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Barker official says Lee County Bank window design approved



Alexander named FMCH CEO

Six-month interim run gives board confidence to make move permanent

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Community



Hospital Board of Directors has named Jeremy Alexander as the permanent President/CEO of FMCH effective February 1st, 2018. Alexander took on the role of Interim President/CEO after the resignation of Pat Bira in August of 2017.

ALEXANDER

der has been an FMCH employee for almost ten years. Prior to becoming the Interim President/ CEO he held the position of Vice-President of Finance. Alexander received both his Bachelor of Business degree in Finance and his Masters of **Business Administration** in Finance and Marketing from Western Illinois University, where he currently chairs the Finance Advisory Board.

"We feel very confident Jeremy will continue to lead the organization in a positive direction. He is committed to the future of Fort Madison Community Hospital and making sure quality health care remains

available in our community," said Ann Menke, Pres-

He (Jeremy) is committed to the future of Fort Madison Community Hospital and making sure quality health care remains available in our

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Most of the windows at the old Lee County Bank building have been boarded up for sometime. However, that may come to an end soon as resubmitted designs have been approved and windows will be ordered soon.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The owners of the old Lee County Bank and Cattermole Library got good news two weeks ago that windows have been approved for the building and will be ordered this week.

The windows, which are now boarded up on the building, were a sticking point as several submitted designs were rejected, according to Barker Financial Inc.'s "There was a point in time on this project when time became an issue, but we were able to get a 12-month extension for the tax credits so we're good for any sort of funding timeline," Galloway said Thursday afternoon.

He said the windows will probably take five to 10 weeks to manufacture and then they will be delivered for installation.

"I"m anticipating the 10 weeks so we should have them sometime in March or April and then get them installed. From a lease standpoint we'd like to have them ready in March, but I think April is more realistic. It's just the windows...they're the most noticeable part of this type of construction and that's why they take so long. He said the original windows were not salvageable and, when buildings using federal historic tax credits, have windows needing to be replaced they have to look exactly like the original windows. Alexan-

CFO Kyle Galloway.

Galloway said he was informed a couple weeks ago the most recent submission of window design was approved by the National Parks Service, which is charged with overseeing the historical reconstruction of the building due to tax credits issued to the builder by the federal government.

The delay in getting the windows approved caused some concern in the ability to use the tax credits due to timelines on the project, but Galloway said the project has been given a 12-month extension on the credits.

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community."

-Ann Menke President, FMCH Board of Directors

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

AUDREY J. CLINGMAN

Audrey J. Clingman, 81, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 11:38 a.m. on Tues-



day, January 30, 2018 at the John C. Lincoln Medical Center in Phoenix, AZ. She was born on June 29, 1936 in Fort Madison, IA to William & Marguerite Welsh Clemens. She married Leroy E. Clingman on December 3, 1955 in Fort Madison, IA. He preceded her in death on February 5, 2017. She worked for the Sheaffer Pen Company for forty three years and was a member of Holy Family Parish. She loved to read, spend time with her family, flowers, going on walks with her friends and her dog.

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Audrey is survived by: 2-sons: Carl (Dave Fauser) Clingman of

Phoenix, AZ & Ron (Sherry) Clingman of West Des Moines, IA; 2-daughters: Lynn (Steve) Ritter of Burlington, IA & Kathy (Jack) Barber of West Point, IA; 8-grandchildren & 16- great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by: her parents, husband & 1-sister: Patricia Marsh.

The family will receive friends from 1-3 PM on Sunday, February 4, 2018 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral mass will be held at 10:30 AM on Monday, February 5, 2018 at Ss. Mary & Joseph Church with Rev. Mark P. Spring officiating. Burial will be held at Gethsemane Cemetery. A memorial has been established for Lee County Hospice. Online condolences to Audrey's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: <u>www.kinglynk.com</u>.

Pen City Current obituary policy

The Current runs obituaries at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes.

FLOYD EARL STOUT

Floyd Earl Stout, 89, of Ft. Madison passed away at 4:18 AM on Thursday, February 01, 2018 at the West Point Care Center.



