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It's official: Weber new interim FMPD chief

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE – Staff from the Lee County Sheriff's Department is already at work helping fill in at the Fort Madison Police Department.

As soon as Lee County Supervisors gave unanimous approval Tuesday morning to allow Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber to serve as interim Fort Madison Police Chief for up to six months, staff was dispatched to Fort Madison City Hall.

Fort Madison Police Chief Tim Sittig announced his retirement from the department at the beginning of the month. Weber said Fort Madison City Manager David Varley and Fort Madison Mayor Brad



WEBER

Randolph reached out to him several weeks ago about possibly overseeing the department while a new chief is found.

The city approved the move at Tuesday's meeting 5-2 with two city councilman opposing the measure in favor of having current staff take over until a new chief is hired.

Supervisor Matt Plfug asked Weber what he thought the timeline for serving in the interim position would be. Supervisors, along with Varley and Weber discussed possibly moving the agreement from six months to three at last week's board meeting, but decided instead to put in a three-month

review.

"The way this is written is for six months. I have every intention of saddling and riding this thing as quickly as possible to the end. Three months is a nice goal. We'll see," Weber said.

"They didn't like going outside of the command structure that was in existence. There's some loyalty there and I admire that and didn't argue with it."

Supervisor Ron Fedler said regardless of the city, if someone asks for the county's assistance they should provide it if possible.

"I think it's part of our responsibility as a board when one of the cities needs our assistance we

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Booker says Dems have to focus on issues, Pres. Trump

BY COLIN
MAGNESUN
Radio Keokuk News Director

KEOKUK – On first impression, one might wonder what kind of connection a United States Senator from New Jersey could possibly have to the State of Iowa.

The junior senator played college football at Stanford University and has spent the last six years serving in Washington D.C. So how did Cory Booker plan to connect with potential voters Saturday in Keokuk as he made his push to secure the 2020 Democratic nomination for president?

Well, Booker led off by explaining to the roughly 150 people in attendance at The Lost Canvas Coffee Shop that the story of his roots is tied to Iowa.

"When I first came to your state, as a little boy it was in an RV. My grand-mother was from Des

Moines. She was born and raised here. I have a lot of family that emigrated here from Alabama in the late 1800's to be coal miners in Buxton, Iowa." Booker said.

After making his introductions explaining that he feels Iowa is a model state for showing how people can work together, Booker began to highlight what he feels is the correct course for the country.

A common theme for the senator Saturday called on his fellow Democrats to not only focus on defeating Donald Trump in 2020, but to aspire to higher dreams as a nation.

"We've got to think bigger than this just hey this election is just about beating Donald Trump, getting one guy out of office. No. This has got to be about something bigger because a lot of our problems have

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Photo by Colin Magnesun/RadioKeokuk

2020 Presidential candidate Cory Booker answers a question on education from Kahoka 3rd grader Vivian Rairden Saturday at The Lost Canvas in Keokuk.

Fishing Deby set for Saturday at Pollmiller

BY PCC STAFF

WEST POINT — Untangle those poles! A kids fishing derby will be held Saturday, June 1 at Pollmiller Park.

This event is co-sponsored by Lee County Conservation and the Green Bay Chapter of the Isaak Walton League. Sign-in begins at 8:30 a.m., with fishing from 9-11 a.m., followed by lunch and prizes. This event is free for the whole family.

"It is great to be partnering with the Ikes this year," said Clay Steele, Lee County Naturalist. "We have both been hosting fishing events for more than twenty years and saw a great opportunity to pair with another conservation organization and combine our efforts."

There will be fishing, fun activities, and prizes for kids sixteen and under. A free lunch will be provided for all attendees.

For more information, contact Lee County Conservation at (319) 463-7673.



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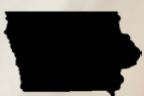
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OBITUARIES

DANIEL MAURICE BOGERT

Daniel Maurice "Danny" Bogert, 72, of Franklin, Iowa, passed away at 2:50 P.M. Saturday May 25, 2019 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

Born February 25, 1947 at Fort Madison, Iowa the son of Willard Maurice and Frances Geneva Rouse Bogert.



BOGERT

On September 21, 1974 he married Pamela Katherine Baker. She preceded him in death on September 30, 2009.

Survivors include his son Kevin (Rebecca) Bogert of Keokuk, Iowa, his daughter Beth (Trampas) Powell of Donnellson, Iowa. Three grandchildren Avery Bogert, Emma Powell and Zoey Powell. One sister Mary Sereda of Burlington, Iowa. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Pam and his brother Rick.

Danny was a member of the St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Franklin and the Isaak Walton Club. He enjoyed gardening, hunting, farming and spending time with his grandchildren

Friends may call after noon Tuesday at the Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson with the family meeting friends from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Tuesday evening.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M. Wednesday May 29, 2019 at the Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson with Pastor Mike Bennett officiating.

Burial will be in the St. Peter's Cemetery near Franklin.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

The Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements.

