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Health officials take flu actions

FMCH restricts visitors at Birthplace, surgery areas

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Officials at Fort Madison Community Hospital announced Friday that visitation restrictions are now in place at the FMCH Birthplace and postpartum suites.

According to a release from community relations manager Angie Budnik, Birthplace visitors will be temporarily limited to the following people: Coach or significant other; immediate grandparents who do not display any flu like symptoms; and siblings that are 72 hours symptom free from the following: fever, cough, diarrhea, vomiting, rash or persistent runny nose.

Budnik said the restriction will last until the

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LCHD offers tips on dealing with outbreak

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Due to influenza cases on the rise in Iowa, Lee County Health Department issued a statement Friday reminding everyone it is not too late to get the flu shot.

Flu shots are still available at LCHD's immunization clinics held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. The next clinics will be at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Keokuk on January 11, 2018 from 12 pm to 4:30 pm and at LCHD's immunization clinic at #3 John Bennett Drive on January 25, 2018 from 12 pm to 5:30 pm. LCHD will also provide flu shots during scheduled TB clinics held at LCHD's office on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3-4 pm (except on holidays such as the week of Jan 15th).

Influenza or "Flu" is a highly contagious viral infection that affects mainly the nose, throat, chest and lungs. The flu may cause mild to severe illness, and may even lead to death. In the very young, the elderly, and those with other serious medical conditions, infection can lead to severe complications such as pneumonia. The single best way to prevent the flu is to get vaccinated each

year.

Flu viruses mainly spread from person to person through coughing or sneezing. Sometimes people may become infected by touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose. Most healthy adults may be able to infect others beginning one day before symptoms develop and up to five days after becoming



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sick. That means that you may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick. Always remember the three C's- Cover your cough, Clean your hands, and Contain Germs!

If you get the flu remember to stay home from work or school, get plenty of rest and water, and consult with your doctor especially if you are at high risk of complications and serious disease. If you start on anti-viral medications within a day or two of when your symptoms start, your risk of serious disease, hospitalization and even death

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Beside The Point

Chuck Vandenberg,
Pen City Current - Editor

Binging Al Pacino may be new family holiday tradition

Well the holidays are over and I made my usual trek to some regional airport, this round Lambert-St. Louis, to drop my daughter off for her flight back to LaGuardia on the waterfront of Bowery Bay in Flushing, N.Y. From there she'll grab a cab or an Uber and head to, what I'm sure, is a seedy apartment where her share of rent for a two-bedroom is comparable to my mortgage.

Our family time was extended by two days thanks to what's being called a bombogenesis. That's a real word... Google it....defined in simple terms as a weather bomb where rapidly intensifying low pressure systems, typically in the winter, reek havoc on places usually along the eastern seaboard, but hypothetically anywhere.

Anyhoo, I love having my 24-year-old home for the holidays. It worries me a bit that she can take two weeks off from work in a city where a single person making \$16/hour is in all likelihood living in poverty. But she makes my heart swell. And to make this even better my youngest daughter, too, was home for the holidays. Now a sophomore at the University of Iowa, she made the empty nest, a full nest with mom and pop as proud as peacocks.

(Speaking of peacocks, has anyone else almost run over those beautiful birds on the way back from West Point on J40 right before the new bypass ramps? Cocky birds just strut right out in front of you, with no care in the world that my wife's FJ Cruiser would make them go poooof!)

The baking ensues and we inevitably end up with a dining room full of cookies, Greek crescents, fudge, krispy treats, and then an all-out battle royale takes place over the strawberry pretzel salad. I'm still on my quest to beef up (see Jason Momoa) so I went easy this year. But in years past, I could be seen on the living room floor with a fork and the whole 12"x 9" pan on the floor protecting it with elbows and bigger shoulders than the

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Rachel Benda, director of The Kensington, presents Tony Wolfe, of Fort Madison Habitat for Humanity, with a donation for the current housing project. Employees at The Kensington donated money to wear jeans to work.

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Area News/Lottery Numbers

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Alliant gives grants to area groups

CEDAR RAPIDS - Seven area nonprofit organizations are receiving community grants totaling \$7,850 from the Alliant Energy Foundation in the second of its two 2017 giving cycles.