He was born on March 19, 1928 in Mt. Union, IA to Earl and Clara Broeker Stout. When Floyd was nine his father passed away and his mom then married Leo Olague who raised him as his own. Floyd and Betty (Wilkens) had just celebrated their 70th Anniversary; they were married on January 16, 1948 in Nauvoo. Floyd worked for the Santa Fe Railroad and retired after forty five years of service. He was a member of Holy Family Parish. Floyd had a passion for woodworking and

CLINGMAN

loved making pieces for his family. He loved playing cutthroat and made numerous cutthroat boards for his family. He enjoyed working on cars and

he could fix almost anything. Floyd went to McDonald's every morning and had his coffee with his buddies.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth "Betty" Stout of Ft. Madison; three sons, Bill (Martha) Stout of Ft. Madison, Ron (Christine Haunschild) Stout of Blue Springs, MO and Dan (Nancy) Stout of Keller, TX; one daughter, Peggy Zumdome Delgado of Ft. Madison; eleven grandchildren and nineteen great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; step father; a daughter in law, Gloria Stout and a son in law, Ray Delgado.

Friends may call after 2 PM on Monday, February 5, 2018 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will meet with friends from 5-7 PM. The funeral mass will be held at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at Sacred Heart Church with Rev. Mark P. Spring officiating. Burial will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

A memorial has been established for Holy Family Parish or St. Jude Children's Hospital and online condolences may be left at <u>www.kinglynk.com</u>.

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Fort Madison Police Report

01/30/18 - 7:51 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 700 blok of Avenue E. 01/30/18 - 8:01 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 300 block of Avenue F. 01/30/18 - 2:20 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 5000 block of Avenue O. 01/30/18 - 5:25 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 48th Street and Bluff Road.

01/30/18 - 9:37 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Michael Anthony Weldon, 28, of Keokuk in the 1300 block of 31st Street on a warrant for criminal mischief-5th degree. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 01/31/18 - 12:11 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Tyler Edward Rung, 20 of Fort Madison, in the 1100 block of 21st Street for driving under suspension. He was released upon citation. 01/31/18 - 6:34 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1900 block of Avenue M.

Lee County

Sheriff's Report

01/31/18 - 1:34 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Crystal Nichole Thomas, 32, of Keokuk, at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a warrant for violation of probation. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 01/31/18 - 7:59 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Leslie Moriha Griffin, 35, of Dallas City, III., in the 2700 block of Hwy. 218 on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

All persons in these listings are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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FMHS Boosters Trivia Night Feb. 10

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Bloodhound Boosters are holding a Trivia Night on Feb. 10 at the Fort Madison Eagles Club from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The night will feature a full trivia contest in addition to a silent auction and other games for cash prizes. Teams are to be no more than eight people at \$10 per person. Participants are encouraged to bring snacks for their team table. A cash bar will be available.

Proceeds go to benefit the Fort Madison Athletic Booster club. The first 15 teams to register will receive an advantage on trivia night.

You can register at the following link <u>https://docs.google.com/.../2PACX-1vSl-nEKPM0vv-D46Esju6Nx.../pub</u>. Forms need to be returned to FMHS athletic office or to a Booster club member.



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Sports

Box scores 24 in HTC rout

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Seniors Brett Schnieder and Madison Mohrfeld each scored in double figures in Holy Trinity's win over New London Thursday in girls Southeast Iowa Superconference basketball action.

Schneider poured in 15 and Mohrfeld scored 13 on Senior Night, but junior Emily Box scored 24 inside the paint to lead all scorers.

Schneider is still nursing a sore ankle and got up gingerly in the second quarter, but finished the game. Holy Trinity was also dealing with the absence of sophomore Ashlynn Haas and junior Eryn Anderson, who were in street clothes on the bench. Anderson broke her nose in Tuesday night's game with Wapello.

The game started slowly with seven turnovers combined by both teams and the scored tied at 4-4 with just over four minutes left in the opening period.

But that's where any sense of the game ended as the Crusaders shifted into a three-quarter press and shut out the Tigers until halfway through the third period when Alexa Wagner and Kara Krieger scored back to back and made it a 52-8 game with a running clock.

Box had scored all her points by then and head coach Tony Johnson pulled off the press and started working in the bench.

Mohrfeld and Schneider went to work scoring 14



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

HTC junior Emily Box faces some stiff New London defense going to the hoop in the first half of Thursday's win over New London. Box finished with 24 points to lead all scorers.

which was culminated in a 3-pointer from freshman Bailey Hellweg from the left side to set the margin at 68-17.

