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Supervisors taking another look at budget levy

Hunold wants to hold on levy reduction for 2017-2018

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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MONTROSE - The Lee County portion of your tax levy may be bumped up a smidge as they strive for a balanced budget in

the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Supervisor Don Hunold suggested resetting the levy to the current 2016-2017 level instead of the slight decrease that had been proposed with the budget.

The county levy for

2018 is being projected at \$10.372 per \$1,000 assessed valuation with revenue generation at \$11,671,396. In 2017, the levy was \$10.388 per \$1,000 and generated \$11,572,060.

“What if we just pushed the levy back to the current level of \$10.38? That’s about another 1.5 cents per \$1000. I think

that would be enough maybe to fix the problem,” Hunold said.

“I got about \$10,900 out of the board budget. There are two funds, Mental Health and Debt service, that we wanted to lower the funds. So those will show a negative. When I figure those out we’re at about \$1.2 million short for the year,” said

County Budget Director Cindy Renstrom.

The board discussed pulling one of the proposed new county sheriff’s deputies and the proposed part-time correctional officer. But after a lengthy discussion the board decided to not pull those and examined

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SPORTS

FMHS bounced in girls bracket

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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KEOKUK - The Fort Madison Bloodhounds were physically in the game for about four minutes Wednesday night, but the heart of the team persevered until the end.

The Keokuk Chiefs ran over the Bloodhounds in Wednesday Class 4A Region 6 action 67-30 to end the season for Fort Madison. Keokuk moves on to face Fairfield, a team they’ve lost to two times, once in OT.

Keokuk, who over three games averaged a 35-point win over Fort Madison, lived up the hype pinning and pressuring the Hounds into a night of trouble getting the ball over the timeline to set up their half court offense.

The Hounds didn’t have a single player in double figures as Amber Dilsaver and Mercedes Trimble, the teams leading scorers, were held in check. Dilsaver got into foul trouble in the first quarter and had to ride the bench for the whole second period. Trimble was relegated to breaking the press off the dribble and couldn’t get set into the offense with Keokuk’s intense pressure.

Fort Madison jumped
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Go get ‘em boys!

Ryan and Harlan Steffensmeier, cousins and teammates are headed to Wells Fargo Arena for the state wrestling tournament that begins on Thursday. School officials, fans and teammates gathered Wednesday to wish the two well on the mat as two of the best in the state.

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Main Street pet business expands to health care field

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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FORT MADISON - The Main Street district in Fort Madison has a new line of health care clothing and you if need a rabbit or something for your dog..you can get that, too.

Fiona Macken opened Scrub Impression last week and is offering name-brand scrubs at small town prices all available just a trek down the street to your local Main Street district.

“When I originally

opened DawgsNDivas on May 1 it was originally supplies and training on one side. And this side was a coffee shop...a dog-friendly coffee shop. No one showed up. No one in four months came in. In October I folded it all up and I just used this area for training but it was dead retail space, and I can’t afford that. I was talking to my landlord and he suggested I sell scrubs,” Macken said.

“I said, ‘What does that have to do with dogs?’

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New scrubs

Fiona Macken, Scrub Impression owner, browses through some of the inventory available at the new downtown FM business.

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From the Front

Scrub Impression offers local uniforms

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and he said, 'Nothing'. I sat and thought and thought, and I do have a medical background and the more I thought about it, it made sense. There are only a couple places you can get those in the area. So I wanted to bring something to Fort Madison that was new and needed and health care is certainly a growing industry."

The shop currently features a colorful palate of Barco scrubs, under the brand name of Grey's Anatomy - from the popular television show, as well as Koi.

Macken said Barco and Koi are two brands that have been around for a long time so she wanted to bring in a trusted brand and Barco has recently added designers from Nike and Adidas to make the clothes fitting for the active professional.

Koi was started by a designer from the 90s fashion leader Guess.

"She has scrubs designed for men by men. It has hidden pockets and is made of a wicking material. The pants are really, really nice and have special features for men including Velcro on the back...how many times have you lost your wallet?"

"This year's styles are really cute. Lots of things you could just wear on the street and no one would even know. Even the undershirts for ladies that get cold."

Other accessories are offered as well including matching blood pressure cuffs, stethoscopes, wrist watches with a second hand for counting pulse and even compression socks for long days on your feet.

Macken opened the new side of the business on the east side of the dawgs N Divas location on Feb. 9.

Payment options include traditional methods and also payroll deduction options for companies that would find that process simpler.

"We could set up something where the employees could bring in vouchers from their health care facilities and I would be willing to bill the companies and they could do a payroll deduction," Macken said.