"We are proud to support these organizations that are doing such valuable work in our communities," said Julie Bauer, executive director of the Alliant Energy Foundation. "Our investments support their crucial activities in the areas of Helping Families, Education and the Environment."

Those earning grants are:

Friends of the Drake Public Library, Centerville, \$2,000 for Drake Public Library Summer Reading Program

Hoerner YMCA (Young Men's Christian Association) of Keokuk Iowa Inc., Keokuk, \$1,000 for Healthy Kids after school activity

The Homestead 1839, West Burlington, \$1,000 for Organic Agriculture Education for High-Risk Youth

The Arc of Jefferson & Nearby Counties, Fairfield, \$1,000 for Camperships for persons with intellectual and/or other developmental disabilities

Maharishi School, Fairfield, \$1,250 for Maharishi School TARC Rocketry Project

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Wilson Memorial Library, Keota, \$600 for STEM Program in the Making

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Pen City Current encourages you to play responsibly.

Obituaries/From the Front

Girls make nest full at holidays

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girls. To give you a better picture, think of the pride lion with all the other lions impatiently waiting their turn.

The girls watch Christmas movies from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Christmas Eve, always ending with A Christmas Story. Then we move to the kitchen to decorate sugar cookies for Santa and holiday snacking. When that's done and cleaned up, we set out the treats for the fat man and the girls rush upstairs (keep in mind - 24 and 18 years old) and sleep in the same bed, like they have done since we moved into this house 12 years ago.

They wake us up at 7 a.m. This year I was extremely tired and the girls literally scared me awake staring at me from about three feet away. Even on Christmas...that's creepy.

"GEEZUS!"

A hush falls over the bedroom as I feel for a pulse. They stand shoulder to shoulder with their hands folded under their chins. They look at me with eyes wide open (again 24 AND 18!) without saying a word, their body language to me says, "Sorry for scaring you, but there's like...presents and stuff downstairs....so can we move this along."

"ummm...merry christmas?" they eeked out.

Lee gives me a push. "They're excited! It's Christmas."

The morning follows with coffee and unwrapping presents. The oldest won't throw the paper away as we go. She, and this is no exaggeration at all, lets it all pile up around her because, "I like the way it looks with the color paper all over the place."

We shower and head to my brothers where breakfast is served and the extended family presents are opened. Without fail a niece or nephew will get a gift from an aunt and uncle that gets a "Why" look from a brother or sister.

This year was the "one-step further" take on the Pie in the Face game. This one has a toilet and instead of risking a whipped cream pie in the face you have to take turns flushing what I like to call a Toy-let and run the risk of getting... well you get the picture. If you don't get it, go buy the game.

This year we put a ping-pong table together. It took three of us boys two hours to put that horse together, but we got it done and then my 12-year-old nephew Hayden handed it to me 6 out of 7 games.

We usually come home around 8 p.m. after a few rounds of Trivia Pursuit, boys vs. girls, and then an epic crash takes place.

From that moment until Dec. 31 at about 6 p.m., we literally watch movies, this year a six-day Al Pacino binge. I couldn't take it, I had to go the YMCA just to get a break from the craziness. Taylor is constantly on the run in New York City and Kelsey was running all the time trying to make the Dean's List as a Hawkeye, so when they come home, it's sofa city sweetheart. Full on couch potatoes.

I watched Panic in Needle Park, a greasy, low budget film where Pacino's character and his girlfriend get hooked on smack...yeah, that's about it. Not my favorite, Author! Author! was on every night after we went upstairs to bed. We can hear, "Comin' home to you's like comin' home to milk and cookies.."

We did Heat, Scarface, Sea of Love, Scent of a Woman, Cruising, Serpico, Dog Day Afternoon, The Godfathers I and II, and then a rehash of all of them including a splash of Justice for All..."You're out of order!"

I personally like the new Pacino films. Heat was one of his best ever, but Scent of a Woman is the purist Pacino.

I was so sick of this Italian I had to move to the kitchen a couple times to check my email or just have a beer.

But Saturday came and we packed her all up telling her two or three times to double check everything. She routinely calls us when she lands having had time to decompress on the plane and ultimately remembering something she left in the bathroom.

But now she's gone, landed in LaGuardia about 30 minutes before we made it home from St. Louis.