Johnson said the three seniors all played well considering the injuries HTC is facing.

"Actually, all three played very well tonight. Madison really did a nice job inside tonight and she did Tuesday in Wapello

out," he said. "Hopefully, we'll get everyone back for Notre Dame."

The Crusaders open regional action on Thursday at home against Burlington Notre Dame. They travel to Wapello on Friday as part of the girls Southeast Iowa Superconference Shootout.

Johnson said the girls have some things to work on before regionals.

everyone's 0-0. You win or go home and that's the way we're going to enter the post-season," he said after Thursday's win. "We need to work on our offense. I thought we forced some things tonight, and we've got some other things to clean up."

Taylor Boeding had six for the Crusaders, while Avery Hopper had four, and Sam Hoenig and

HTC boys lose rebound battle in loss to Tigers

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC FDITOR

FORT MADISON - The Holy Trinity boys basketball team had upset on its mind Tuesday night when the 14-4 New London Tigers came calling Thursday night.

But the Crusaders gave up too many offensive boards to the Tigers and missed some crucial free throws down the stretch en route to a 59-40 loss in Southeast Iowa Superconference action.

"If we'd made some free throws and would have cut their offense boards in half I think we could have had a one possession game," said Head Coach John Hellige.

Holy Trinity was coming off an upset of 9-9 Danville last week, but were swatted by Wapello on Tuesday 90-57 and now stand at 4-14 with Burlington Notre Dame on the horizon Tuesday night.

The Crusaders were clearly in the mood to slow the game down, trailing just 5-6 with 2:37 left in the first quarter. Keontae Luckett converted with a floater in the lane to put New London up by three and then scored again with :39 left in the period to double up the Crusaders 10-5.

Both teams shared about four turnovers starting the second period before the Tigers' Isaac McSorley got the scoring started with 10-foot jumper countered by HTC's Matt Hellige to keep the lead at 5. It looked like New London had shifted a gear when they went on a 6-0 run before sophomore Quentin Schneider threw water on it with a three-pointer from the right baseline to make it a 10-18 game with 3:50 left in the half.

The Crusaders wouldn't get another bucket in the half, but did get to the free throw line and converted 6 of 6, four by Hellige to cut the Tigers' lead to seven. After Blake Crabtree converted two free throws, the Tigers rolled the inbound pass halfway up the court before Luckett picked it up with five seconds left and pitched it over to Mason Porter, who calmly sank a 3-ball just before the buzzer to give the Tigers a 10-point lead at halftime.

Holy Trinity looked to make a game of it at the front of quarter three. Schneider opened the quarter with a baseline drive and layup to cut it 18-26. The Tigers got two buckets from McSorley, but sophomore Reed Fehseke, who finished with 10 points on the night, connected on his second 3-pointer of the night from about 22 feet at the top of the key. Luckett scored inside but then Fehseke hit again to make it an eight-point game.

The Crusaders would get two more 3-pointers, which was four in a row without a miss, from Brant Holtkamp and senior Collin Thornton. The Tigers then took over on the boards converting their next three buckets on second and third attempts with the Crusaders not being able to secure rebounds on the Tigers' end. When all was said and done, the Tigers had pulled out to a 42-32 lead with Luckett scoring eight in the run. Schneider and Fehseke each had two free throws in the mix, but

of HTC's final 17 points,

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Hellwig each had 3-pointers for HTC.

The Crusaders stand at 9-11 on the season going into Friday's shootout.

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Sports/From the Front

Tigers pull away in 4th for win

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only Fehseke converted one of the freebies.

In the final period, Thornton outscored New London 9-5 in the early going, but then McSorley hit a 3-ball to make it an 11-point game. Schneider missed the front end of a one-and-one and then Luckett, who finished with 21 to lead all scorers, connected on a 3-pointer from the left side to make it a 12-point game before Hellige called a time out. Thornton scored out of the timeout. McSorley hit another 3-pointer on the next possession. Thornton then missed on the front end of a one-and-one and the Tigers' Alex Dentlinger hit inside to make it a 15-point game and the Crusaders wouldn't score again.