I'm also offering, just in February, a 15% discount on 10 items or more.

The pet supply business and the scrub business are operated just a door apart. A trend that is becoming very popular with older shopping districts like in Keokuk or Mt. Pleasant is to see two or even three different product lines to allow for more convenient shopping.

The pet supplies offered are more health-conscious. Macken will tell you that you should feed your dogs



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Sidewalk sale

Scrub Impression is the newest addition to the FM Main Street district, opening last Wednesday. Scrubs by Barco and Koi are offered, as well as small medical goods such as blood pressure cuffs and matching stethoscopes.

and cats to their natural instincts.

"Cats are carnivores and they really aren't big fans of kibble," Macken said. "And dogs are descendants of wolves so they really would rather eat meat, but in a more natural form."

And although she does have the dry dog and cat food made from all natural ingredients, if you ask her to open the refrigerated section you will find an even more natural, instinctual menu including frozen sardines and wrapped beef and...even a whole rabbit package by expert handlers and prepared for pets.

Scrub Impression and dawgs N Divas are located at 717 Avenue G in Fort Madison's historic Main Street district. You can visit their website at www.dawgsndivas.com.

County depts. asked to cut budgets by 1%

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the possibility of the increased levy.

"We did ask all the department heads to drop their budgets by 1% and that amounted to \$266,000 which would drop it below a million," Renstrom said.

"If you allow them to do that 1% I don't think that would devastate anyone,"

Larkin said.

The board is meeting again on Thursday at the supervisors' meeting room in the North Lee County offices.

According to Renstrom's fund balance sheet, she is projecting a 2017 fiscal year total fund balance of \$12.125,408 and she's budgeting for

a \$1,572,571 loss in the funds at the end of fiscal year 2018 for a net ending balance of approximately \$10.55 million.

Highlighting the top expenditure estimates for 2018 is the general basic fund which has expenditure totals of \$11.08M, Secondary Roads at \$6.85M and \$1.01M in

debt service.

Six funds are expected to take a loss in 2018, General Basic, MH-DD Services, Attorney Fine Collection Fund, Sheriff Commissary Fund, Records Management and Debt Service. Rural Basic services is showing a \$322,000 surplus.

OBITUARIES

MARY M. KROGMEIER

Mary M. Krogmeier 96, of Ft. Madison passed away on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 2:55 PM at Park Place Assisted Living in Mt. Pleasant.

She was born on August 20, 1920 in rural Salem, IA to Leo J. and Theresa Hiebing Heuvelmann. On February 10, 1944 she married Bernard Krogmeier and he passed away on March 5, 2011.

Mary was a homemaker and also worked for several years in the kitchen at Ft. Madison High School and had also worked at Midwest Childcare.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Church, the CLA, the Altar & Rosary Society and Farm Bureau Women's Club of Lee Co. She enjoyed traveling, cooking, baking, reading, sewing and flower gardening. Mary loved visiting with her friends and family.

Survivors include a son, Ray (Carleen) Krogmeier of West Point; two daughters, Joyce (Dannie) Francis of Wever and Jean (Larry) Kruse of Houghton; a daughter in law, LaVonne Krogmeier of Ft. Madison; a sister-in-law, Ethel Heuvelmann of Burlington; eleven grandchildren; three step grandchildren; numerous great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Leroy; one brother, Joseph; a sister, Loretta; twin brothers in infancy and a step grandson, Trent.

Friends may call after 2 PM on Friday, February 17, 2017 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will meet with friends from 5-7 PM. A rosary will be held at 4:30 PM and a wake service will be held at 7 PM both on Friday at the funeral home. The Funeral Mass will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at Sacred Heart Church with Rev. Joseph Phung officiating. Burial will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in her memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

City offices closed Monday for holiday

PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – On Monday, February 20, City Hall offices and Fort Madison Public Library will be closed in observance of the Presidents Day Holiday. Monday trash route will be picked up on Tuesday, February 21.



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Prep District Basketball

Hounds can't get going after quick start

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out to a quick 6-3 lead just three minutes into the game scoring off the man-to-man press that Trimble navigated easily. She found Brittney Harris in the lane for a quick bucket, then Mariah Trimble converted a couple free throws on a foul inside and Mercedes followed with a bucket on a drive.

Keokuk senior Skylar Johnson converted after 4:22 left in the first to put the Chiefs up 8-6, but Fort Madison's Harris scored two quick buckets in the transition off the man-to-man press.