"So. . .funny story," she says when she called to let us know she landed. I thought she was gonna tell me she sat next to Clark Kellogg, a standout hoops player at Ohio State in the mid-80s and now a CBS analyst for NCAA college basketball. Kellogg shuffled quietly by me in the security line as I waited for my daughter to get through security at the Southwest terminal. My wife said, "I think that's Kareem Abdul Jabbar!" - I just really love her.

No, it wasn't a Kellogg serial (See what I did there!).

"Dad, can you ship me my keys? I left them on the dryer."

Thud.

Hey Chiefs fans...whaaaaat?! But that's Beside the haa-haaaaaa!!!

OBITUARIES

DELORES S. POLLPETER

Delores S. Pollpeter, 86, of Ft. Madison, passed away on Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 11:30 AM at The Madison.

She was born on October 23, 1931 in Keokuk to Farris and Gladys Kay. Farris later married Rose "Sarah" Cline and she was a Mom and Grandma to Delores's family. On December 20, 1951 she married John W. Pollpeter at St. Joseph Church in Ft. Madison. Delores owned Food Center Grocery and then she and John owned and operated Tri State Furniture and Appliance taking over from her parents. After years of expanding and growing the business she retired in 1991. Delores was a member of BPW and the Soroptimist Club where she was a volunteer award winner. Delores loved her children and grandchildren and made Christmas and Easter extra special by making her fried bread and strawberry preserves. She also enjoyed cooking and teaching her family her love of Lebanese food. She loved living and boating on the river.



POLLPETER

Survivors include three sons, Tom (Pat) Pollpeter of Donnellson, Jerry (Mary) Pollpeter of North Liberty, Walter Pollpeter of Houston, TX; two daughters, Cindy (Kevin) Bates of Ft. Madison and Patty (Ray Cangas) Knustrom of Ft. Madison; twelve grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; her sister, Ernestine Delaney of Chicago, IL and her fur baby, Candy. She was preceded in death by her parents and step mom

The funeral service will be held on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 11 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Mark P. Spring officiating. The family will meet with friends from 9AM until the time of the service at 11 AM at the funeral home. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

A memorial has been established for Foundation Fighting Blindness (Retinitis Pigmentosa) or Lee County Hospice. And online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com

ELMER DEAN ALDRIDGE

Elmer Dean Aldridge, 87, of Fort Madison, died Friday, January 5, 2018 at The Madison in Fort Madison, IA.

He was born on January 3, 1931 in Terre Haute, IL the son of Elmer and Hattie Collis Aldridge.

Elmer was a jack-of-all trades and could do anything he set his mind to.

Throughout the years he had been a hired hand for several farmers and also did carpentry work. He enjoyed tinkering with cars and dancing.

Elmer is survived by two sons, Ernest Aldridge of Fort Madison and Harold Aldridge of Missouri, one daughter, Shirley McDaniel of Missouri, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

At this time there will be no visitation or services.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

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Boys Prep Sports

Hounds slip at
Fairfield Friday

BY PCC STAFF

FAIRFIELD - The Bloodhound boys basketball team snapped a three-game winning streak managing just 11 first half points in a 58-39 loss to Fairfield on the road Friday night.

The Trojans' junior Tristan Waugh and senior guard Dante Cingire each outscored the Hounds with 12 first half points apiece.

The Hounds didn't get on the board until two minutes left in the first period, managing a bucket each from sophomore Jayden Fedler and senior Kaleb Cresswell in the quarter. Fort Madison senior Treavor James-Kokjohn, who's second on the Southeast Conference in scoring at 17.8 points per game was held scoreless in the first half.

Fairfield raced out to 15-4 first quarter lead and things didn't get much better for the Hounds in the second period getting outscored 18-7.

Coming out after halftime, the Hounds got back to their style of play and back in the game with 10 points from James-Kokjohn, who led the Fort Madison with 13 points on the night. Sheymouhr Redd-Donald and Fedler also added buckets, while the Hound defense held Fairfield to eight points cutting into the Trojan lead 25-41.

But the Trojans went into protection mode in the fourth quarter forcing the Hounds to foul and Cingire, who led Fairfield with 21 points on the night went to the free throw line eight times, converting seven and added a 3-pointer to put the game away.