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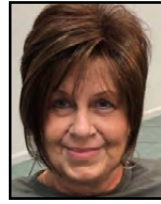
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JEANINE KARYL WHISENAND

Jeanine Karyl Whisenand, 61, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 6:29 a.m. on Saturday, May 25, 2019 at the Great River Medical Center in West Burlington, IA.

She was born on October 22, 1957 in Sunnymead, CA to Albert & Rubey Wickham Pihl.



WHISENAND

She married Robbie Bornsheuer in November of 1974, they later divorced. She married Jack R. Whisenand on June 22, 2004 in Las Vegas, NV. She was a 911 & police dispatcher for many years in Lee County. She was a member of the Fort Madison Moose & Eagles Clubs and enjoyed shopping & buying antiques. Her family and friends were the most important things to her.

Jeanine is survived by: her husband: Jack Whisenand of Fort Madison, IA; 2-daughters: Mandie (Ivan) May of Las Vegas, NV & Kristie Bornsheuer of Burlington, IA; 2-step sons: Brian & Brad Whisenand of Fort Madison, IA; 6-grandchildren: Shenelle, Derrick, Sydney, Jaydis, Danika & Brian; 1-step granddaughter: Jennifer; 3-great grandchildren: Peyton, Cassidy & 1 on the way; her mother: Rubey (Leon) Ott of Fort Madison, IA; 3-sisters: Barbara Palmer of Fort Madison, IA, Jo Ann Crafton of Fort Madison, IA & Karen Dinwiddie of Montrose, IA; 1-brother: Steve (Joan) Pihl of Fort Madison, IA. She was preceded in death by her father.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A celebration of Jeanine's life and burial will be held at a later date. Online condolences to Jeanine's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

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Boeding's boot buries Mid-Prairie Hawks

Officials abandon game with more than 30 minutes left

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT – Lightning struck, figuratively, with six minutes left in the first half of 9th-ranked Holy Trinity Catholic's girls regional soccer game when senior Taylor Boeding blistered in a shot from about 23 feet out to break a 1-1 tie with Mid-Prairie.

Lightning struck, literally, about 10 minutes into the second half putting an end to any comeback hopes the Lady Hawks may have been entertaining.

The severe storms that keep pounding the southeast portion of the state rolled over South Park at about 6:45 p.m. bringing wind and rain, but it was a lightning bolt in the northwest sky that sent fans headed for the concession area. Officials called the game about 10 minutes later after reviewing storm radar.

The Crusaders held control of the ball for almost

At far right, HTC's Elle Rashid heads a ball past Mid-Prairie's keeper in the second half, the ball would find the back of the net for a 4-1 lead, but officials conferred after the goal and ruled on off-sides penalty nullifying the goal. At right, Senior Taylor Boeding scores the go-ahead goal in the first half.

the entire game allowing just sporadic ventures into HTC keeper Sam Pothitakis' territory.

The first of which came in a scoreless game with 15:19 left in the first half. Senior midfielder Mya Lawlor went to intercept a forward pass from Mid-Prairie but had the ball crawl up her leg and catch her forearm.

Freshman Kaitlin Martin lined up the penalty kick directly in front of Pothitakis and shot the ball high into the back of the net for a 1-0 Lady Hawks' lead.

But sophomore Claire Pothitakis would rally the Crusaders by circling the midfield shaking off Mid-Prairie defenders in HTC's next possession and slipping the ball up the right side to Elle Rashid who punched it in from about five feet out with the Lady Hawks' Emily Swartzentruber leaning the wrong way, to tie it up at 1 with 9:01 left in the first half of play.

After a couple minutes of Mid-Prairie trying to



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Holy Trinity's Taylor Boeding lets fly with a shot at the 6-minute mark of the first half to give the Lady Crusaders a 2-1 lead over Mid-Prairie at South Park Tuesday night.

clear the ball to their side of the field, Nicole Pothitakis, playing some solid mid-field defense, picked up a 50/50 ball and lofted it over the defense to Boeding who dribbled up a couple feet and launched what proved to be the game-winning goal from the right side.

Neither team was able to get the ball in the net for the rest of the half.

The Crusaders missed on three attempts in the

first half just wide of the goal as they worked to get their bearings. With 19:18 left in the half, Claire Pothitakis couldn't catch up to a pass to the left side of the goal that just missed the left post.

Less than 90 seconds later HTC missed again just left and low off a pass from the right side that no one could catch up to. Elle Rashid would miss just wide right at the 14-minute mark after Pothitakis

slid a pass into the interior box. Four minutes later the Crusaders would finally get on the board.

In the second half at the 35:50 mark, Pothitakis would catch a deep pass from the right off her forehead that went straight up. She was able to corral the ball with her right foot, and then with some tricky feet, would dribble past the Mid-Prairie defender and punish a shot from about 18 feet out on the

left into the right side of the net to give the Crusaders a 3-1 lead, and some breathing room with storm clouds looming.

Pothitakis almost pulled the hat trick, again, when less than a minute later she sent another ball in from the left that nailed the left post and bounced back into play.

In the same series, Pothitakis regained control of the ball and sent a pass into the box that got popped up into the air where Rashid was standing about three feet out and headed it into the net in what appeared to make it a 4-1 game. However after being signaled a goal, the referees conferred and called an offside on HTC nullifying the goal with 33:42 left.