"We tried to play a controlled game. We wanted New London to come at us and get upset without putting 60 to 70 points up," Hellige said. "We wanted to slow them down and get



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

HTC's Matt Hellige gets roughed up going to the hoop in first half action Tuesday night. Keontae Luckett (23) gets a piece of Hellige from behind.

them anxious and then attack at the right moments, that was the game plan. Hellige said it was a night and day difference from the last time the Crusaders played in New London.

"They're growing and it's really been fun to watch these guys develop," he said. "It hasn't always equaled 'W's but seeing the transformation from New London there and New London here, it's been pretty remarkable. They're arguably the best team in the district."

Hellige said Thornton played well on senior night and threw out praise for Ryan Rees, who transferred over from FMHS in the middle of the year and got in the game in the final minutes but missed a couple shots at the buzzer.

"He's the hardest working kid in practice," Hellige said. "He mops the floor with his jersey because he's all over the place. He communicates well and helps everywhere. If we'd had him as sophomore we would have had something."

Thornton had 11 points to lead HTC, followed by Fehseke's 10, and Matt Hellige's eight points. Schneider put in six, Holtkamp had three, and Crabtree added two points to round out the scoring for HTC.

The Crusaders take on Burlington Notre Dame on Tuesday night before the boys SEISC shootout next Friday. The location and opponent have yet to be determined.

Cattermole, bank building projects work in tandem



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"Those windows have proven to be a bit tricky to get. You have to be exactly to the specs of the National Park Service and the historians sign off on design so that's taken a while," he said. "It's really the only part of this project that hasn't gone exactly as we had hoped. But every single one I've been involved in has been tough with the windows."

The company is also rehabbing the Cattermole library but said since both buildings are under the same funding mechanisms the projects have to come along together.

"The Cattermole can't proceed any faster. If it was a separate project it would be done by now. That project has had no surprises at all. We've really narrowed our focus to those buildings and the residential aspect of it. Once that's done, I'll breathe a lot easier," Galloway said.

The projects at Cattermole and Lee County Bank will result in upper story residential housing and first floor commercial space. The projects have been in the works for many years, starting with Franz Community Investors who bailed on the project several years ago. Barker picked up ownership of the projects in 2016 and have been working with local contractors since that time to rehab both buildings. The company also purchased the Sears building on Avenue G, but plans for that building are on hold at least until the other two projects are completed.



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VORWALDT-BURDETTE



HOUGHTON - Jessica Vorwaldt and Jordan Burdette are engaged to be married. The couple is to be married May 26th at 2 p.m. at the St. John the Baptist Church in Houghton, Iowa.

The bride-elect is a 2012 graduate of Fort Madison High School and a 2018 graduate of the St. Louis College of Pharmacy. She is employed at the Hy-Vee Pharmacy in Fort Madison.

The groom-elect is a 2011 graduate

of Fort Madison High School and a 2014 graduate of Le Cordon Bleu and is employed at AmeriStar Casino in St. Charles, Mo.

A reception is being planned and a honeymoon at St. Pete Beach.

Parents of the bride are Randy and Johnita Vorwaldt of Fort Madison. The groom's parents are Jane Burdette of Fort Madison and Jerry (and the late Julie Burdette) of Donnellson.

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Pike to stay on as interim VP

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ident, FMCH Board of Directors. "He brings a fresh perspective to this leadership role."

During the past six months under his leadership, Fort Madison Community Hospital has successfully recruited multiple health care providers. Dr. David, Dr. Gorski, Dr. and Alisa Kindig, WHNP all have started at FMCH. Five additional primary care physicians have been recruited and will be joining the medical staff after completing their residencies this summer. FMCH has also moved forward with exploring a strategic partnership with Great River Health Systems to create a foundation upon which patients

in Southeast Iowa can receive comprehensive, coordinated care long into the future. As one of only six independent hospitals in Iowa, FMCH remains a financially viable and successful organization employing a team of over 480 employees. Alexander is also overseeing the conversion of the physician clinics' electronic health record system to Meditech, currently used for hospital services, with completion slated for June of this year. This will allow for more seamless communication throughout the organization and increase patient safety.

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tinue the success that FMCH has realized by staying true to our mission of providing quality health care, community service, and being a top employer in the region. We will stay focused on our strategic plan and we will not relent in moving this hospital in the right direction," Alexander said.

David Pike will remain in the position of Interim Vice-President of Finance.

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