamb credited the staff and administration of



Fort Madison Association Principal Patrick Lamb was honored with one of three National School Safety Awards at a week-long school safety conference in Las Vegas.



Fort Madison Community School District for making the award possible and said it's more of an award for the district. He just gets the trophy.

"It's like winning the Manager of the Year award in baseball, you just manage a great program. I'm logistically minded and manage systems well, but Greg Smith the master of culture here," Lamb said.

"He knows kids and I think that's why we work so well together. He's taught me a lot about nurturing and the role that plays in helping kids feel value, welcomed and accepted."

Lamb, as part of the Associate Principal tasks, is also the security director for the district and has been in that role for the past five years. He took over for Bill Maupin and said the state has increasingly required more and more from schools in terms of security planning.

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ISU sets farm lease meetings

DONNELLSON - Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is conducting farmland leasing meetings across 10 different sites in southeast Iowa in August. Meeting sites include Oskaloosa, Keosauqua, Ottumwa/ Bloomfield, Fairfield, Wapello, West Burlington, Donnellson, Mt. Pleasant, Humeston and Albia. Meetings are coordinated by county ISU Extension and Outreach offices.

The discussion will focus on various methods to determine a fair 2020 cash rental rate and the importance of good tenant/landlord communications.

The Donnellson meeting site will be Monday, August 19 beginning at 9 a.m. with doors open at 8 a.m. This meeting will be at 414 North Main Street, Donnellson, IA 52625. The meeting will last approximately three hours and will be facilitated by Charles Brown, Farm Management Specialist, with ISU Extension and Outreach.

Pre-registration is required at least two days before the meeting and a \$20 per individual or \$30 per couple fee is payable at the door. Contact the Lee County Extension office at (319) 835-5516 with your questions or to pre-register on or before Thursday, August 15.

FMCSD gets "clicking" on a computer science initiative

\$50K award from STEM council being put to good use

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A focus on a district-wide computer science learning model is underway at Fort Madison schools after Richardson School received a \$50K grant in partnership with the Governor's STEM advisory council.

Kim Harmon, the district's director of curriculum and student services, said the district applied for the grant in March and was notified at the end of April that it was one of six schools in the state to receive the award.

The money is not in the form of a direct contribution to the school's coffers however. The money is set aside for reimbursement for purchases or to help offset training and teacher pay associated with enhanced computer science programming.



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the district wrote the grant in a broad framework and now the extra financial support can be used across all grades in the

Harmon said

district. Tentative plans include a four-year roll out of a K-12 enhanced computer science pro-

Iowa has six STEM regions across the state basically divided by Interstate 80 with three regions below the interstate and three across the top of the state. Harmon said funds have increased in the privately supported STEM advisory council, so going forward each region will have two school awarded funds.

"Why did we get involved?... because of the importance of how computers are changing our lives and there is this need to teach kids computer science. We see it only in isolation at elementary levels

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OBITUARIES

JACK GOETZ

Jack Goetz, 85 of Keokuk, IA died Sunday, July 21, 2019 at Great River Hospice House in West Burlington, IA.

He was born August 25, 1933 in Keokuk, IA the son of Edward and Dora Dietz Goetz. On May 5, 1956 he was united in marriage to MaryAnn Savacool at St. Peters Church in Keokuk. She survives.



Other survivors include five children, John Goetz (Kim) of Keokuk, Dan Goetz (Vicky) of Excelsior Springs, MO, Martha Riney (Randy) of Keokuk, Father Marty Goetz of Burlington, IA and Joseph A. Goetz of Keokuk, grandchildren, Jennifer Goetz, Austin Goetz, Matt Goetz (Jan), Sara (Tyler) Owen, Jessica Goetz, Michael Goetz (Ashley), David Riney (Leigh Ann), Daniel Riney (Kelli), Martin "Chuck" Riney, Jessie Clark (Brandon), Nickie Lynn (Jesse) and Patrick Goetz, twelve great-grandchildren, and

several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ed-

ward and Maxine Goetz and Jim and Lois Goetz, one sister and brother-in-law, Sis and Bob Miller, one daughter-in-law, Karen Goetz and mother and fatherin-law, Jess and Neal Savacool.

Jack graduated from St. Peters High School with the Class of 1952. He attended Southeastern Community College in Keokuk.

He was a veteran of the United States Army and proudly served his country.

He had been employed by Hubinger/Heinz/Roquette in Keokuk for forty and a half years until his retirement in 1993.