Keokuk realized the man-to-man wasn't going to hinder the Hounds, so head coach Mike Davis transitioned to a trapping zone press off the inbounds and that move almost in itself won the game as the Hounds struggled to handle the pressure. The Chiefs went on a 7-0 run to take a 17-10 lead with 1:46 left in the game and the Hounds never figured out the pressure and that was a close as they would get with the Chiefs leading



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Two Hound seniors

Senior Mercedes Trimble drives against Keokuk's Macey Hughes in Wednesday's Region 6 action at Keokuk. The Chiefs dispatched the Lady Hounds 67-30 to end Fort Madison's season. Fellow senior Emily Mitchell (31) helps clear the lane for Trimble. Head Coach Charlie Knipe watches from the sidelines.

21-12 at the end of one.

Fort Madison would only convert one free throw in the 2nd quarter as Keokuk raced to a 38-13 halftime lead. Mackenzie Pezley converted a 3-pointer to open the third, but Dilsaver found the inside a bit easier going and converted the Hounds' first bucket since the first quarter with three minutes gone in the 3rd period.

A Harris bucket after that closed the gap to 44-19, but Keokuk junior Michaela Davis then hit three consecutive buckets to dash any fading hopes the Blood-hounds had for a rally. Davis led all scorers with 23 points on the night, after averaging 12 on the season. Harris and Dilsaver each had eight to lead Fort Madison. Mariah Trimble had 7. Kamryn Bailey and Mercedes Trimble each had three and sophomore Jassmine Bass added a point.

Knipe had nothing but emotion and well-wishes for his seniors, the Trimble sisters, Harris and Emily Mitchell.

"Class acts...all four of them. As of right now, three of them will probably go onto play college," Knipe said. "They've set a tone that hopefully we can build on and they will always be welcome here. They've worked hard all season and I can't say anything bad about any of them."

Knipe said Mercedes was asked to take on a different role than he had planned for her at the beginning of the season.

"She did a great job for us all year. I think that she probably would have preferred to play the No. 3 spot, but we didn't have a ball handler and she just assumed that role and was a leader."

Knipe said the Lady Hounds just couldn't figure out Keokuk's pressure and then got into a hole and lost focus.

"We just weren't a mentally strong team. Mercedes is probably the strongest in that respect. Taylor got into foul trouble, we had to sub and that caused us trouble. Amber had to come out with a couple of fouls and some fatigue," he said. "We gave up three or four buckets in a row, we turned the ball over... and we're down by eight, and then it just went downhill from there. And we had to sit Amber and Taylor the whole second quarter."

Keokuk was a tall mountain to climb but Knipe said the pressure was just too much to overcome.

"We knew they were going to be stronger and their pressure is just crazy. I take my hat off to (Davis) his team bought into the pressure. And the one year that we don't have any guards it makes a huge difference."

Tight defense

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Sophomore Jassmine Bass looks for a teammate while Keokuk's MaKenzie Pezley applies pressure in Wednesday action.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

02/13/17 – 23:13 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 700 block of 8th Street.
02/13/17 – 7:38 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2700 block of Avenue J.
02/13/17 – 8:03 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Aubrey Sayvon Joseph Mendonca, 23, of Fort Madison, in the 900 block of 29th Street on a charge of 4th degree criminal mischief. He was cited and released.
02/13/17 – 9:04 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1400 block of 38th Street.
02/14/17 – 11:39 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1800 block of Avenue L.
02/14/17 – 11:59 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of burglary in the 400 block of Avenue D.
02/14/17 – 1:34 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Carrie Lou Carson, 39, of Fort Madison, in the 300 block of 22nd Street, on a charge of driving under suspension. She was cited and released.
02/14/17 – 3:46 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Toby Lee Jarvis II, 38, of Fort Madison, in the 2600 block of Avenue I, on a charge of misuse of a credit card and forgery. He was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and held.
02/14/17 – 4:26 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in

the 2300 block of Avenue N.
02/14/17 – 10:02 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of burglary in the 1500 block of Avenue H.
02/15/17 – 6:59 a.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Aubrey Mendonca, 23, of Fort Madison, in the 800 block of Avenue E, on a warrant service. He was taken to Lee County Correctional Center.

Lee County Sheriff's Report
02/08/17 - 5:39 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident a 2400 block of 255th Street where a vehicle driven by Arthur Curtis Stinson, 74 of Keokuk collided with a vehicle driven by Glen Orion Londri-

an, 18 of Donnellson. According to a report, Stinson's vehicle left the roadway on the shoulder and then came back on the highway crossing the centerline and colliding with Londrigan. The report lists Linda Lee Brown, 61, of Keokuk and Patrick Jimenez, 19, of Montrose were injured in the accident. Jimenez and Stinson were taken to Fort Madison Community Hospital for possible injuries. The report also indicated that Stinson was suffering from a medical condition at the time of the collision. No citations were issued at the scene. No date / time reported – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested a juvenile, no age or gender given, at the Sheriff's Department, on a charge of disorderly conduct.