Fedler finished with 10 points for the Hounds and Cresswell added nine. Junior Logan Rashid, Redd-Donald and Brandon Keester each added a two points for Fort Madison.

The Hounds fall to 6-4 on the season and travel to Albia for a Saturday game. Fort Madison then travels to Keokuk on Friday before returning home against Burlington on Jan. 16.

2nd quarter dooms HTC boys

BY CHUCK
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PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A 31-4 second quarter blowout by Burlington Notre Dame sent Holy Trinity to their eighth loss of the season as the Nikes downed the Crusaders 62-45 in boys high school basketball action Friday.

The Crusaders led at the end of the first quarter and outscored the visitors 20-12 in the third quarter, but the second quarter shutdown proved too much to overcome for the young HTC squad.

"Sometimes with young teams you get a mental block," Head Coach John Hellige said. "We took the second quarter off and regrouped at halftime. I continue to be very proud of these boys. We're basically playing four sophomores, two juniors and a freshman night in and night out. They're getting better every game, every possession."

Sophomore Matt Hellige scored a quiet 17 points on the night, and a conversion with about two minutes left in the first quarter put the Crusaders up 8-2. But the Nikes' Jaxon Osborn converted two free throws and then another buck-



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

HTC sophomore Blake Crabtree looks for room along the baseline as Notre Dame's Ryle Koenig defends. The Nikes downed the Crusaders 45-62 on Friday.

et in the lane on Notre Dame's next possession to bring the game within two. Quentin Schneider, who tied his season-high with 10 points on the night, converted the first of two free throws and Hellige scored again inside to give the Crusaders an 11-8 first quarter lead.

Notre Dame shifted into a different gear in the second quarter and took the lead quickly on a bucket by Jett Tjaden at 13-11. Holy Trinity went through a stretch of about 4:45 where they committed six turnovers and four personal fouls, while Notre Dame methodically pulled away, highlighted by Gavin Kies' 10 points in the final 3:30 of the first half.

The Nikes were able to

keep long distance threat Reed Fehseke at bay in the first half holding him without any points and freshman Jake Eaves, who can hit from the outside was kept scoreless the whole game.

"We have some good shooters and they knew we can get hot from outside. They're very well-coached and I think they covered that up pretty well," Hellige said. "We're pretty good from the corner normally and they made the right adjustments."

Schneider set the tone in the third period with three quick baskets working from the left baseline in the opening minutes, before Notre Dame could get on the board. Kies, who led Notre Dame with

18 points, hit a 3-pointer to keep the lead above 20, but then Fehseke was able to get free from the left side as the Crusaders continued to be patient and work the ball inside and out against Notre Dame's zone defense. Fehseke hit two 3-pointers back-to-back to cut the lead to 17.

Ryle Koenig converted a three-point play after getting fouled by HTC's Blake Crabtree in the lane to push the lead back to 20. Hellige scored five unanswered points and then Schneider scored again inside to cut the lead to 16 at the end of three. Crabtree opened the fourth with his only bucket of the night to cut the lead to 14, but that's a close as the Crusaders would get as Koenig scored two quick buckets and then added a 3-point play after a Hellige bucket to put the lead back at 20 with just over three minutes left in the game.

"What were trying to do is have a four-quarter game where we have confidence throughout all four quarters. Tonight I thought we did a great job of playing strong defense and attacking the basket, but we just didn't get that execution for the whole game," Hellige said after the game.

"What we've been really talking about is effort and execution. I told the boys during a timeout our effort is there. We're diving for the balls, blocking out and playing good defense. But the execution portion wasn't there. We fumbled some passes and made poor decisions and that's going to happen with a young team. When we clean up the execution part, I'm pretty confident

Two heads are
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Sports

HTC girls get second win after winter break

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A scoreless stretch of about 11 minutes by Burlington Notre Dame gave Holy Trinity Catholic their second straight win 69-25 over the Nikes to highlight girls high school basketball

action Friday night. Junior Taylor Boeding led the Crusaders with 18 points including eight in the third period. Senior Brett Schneider, who was coming off a career night on Tuesday when she scored a school-record 37 points against New London, fired in 17 points for HTC.

The Crusaders jumped out to a quick 17-9 first quarter lead highlighted by Schneider's seven. Notre Dame held a very early 2-1 lead when sophomore Taylor Ackerman hit for the Nikes. It would be Notre Dame's only lead of the game.