Jack was a member of All Saints Catholic Church and the Knights of Colum-

Jack was an avid Washington Redskins and Milwaukee Brewers fan. He volunteered at the Catholic Schools, served meals in the cafeteria and called Bingo at Cardinal Stritch for twenty-five years. He was the first lay Eucharistic minister at St. Peters and All Saints Catholic Church. He was a Jack of all trades and enjoyed tinkering around the house, making sure everything was running smooth. He enjoyed woodworking and feeding the birds every day. Jack always put his family first. He was an enthusiastic fan of all of his children's and grandchildren's school and sporting events.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, at All Saints Catholic Church with Father Marty Goetz officiating.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Wednesday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with family meeting with friends from 5-8 p.m. A vigil service will be held at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home. A private family burial with military rites will be held in the Keokuk National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Keokuk Catholic Schools, or Great River Hospice House.

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

OBITUARIES

DUANE EUGENE STIGALL

Duane "Toby" Eugene Stigall, 84, of Keokuk, died Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at the Great River Medical Center in West Burlington, IA.

He was born on January 4, 1935 in Fort Madison, IA, the son of Talton and Hattie Lee Stanton Stigall. He graduated from Fort Madison High School with the Class of 1952. During his high school years Toby played football, basketball and

ran track. He attended the University of Iowa where he participated in gymnastics and diving.

Toby enlisted in the United States Army on February 3, 1955 and proudly served his country, receiving his Honorable Discharge on January 31, 1963 with the rank of Sergeant.

On May 9, 1992, Toby was united in marriage to Ann E. Hagmeier in Itasca, IL. She survives.

STIGALL

He is also survived by two daughters, Terri (Lynn) Mason and Shari Meyers all of Keokuk, three step-daughters, Theresa (Tom) Kline and Suzanne Modrovsky (Scott Jenkins) all of Mountaintop, PA, and Lisa Robertson (Kurt Schultz) of Tulsa, OK, fourteen grandchildren, Mike, Sara and Lindsy Mason all of Keokuk, Amy (Brandon) Underwood of Des Moines, IA, Lauren (Scott)

Roman, Jason and Annmarie Kline, Catherine (Bill) Noble, Luke, Noah, and Grace Modrovsky all of Mountain Top, PA, Phoebe (Reid) Stinson of Midland, TX, Jillian Robertson of Tulsa, OK, and Erin Robertson (Rodigo Avala) of Chicago, IL, eight great-grandchildren, Dylan Roman, Camden and Brecken Underwood, Olivia and Mason Swindler, Katielynn



Helenthal, Thomas Noble and Landon Mason . He is also survived by one sisterin-law, Doris Stigall of Fort Madison, IA, and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Vince Stigall and Glenn Stigall (Rozma), one sister, Eva Britton (Dick) and one grandchild, Regan Robert-

He had been employed at Hubinger/Roquette in Keokuk for thirty-one years retiring in 1996.

He was a member of the Keokuk Elks Lodge #106 and in 2003, received the Elks National Veterans Certificate of Appreciation. He was also a member the Keokuk American Legion Post 41.

Toby was an avid golfer and played in many tournaments. He won first place in the 2003 Keokuk Savings Bank Men's City Tournament, Super Senior Division.

An Elks Memorial Service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at the Elks Lodge, 2200 Lincoln Avenue in Keokuk. Burial with military rites will be held in the Keokuk National Cemetery

Following the burial, family and friends are invited to a luncheon at the Elks Lodge.

Memorials may be made to the Spina Bifida Association of Iowa, 8525 Douglas Avenue, Urbandale, IA 50322.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.





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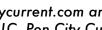
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Lee County Jail and held.

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arrested Kristine Nicole

07/18/19 - 3:00 p.m. - Lee

For the Record/Lottery Numbers

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

07/19/19 - 3:11 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 500 block of 19th Street 07/19/19 - 2:08 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of property damage accident in the 2000 block of 303rd Avenue. 07/19/19 - 3:11 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of property damage accident in the 1200 block of 37th Street. 07/19/19 – 4:12 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1700 block of 35th Street. 07/19/19 – 6:12 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 27th Street and Avenue L.