The juvenile was ordered to appear in juvenile court. 02/14/17 – 6:59 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Genaro Rosas, 40, of Davenport, IA, at the Lee County Jail, on a warrant for theft in the 2nd degree. He was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed. He was later released for pre-trial. 02/14/17 - 3:49 p.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 2400 block of 198th Avenue. A vehicle driven by Brieanne Nicole Septer, 15, of West Point, slid on loose gravel and slid into the ditch. No injuries or citations were issued at the scene. All persons in these listings are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



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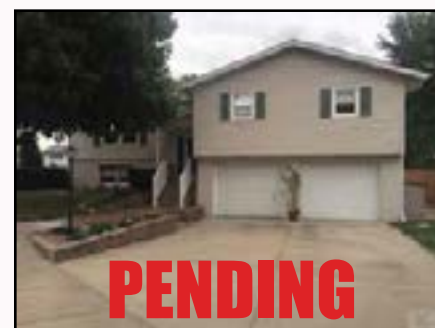


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Listing #20163404 • \$167,500



PENDING

4BR • 3BA • 2 car garage • 1,349 sq. ft. • 9,160 sq. ft. lot

From the inviting entrance to the serene back yard, you will enjoy it ALL and everything in between!!!! This very well maintained 4 bedroom, 3 bath home has everything your family will need to call this Home. There is a beautiful screened porch and a deck off the back of the house, all overlooking a meticulously landscaped large yard. Call today on this amazing home situated on a quiet, safe cul de sac!!!

Listing #20163339 • \$164,900



3 BR • 2 BA • 2 car garage • 1,168 sq. ft. • 0.54 acres

Lovely family home comfortably situated at the end of a cul de sac, where you can enjoy the woods and the privacy! There is an inviting deck off the back of the home overlooking the woods and beautiful vinyl fencing. There are newer mechanicals and a newer roof, 2 fireplaces and lots of storage!! Don't miss out on this beauty.

Listing #20163951 • \$139,000



4 BR • 1.75 BA • 3 car garage • 2,052 sq. ft. • 8,700 sq. ft. lot

Beautiful 4 bedroom home with large rooms, recently redecorated and ready to move into. This home features stainless steel appliances, main floor laundry, eat in kitchen and formal dining room, main floor office or bedroom, open staircase, large living room and big bedrooms. Newer roof, siding and gutters on house. 24' X 36' insulated garage and workshop, plus carport. Large wrap porch great location near Old Settlers Park.

Listing #20163776 • \$129,500



3 BR • 1 BA • 1 car garage • 1,248 sq. ft. • 0.37 acres

Well-kept ranch on a beautiful, large corner lot in West Point, IA. New wooden privacy fence surrounding the entire back yard. There is also an attached garage and storage shed. A large wooden deck leads to the front door where you can sit and enjoy those beautiful Iowa summer sunsets! PLUS a covered deck in the back for those rainy days. This house is a rare find.

Listing #20164234 • \$119,900

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Listing #20161863 • \$299,000



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5 BR, 3 BA

3,119 sq. ft. • 14,500 sq. ft. lot

From the period wrought iron fencing to the amazing stained oak staircase...from the impressive arches to the large wrap porch, this beautiful turn of the century (20th) home offers all the beauty and elegance of that era. This is a beautifully appointed home with all the modern conveniences. There is an extra large lot for your family to enjoy!!

Listing #20162159 • \$164,000



5BR • 2.50BA

2 car garage

2,834 sq. ft.

14,868 sq. ft. lot

Amazing family home on a large corner lot in Farmington, IA. 2 fireplaces, beautiful woodwork, a beautiful open front porch, a large yard and an oversized garage!!

Listing #20164117 \$127,500



3BR • 3BA

2,754 sq. ft.

3,550 sq. ft. lot

Gorgeous, turn-key home with large patio minimum maintenance. UPDATES GALORE!!! Practically perfect in every way, this 1841 home includes the latest improvements while keeping its Victorian charm.

Listing #23006122 \$99,999



2 car garage • 2,527 sq. ft.

UNIQUELY beautiful 9.38 river bluff acreage. This home boasts many updates including complete master suite, heat and A/C, Septic system, deck, roof & gutters, flooring, and the list goes on. This private property includes fenced in barn area for animal lovers, mature fruit trees plus trees have been dropped for a beautiful panoramic river view that will last for years! Owner also plans to leave a John Deere mower and new snow blower!!