Schneider who scored mostly in transition again, gave the Crusaders the lead with a layup with 4:46 left in the first period. The Nikes committed three straight turnovers before Boeding hit on one of her four 3-pointers on the night to put HTC up 6-2.

"She was due for a good game," Head Coach Tony Johnson said. "She had been struggling before the break, but it was good to see her break out of that. Hopefully she can continue with that."

Johnson employed a trap zone press for most of the game to put pressure on the Nike's young squad. Notre Dame Head Coach Jim Myers starts four sophomores and one senior, Hayley Blythe. Blythe converted a 3-pointer with



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

HTC's Taylor Boeding (23), right, leads a fastbreak in the Crusaders' 69-25 win over Burlington Notre Dame Friday night at home. Senior Brett Schneider (2) fills the middle lane on the fast break.



Emily Box goes up for one of her 10 points on the night as the Crusaders downed Burlington Notre Dame at home.

:43 left in the first period to cut the lead to 16-9, but the Nikes wouldn't score again until the 5:46 mark in the third period.

The Crusaders forced eight turnovers in the second period in the middle of a 13-0 run that ended when sophomore Hope Ward connected on two free throws following

a foul by HTC's junior Eryn Anderson, to make it 29-11. Schneider and junior Emily Box converted back-to-back buckets for the Crusaders and then Sam Hoenig hit on a three to force the Nikes into a timeout down 38-13. Boeding then scored eight of the next 10 HTC points to push the lead to 48-15 at

the end of the third period. Johnson kept the pressure on with the zone full court press, while the Crusaders outscored the Nikes 19-10 in the last period to put the game away.

"The girls have adjusted well since the break," Johnson said. "We put in a ton

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FMHS have little luck vs Fairfield

BY PCC STAFF

FAIRFIELD - Fort Madison High School's girls basketball team lost its 10th game of the season on Friday 65-19 at the hands of Fairfield.

The Hounds got four points each from senior Kamryn Bailey and freshman Maddie Rashid, but the 8-2 Trojans got 18 points from Amber Nicole Burch and had two other players in double figures in the win.

Fort Madison was within one point with a

minute remaining in the first period, but the Trojans went on a 9-0 run to take a 16-6 lead just two minutes into the second quarter.

The Hounds would manage only four more points in the period, while Fairfield, which sits atop the Southeast Conference, raced to a 36-10 lead at the end of the first half.

The Hounds then were held scoreless in the third period and Fairfield put up 20 to put the game out of reach.

Braxtyn MgGhygy chipped in with three points for the Hounds. Taylor Shannan, Brandy Walker and Dalyn Wondra all had two points for Fort Madison. Anna Kester and Josie Pumphrey each had a point for the Hounds.

Fort Madison (0-10) travels to 6-3 Albia on Saturday before heading to Keokuk on Friday. The girls return home next Saturday when Monmouth comes to the Hound Dome.

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting December 18, 2017

I. The meeting was called to order by President Wondra at 6:02 p.m. Directors Young, Ross, Hotop, DiPrima, Troxel and Hope, were present. Also present were Superintendent Slater, Director of Curriculum and Student Services Harmon and acting Secretary Augustine.

II. Recognition of guests. President Wondra welcomed members of the audience in attendance and explained the procedures for the meeting.

III. Reading of Foundation documents. The Board read and reviewed the Foundation documents consisting of the Vision, Mission and Belief statements and the Goals for the Fort Madison Community School District.

IV. Monthly communications

A. Student Rep report. The Board received an up-

date of ongoing activities at the High School.

B. Curriculum Corner. Julie Yurko, and a group of Math teachers from the Middle School gave a presentation sharing experiences from their trip to Chicago to attend the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference.

C. "Did You Know?" The "Did You Know?" document was accepted as presented.

D. Superintendent Goal Report. Superintendent Slater provided an update on the indicators of progress towards the Board's established goals.