07/19/19 - 6:21 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of burglary in the 800 block of Avenue E. 07/19/19 – 7:54 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Steven Allen Meyermann, 39, of Clinton, in the 2600 block of Avenue L, on a charge of public intoxication and possession of a drug paraphernalia. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 07/20/19 - 3:39 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Thomas George Brockman, 55, of Fort Madison, in the 500 block of 22nd Street on a charge of public intoxication. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 07/20/19 – 1:20 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested William Raymond Woodbury, 58, of Fort Madison, in the

5800 block of Avenue O, on charges of domestic assault causing injury, 5th-degree criminal mischief, interference with official acts, and drug paraphernalia. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 07/20/19 - 7:32 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2200 block of Avenue L. 07/20/19 - 10:57 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Kyle Louis Hensley, 27, of Fort Madison in the 1100 block of 23rd Street on a charge of domestic assault. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 07/21/19 - 9:30 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Joshua Charles Corcoran, 38, of Fort Madison in the 100 block of 2nd Street on

a charge of trespassing. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 07/21/19 - 10:56 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Samantha Dawn Schnider, 21, of Fort Madison in the 4600 block of Avenue J, on a charge of violation of a no contact order. She was taken to the Lee County Jail. 07/21/19 - 11:22 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2700 block of Avenue O. 07/22/19 - 8:20 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2200 block of Avenue L 07/22/19 - 11:16 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Mary Jo Rumelhart, 39, of Fort Madison in 1300 block of 18th Street on a charge of driving under suspension. She was released upon citation. 07/22/19 – 4:01 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Jessica Kim Bowers, 28, of Fort Madison in the 1900 block of Avenue I on a charge of violation of a no contact order. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 07/22/19 - 4:01 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Kevin Eugene Bower, 59, of Fort Madison in the 1900 block of Avenue I, on a charge of violation of a no contract order. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 07/23/19 - 3:50 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 300 block of Avenue G. 07/23/19 - 8:06 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in

Lee County Sheriff's Report

the 2100 block of Avenue D.

07/18/19 – 9:32 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Erica Renee Woodbury, 27, of Keokuk at the North Lee County Courthouse on a warrant for violation of probation. She was released on bond. 07/18/19 – 1:40 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Eric Renee Woodbury, 27, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's

Forsyther, 33, of Donnellson in the 4800 block of Avenue O, on a warrant for violation of parole. She was released on bond. 07/18/19 - 4:28 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Argyle Road and Hwy. 218. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Alison Lynn Wilfawn, 53 of Albia, pulled from Argyle Road onto Hwy. 218 and failed to see a vehicle driven by Jeremiah Elijah Martin, 34, of Keokuk, and collided with Martin's vehicle. Both vehicles suffered minor damage and no injuries were reported. 07/18/19 - 7:45 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Elijah Joseph Burris, 25. of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 07/18/19 - 7:45 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kristofer Charles Johnson, 20, of Cedar Rapids, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 07/18/19 - 9:52 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kody Michael Saar, 25, of Keokuk, in the 1600 block of Bank Street on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 07/19/19 - 3:53 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested David Eugene Pennington, 48, of Alexandria, Mo, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 07/21/19 - 12:30 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Bradley Lee Hill, 34, of Fort Madison in the 2500 block of Hwy. 61 in Fort Madison on charges of driving released to another county 07/22/19 - 8:59 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on Hwy. 61 and 260th Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Samantha Rose Schelby, 17, of Danville struck the back of a construction trailer being hauled by Eric Anthony Atkinson, 24, of Ankeny. Schelby's vehicle flipped onto it's side after striking the trailor and she was taken to the Fort Madison Community Hospital for minor injuries. 07/22/19 - 2:45 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Takoda Levi Henderson, 20, of Fort Madison at the intersection of S.16th Street and Timea Streets in Keokuk on warrants for violation of parole and failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 07/22/19 - 3:19 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Eugene Carol Schuelka, 53, of Keokuk, in the 1100 block of Palean Street, on charges of violation of probation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 07/22/19 - 4:54 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Quinlan Travis Lozano, 20, at the Lee County Jail and a charge of failure to appear. He was released on bond. 07/23/19 - 1:18 a.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Cole Allen Wyatt, 21, of Montrose, at the intersection of Hwy. 2 and Hwy. 61, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. He was released upon citation. Those named above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ordered hold. He was then

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report

07/20/19 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to four medical calls 07/21/19 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to five medical calls and one assist 07/22/19 – Fort Madison firefighters responded



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OBITUARIES

JOSEPH LLOYD O'SHEA

Joseph "Joe" Lloyd O'Shea, 70 of Keokuk, IA died Monday, July 22, 2019 at his home. He was born June 28, 1949 in Keokuk, IA, the son of Joseph and Flossie Lloyd O'Shea. He was first united in marriage to Barb Greenslaugh. To this union two children were born. They later divorced. On February 12, 1987, he was united in marriage to Holly Bell in Keokuk. She preceded him in death on February 6, 2017.