After a few more exchanges on the HTC side of the field and one effort into the Lady Hawks' side of the field, lightning was observed and officials called for stoppage before the game was abandoned about 15 minutes later.

The Crusaders will take on the winner of the Centerville/Pella Christian match which was postponed until Wednesday night at 6 p.m.



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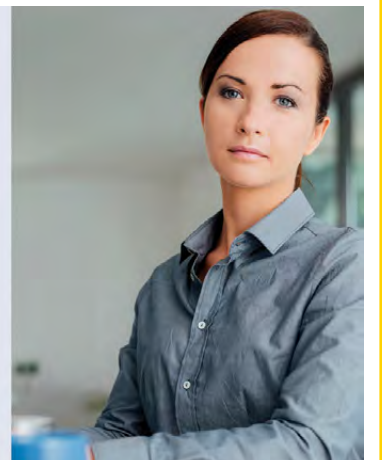
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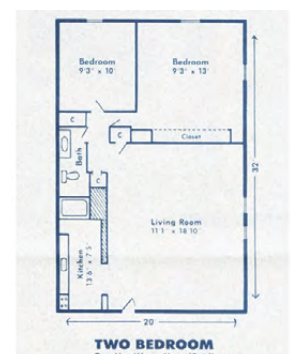
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From the Front/Weather

Sheriff says city will get the results it's paying for

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should step forward and help them. And in this case I understand we're getting compensated so their shouldn't be any cost to the county," Fedler said.

Pflug said the city should have an assistant chief in place and was surprised when no one was identified who could step up into the role.

Weber said it's his understanding the city is looking for some help along those lines of restructuring command.

In visiting with city council and management they want us to restructure. We're being hired to do a job and we'll do what they want. We'll work closely with the union and get it figured out," Weber said.

"We will establish a different command structure there and we'll make sure that if God-forbid something happened to the new chief, that they're in position to continue on, just like we are here."

Weber said former Fort Madison police officer Craig Burch, who's a

captain with the county now, will be on site at the FMPD and Chief Deputy Will Conlee will direct Burch and help with scheduling and logistical issues. All decisions will go through Weber.

"We're meeting with Tim now to see what projects he had in place and how he was financing those and to see if we could do it cheaper. Reviewing contracts and things from the top down. If we can do it cheaper or better, we're going to."

Weber said conversations were underway Tuesday after the approval to look at restructuring.

"We've been asked to restructure. We're gonna look at his manpower. Chief Deputy Conlee already has a schedule rough drafted that could put three people on a shift at all times and that automatically increases one officer per shift at least for the time being," Weber said.

Until he officially steps out on May 31, Weber said his staff and Sittig

are overlapping to get fully informed on the processes.

"We'll visit with him this week and find out how things are being done day to day and find out what's putting the brakes on some of this stuff," Weber said.

"Will has a wonderful way of organizing and Captain Burch has a wonderful way of executing, so I'm just putting the team in there, they'll make recommendations and I'll approve everything."

He said out of pure respect, he's going to have meetings with the current command structure and see what they're thinking about.

"We want to work with these guys and it's better if they buy into what we're thinking," Weber said.

"Change is difficult sometimes and there's going to be some difficult things to address but we're gonna address them. The city's covering the wages... we're getting paid... so we're going to do a job."

Campaign is bigger than Trump

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been going on since long before Donald Trump was elected."

Booker did not, however, shy away from the fact that his baseline goal is to reclaim the White House.

"I agree that the fundamental floor has got to be, 'Can you beat Donald Trump.' But that can't end our aspirations. We are bigger dreamers and bigger thinkers than that."

The main policy points for Booker came in the form of healthcare for all, bringing forth an era of less gun violence, strengthened unions, and creating an educational environment that gives youth a better chance to learn.

After speaking for 20 minutes, Booker walked around and talked with several people and he was questioned on that final point of his speech by a young girl wanting to know about his future.

Vivian Rairden is a Kahoka, Missouri native who is about to finish 3rd grade and she brought up education as soon as Cory Booker was done speaking.

"I asked him, 'What are your plans for education?' He said his biggest priority is to make sure the teachers are taken care of so that

they can help us succeed," she said

Joining Booker at The Lost Canvas Saturday was Iowa District 2 Congressman Dave Loebsack. The legislator, who is set to retire in 2020, said, while he had not worked with Cory Booker during their time in D.C., he felt the Senator was a strong candidate for the Democrats.

"I do think he has a great message, actually," Loebsack said. "I think there are a lot of people here who have been struggling, as you know,

for a long time. And they really need someone who is gonna be talking about hope and about getting us together and getting rid of these divisions that we have in this country. I have not endorsed but I think a lot of them are going to do a great job."

Booker left after just more than an hour of conversation and dozens of selfies. He closed out his RV tour through Iowa Monday with a Memorial Day barbecue at his state campaign headquarters in Des Moines.

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Light Rain
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Light Rain
High- 79.4° F | Low - 65.5° F

SAT Jun 01



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