E. District Presentations

V. Approve the agenda. It was moved by Hotop and seconded by Hope to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

VI. Consent agenda. It was moved by Young and seconded by DiPrima to approve the consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the November 20, 2017 regular meeting and the December 4, 2017 work

session; financial reports for the monthly balance sheet, revenue summary sheet, expenditure report and activity report, accounts payable for the November weekly warrants, December computer warrants, activity warrants and nutrition fund; resignations from Jan Dohman as Richardson teacher effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year, Christian Boyer as 8th grade boys' basketball coach; employment of Christine Hatfield as Special Education teacher at Richardson, Ashley Fraise as Elementary nurse assistant and Deva Ross as associate at CLC; contract modifications for Cindy Tillow, Richardson associate, change in assignment and classification. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

VII. Action Items

A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services

1. Consider approval of At-Risk report. The Board reviewed the At-Risk report. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Troxel to approve the At-Risk report in the amount of

\$674,569.00 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

B. Superintendent.

1. Consider approval of policy changes

a. Consider approval of policy 501.3 – Compulsory Attendance. The Board reviewed policy #501.3. It was moved by Young and seconded by Ross to approve policy #501.3 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

b. Consider approval of policy 501.6 – Student Transfer-In. The Board reviewed policy #501.6. It was moved by Troxel and seconded by DiPrima to approve policy #501.6 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

c. Consider approval of policy 501.6a – Admission of Exchange Students. The Board reviewed policy #501.6a. It was moved by Young and seconded by Hotop to approve policy #501.6a as presented. Young rescinded this motion after discussion so more information may be gathered. The motion to rescind and table

the policy was seconded by Hope. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

d. Consider approval of policy 501.8 – Student Attendance Records. The Board reviewed policy #501.8. It was moved by Troxel and seconded by DiPrima to approve policy #501.8 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

e. Consider approval of policy 501.10 – Uniform Attendance & Truancy Policy. The Board reviewed policy #501.10. It was moved by Ross and seconded by DiPrima to approve policy #501.10 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

f. Consider approval of policy 501.10-R-1 – Truancy – Unexcused Absences Regulation. The Board reviewed policy #501.10-R-1. It was moved by Young and seconded by Ross to approve policy #501.10-R-1 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

g. Consider approval of policy 501.11 – Student Release During School Hours.

The Board reviewed policy #501.11. It was moved by Young and seconded by Troxel to approve policy #501.11 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

h. Consider approval of policy 501.12 – Pregnant Students. The Board reviewed policy #501.12. It was moved by Young and seconded by DiPrima to add policy #501.12 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

i. Consider approval of policy 501.16 – Homeless Children and Youth. The Board reviewed policy #501.16. It was moved by Young and seconded by Troxel to approve policy #501.16 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

j. Consider approval of policy 501.19 – Temporarily Disabled Students. The Board reviewed policy #501.19. It was moved by Young and seconded by DiPrima to delete policy #501.19 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

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k. Consider approval of policy 502.2 – Care of School Property/Vandalism. The Board reviewed policy #502.2. It was moved by Young and seconded by Hope to approve policy #502.2 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

2. Consider approval of request for travel from Kay Petersen and Jessica Gutzman to attend the Learning Disabilities Association National Conference in Atlanta, GA. The Board reviewed the trip request from Kay Petersen and Jessica Gutzman requesting permission to attend the Learning Disabilities Association National Conference in Atlanta, GA, February 20-24, 2018. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Ross to approve the travel request as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

Enter Break 7:06 p.m.

Exit Break 7:12 p.m.

C. Board Secretary/Business Manager.

VIII. Discussion Items

A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services

B. Superintendent.

1. Review policy #501.3-R-1 and 502.4 – 503.2. The board reviewed the policies listed. These policies will be brought back at a later meeting for final approval.

2. IASB Convention discussion. Board members shared experiences from the sessions they attended at the IASB Convention.

3. Schedule January building instructional tour. The Board will tour Richardson Elementary on January 23, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

4. Certified Employee Attendance. The certified staff attendance report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

5. Board Member Attendance. The Board reviewed and discussed the Board Member Attendance report.

C. Board Secretary/Business Manager.

IX. Comments from the audience. There were none.

X. Legislative update. The Board received a legislative update.

XI. Announcements.

Next work session, January 8, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

Next regular meeting, January 22, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

The February meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

Future work sessions:

February 5, 2018. 6:00 PM, Middle School Library - Guiding Coalition Discussion

March 5, 2018, 6:00 PM, Lincoln Elementary - Guiding Coalition Discussion

April 9, 2018, 6:00 PM, Richardson Elementary - Guiding Coalition Discussion

May 7, 2018, 6:00 PM, High School Library - Guid-

ing Coalition Discussion
XII. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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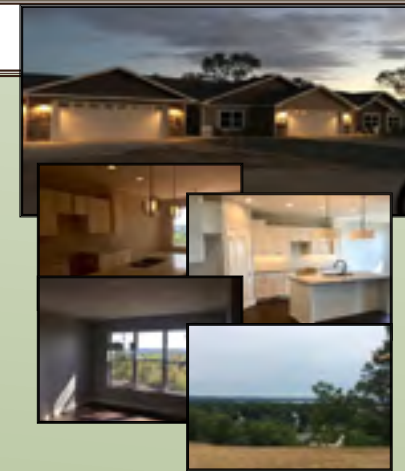


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County health officials still recommending flu shots

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can be reduced. Symptoms of flu include fever (typically $\geq 100^{\circ}$ F), headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle aches, and sometimes stomach symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea but this is more common in children than adults.

To protect yourself and family from the flu please remember the following:

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 15-20 seconds. Wash your hands before and after eating, going to the bathroom, touching pets, phones, or keyboards. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

Stay home from work or school when you are ill, and encourage others to do the same.

Stay away from others you know are ill. You are less likely to become ill if you stay at least three feet away from someone who is coughing or sneezing.

Vaccination. The first line of defense against influenza is to get your flu shot each year.

Contact your health care provider. If you experience flu-like symptoms contact your doctor. Your doctor may be able to prescribe antiviral medications for you to shorten the duration of the illness and prevent transmission if within 24-48 hours.

Clean frequently and appropriately. Some viruses can live up to two hours on some surfaces. Frequently clean commonly used surfaces, such as door handles, handrails, eating surfaces, toys, and phones. Commercial disinfectants or bleach solutions should be used. The bleach solution can be made by mixing $\frac{1}{4}$ cup bleach with 1 gallon of water. The bleach solution must be made fresh daily.

For more information about influenza, visit <https://idph.iowa.gov/influenza/faq>.

Flu virus can be spread prior to, and after symptoms appear

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threat of increased exposure has passed.

FMCH team members are following the CDC's guidelines, as well as internal infection control procedures to help protect patients, employees and hospital visitors.

In addition, the hospital is also requesting that anyone experiencing any of the symptoms of the flu including: fever, cough, sore throat, diarrhea, vomiting, body aches, runny or stuffy nose, refrain from visiting both inpatient and outpatient surgery areas of the hospital.

People who have influenza can be contagious beginning one day before symptoms develop, and up to five to seven days after becoming sick. Some people, especially young children and people with weakened immune systems, might be able to infect others for longer time periods

The hospital recommends that residents wash hands frequently with soap and water; if soap and water are not available use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

Spreading the flu virus can be reduced by covering your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw the tissue in the trash after you use it and then sanitize your hands or cough and sneeze into your elbow if a tissue is not available. Avoid close contact with sick people and void touching your eyes, nose or mouth, as germs spread this way.

If you get sick with influenza, stay home from work or school and limit close contact with others for at least 24 hours after a fever is gone, to help prevent spreading the virus.

A flu shot is also still recommended.

Boeding goes for 18, Schneider 17 in HTC win

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of adjustments and we were able to work on those over Christmas so that helped, and everyone got reinvigorated over the break after the volleyball grind."

Box finished with 10 points for HTC while Ashlynn Haas and Madison Mohrfeld each put in seven. Avery Hopper scored four points and Sam Hoenig and Anderson each put in three for the Crusaders.

Johnson said he's starting to see some of the early season mistakes dwindling for Holy Trinity.

"Our offense is under control now. They've figured out that just because the other team wants to speed you up, going faster doesn't always create better decisions," Johnson said.

"The ball movement was great tonight. We got it in where we wanted to and then got it back out where we had some shots. There are lot of times where we come down going 100 mph with our hair on fire, and I don't know what they were going to do the ball."

HTC is within one game now of .500 at 5-6 on the season and play host to Van Buren on Tuesday night at Shottenkirk gymnasium in Fort Madison.

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