Joe graduated from Keokuk High School with the Class of 1967.

He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corp and proudly served his country during the Vietnam War.

Joe had been employed by ADM Ogilvie Mills and most recently at Henniges Automotive, both in Keokuk.

Joe was an avid Chicago Cubs and Iowa Hawkeyes fan. He enjoyed bowling and golfing. Joe loved socializing with his friends. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family. Joe was a very casual man, so casual attire and Cubs attire would be appreciated at his funeral.

He is survived by his children, Tracy O'Shea, Troy O'Shea, Calvin Stevens all of Keokuk and Sally O'Shea Page (Will) of Marion, IA, step-daughter, Amanda Elliott-Nichols (Vince) of Columbia, MO, grandchildren, Taylor, Trenton, Ava, Briley, Eli, Parker,

Alayna, Kallen and Dalton, one sister, Dinah Meinhardt (Jim) of Keokuk, one brother-in-law, Bubby Hauff of Keokuk, faithful four legged companion, Noodles and grand dog, Deeks and numerous nieces and nephews.

Besides his wife, Joe was also preceded in death by his parents, sisters, Patty Moore, Sally Hauff, and Mary Grimes, brothers, Jim Mortimer, Michael O'Shea and Andy O'Shea.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Friday at the Vigen Memorial Home in

Keokuk, IA with Calvin Stevens officiating. Burial with military rites will be held in the Keokuk National Cemetery.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Thursday, at the funeral home with family meet-

ing with friends from 5-7 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Keokuk Animal Services.

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

ANDREA LEA ARNOLD

Andrea Lea Arnold, 77, of Dallas City, IL passed away at 12:10am Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at the LaHarpe-Davier Health Care Center in LaHarpe, IL.

She was born November 2, 1941 in Pilot Grove Township, Hancock County, IL, the daughter of James Henson and Betty Marsden. She was first married to Joe Herriman. They later divorced. On July 3, 1987 she married Joseph Arnold in Nashua, IA.

Andrea was a 1960 graduate of the Dallas City High School. She owned and operated Andy's Snack shop in Dallas City for several years. She also worked at Methode in Carthage, IL and was the first manager at Casey's Convenience Store in Dallas City.

She enjoyed people, cooking, drives in the country and her dog, Josie. The most important thing in her life, was her family.

Surviving are her husband, Joe, five children, Jeff (Christy) Herriman of Carthage, IL, Scott Herriman of Fort Madison, IA, Don (Stephanie) Herriman of Dallas City, Chris (Jenny) Herriman of Dallas City and Joey (Amanda) Arnold of Mt. Union, IA, 13 grand-children, 13 great-grandchildren, 4 sisters, Sharon Kline of Dallas City, Pam Woodley of Fort Madison, IA, Rose Ann Henson Carle

of Golden, IL and Connie Breeden also of Golden and 1 brother, John Henson of Plymouth, IL.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and infant son, Ronald Herriman, 2 sisters, Gloria Sue Bowman and Peggy Hoenig.



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No services are planned. Burial will be in the Harris Cemetery near Dallas City. Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City is assisting with arrangements. To leave a condolence for her family, please visit her obituary at bank-sandbeals.com.



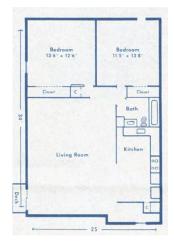
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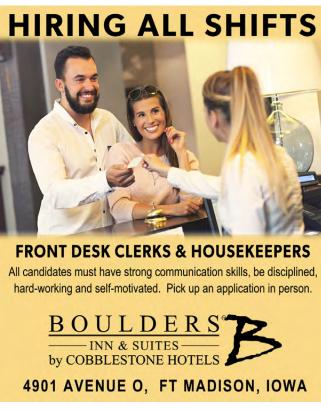




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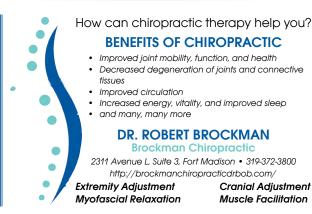
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From the Front/Weather

Harmon hopes to have full implementation by 2023

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and not to the breadth we would like even at the secondary level, but it needs to happen," Harmon said.

She said it's also important at the secondary level for students to have access to computer science programming because statistics show application numbers for those jobs are pretty low.

Harmon also believes that girls and minority students aren't seeing the potential for them in futures involving computer science.

"That's where we wrote the grant targeting that group simply because girls develop a bias about what occupations are appropriate for them, regardless of the non-sexist society that we try to create," she said.

Focusing on female and minorities could help them understand that this is a creative tool for problem solving and hopefully they'll learn those fundamental skills for computer science and start to understand the career possibilities.

"By the time they get to middle and high school, the idea of computer science doesn't interest them, and so if we can start them early we think we can ignite that interest."

Harmon said there is a team of 13 administrators, teachers, and coaches that are part of the planning and implementation team that is charged with how the district will embed computer science into the curriculum because it's a packed day at the elementary level.

She said a rough plan is already being framed out where a group of four teachers representing grades K-3 will form the first teacher planning and development group, or cohort.

The tentative plan outlined has a planning and development committee comprised for four teachers one from each K-3rd. The upcoming school year will be the training and planning year for that group, which Harmon called "Cohort 1". In the 1920-21 school year, those four teachers will start implementing and at the same time another cohort will come in from the next four grade levels. The goal would be by 2022-23 implementation is going on in all schools and at all levels.

She said the implementation wouldn't just focus on coding, although that is part of the proposed programming. Other areas will include software, networking, and data analysis pieces. The other area will focus on the cultural, ethical, and safety issues associated with today's computing.

Harmon said the other pieces help align the computer science curriculum with the district's goals of a rigorous curriculum, higher order thinking and problem-solving, and then preparing students for successful life after graduation.

"We see a really close tie to that so we hope others do

as well," she said.

She said all students may not want a career in computer programming, but they need to understand that computers will be part of their lives.

"The goal is that it's happening in every classroom, but that's tentative. We have to gauge interest not only from the teacher's side, but the students' side and family side as far as what should that look like for Fort Madison because it needs to be unique for us."

Harmon and Superintendent Dr. Erin Slater presented to all the buildings in June with a heads up to staff as to what this was about. She said it could ultimately impact all teachers.

The district has had meetings with STEM advisory people and supporters engaged with computer science, including the 11 other schools in the region, to brainstorm what the program will look like.

"Anybody in our generation, and by our generation I mean 40 and over, the world we graduated into is not the same world our kids are graduating into and the career opportunities are so vastly different that we have to get past the notion that the way I was educated and the way I went to school is going to be ok for my child," Harmon

Harmon said the \$50,000 Richardson Elementary was granted is not a blank check, but is a reimbursement for approved planning.

Honor is reflected in FMCSD culture

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"They want to know more, as they should, about what your emergency response plan is... how you go about keeping your buildings safe. My role in it has just been to make sure that our administration and staff are versed in what we do in any emergency," he said.

The district implemented a threat assessment team two years ago that involves members from inside and outside the district to evaluate most information that could be threatening to the students and staff.

The district also implemented an anonymous online and social media reporting system for students to use to let district staff know about any possible situation that could affect a student or building's safety. That program, called 'P3' has been instrumental in the district getting in front of issues before any escalation occurred.

Lamb said the district is currently in the process of digitizing and making things accessible both electronically and physically, but he said culture is the one key component to keeping a safe and welcoming environment at the schools.

"Honestly it's culture. Are our students welcome? Are they accepted? Are they valued? Are we doing that everyday?" he said.



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"When kids walk through the front doors do they feel like they belong. There's some scary research on stuff like that. I heard one yesterday at the conference – if a student doesn't hear their name used positively within the first 20 minutes of arriving, the chances of them having a successful day are very low.

He said the high school has three main doors and for the past eight or nine years, staff has been on hand to welcome students in the morning at the main door. Lamb said he would like to be able to greet all students coming in, but logistically that doesn't always work.

"Even talking to kids and making eye contact is a bridge that you might not otherwise have. And that's another scary stat, kids that don't have a positive relationship with at least one staff member in the building have a likelihood of graduating of less than 10%," Lamb said.

"Everything this award is about is 100% culture. You can drill and have plans in place. You can have a terrific design with what to do in an emergency, but if the culture and trust doesn't exist it's never going to work.

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