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2 car garage
868 sq. ft.
7,000 sq. ft. lot
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Listing #20163035
\$52,000



PENDING
2BR • 1BA
2 car garage
1,330 sq. ft.
7,250 sq. ft. lot
REDUCED BY \$13,100!
Affordable with lots of potential!!! Nice size kitchen with breakfast bar plus dining area, spacious living room w/fireplace. Sits on a corner lot.
Listing #20160368
\$59,900



3BR • 1BA
1 car garage
928 sq. ft.
1,087 sq. ft. lot
Very nice maintenance-free home by Lincoln School with a 75 X 145 fenced yard, nice patio, fire pit and child's play set! Some very nice built-ins, some original hardwood flooring, full basement including laundry area. Also find extra parking, garage and carport area on the paved alley.
Listing #20164148
\$72,500



5BR • 1.75BA
1 car garage
1,904 sq. ft.
1,903 sq. ft. lot
Great family home on large corner lot in the middle of Ft. Madison. Large living / dining area with original craftsman woodwork and built-ins, 14 x 22 garage on the alley with 2 additional storage sheds. Nice front porch, rear deck, and a great sunroom on the East.
Listing #20162346
\$86,950



3BR • 1.50BA
1,460 sq. ft.
3,625 sq. ft. lot
Reasonably priced home has had new doors installed, new bathroom fixtures, and freshly painted. With it's vinyl siding and fenced rear yard, its ready for your family!!
Listing #20162025
\$25,500



2BR • 1.25BA
1,119 sq. ft.
0.17 acres
Brick rancher on Ave E close to Old Settlers Park, has full basement mostly finished, picket fence, newer windows, roof, etc.
Listing #20162502
\$88,900



2BR • 1.75BA
2 car garage
679 sq. ft.
6,500 sq. ft. lot
Nice, small home. Seller has purchased and remodeled. Excellent condition.
Listing #20164161
\$62,500



2BR • 1BA
2 car garage
930 sq. ft.
7,280 sq. ft. lot
This 2 bedroom home in Montrose has been a rental property and sells as is. Priced well below assessed value to sell quickly!
Listing #20164279
\$38,500



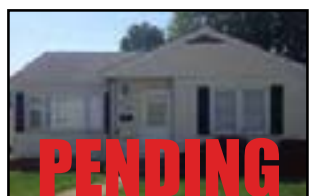
Land
50.82 acres
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Listing #20162779
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1 car garage
888 sq. ft.
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RARE RANCH with large fenced back yard and attached garage! Updated windows and kitchen, newer HVAC and water heater. Family Room in the basement. Just waiting for your own personal touch!
Listing #20163423 •
\$74,900



Land
14.65 acres
638,514 sq. ft.
Just outside city limits, perfect for housing development or small farm for horses or small livestock, over half tillable. City water is available. 30' X 60' building is totally insulated, heated and air conditioned with 200 amp service.
Listing #20162574
\$249,000



PENDING
2BR • 1.50BA
2 car garage
1,366 sq. ft.
3,300 sq. ft. lot
Immaculate, well-kept ranch has family room with fireplace on the main floor, finished Rec Room, 2nd laundry room, 1/2 bath, and storage room with shelving all in the basement. All windows are vinyl replacement.
Listing #20162507
\$109,900



2BR • 1BA
1 car garage
733 sq. ft.
9,116 sq. ft. lot
Country living in the city! Large fenced lot with garden including blackberry bushes, grapes, rhubarb, and asparagus, along with apple and peach trees. Large shop attached to the garage and a storage shed. Sit on the front deck and enjoy the country scenery! In Farmington.
Listing #20163103
\$39,999



PENDING
Multi-family Duplex
2,672 sq. ft.
7,250 sq. ft. lot
Income property. Potential for \$875/month income or more. Side-by-side duplex with 2 - 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. West side has a long term renter and east side is vacant.
Listing #20162154
\$49,500



2BR • 1BA
1,144 sq. ft.
3,625 sq. ft. lot
Move-in ready with many updates including kitchen WITH appliances, fresh paint, newer electrical (100 AMP breaker), new water lines at street and more! The home is clean as a whistle and ready to move in!
Listing #20161431
\$42,500



2BR • 1BA
1 car garage
1,224 sq. ft.
7,250 sq. ft. lot
A house with character! Wrap-around porch, original hardwood in formal dining room/living room combo, main floor laundry, nice size eat-in kitchen including appliances, dining room has original fireplace, basement and 1 car garage.
Listing #20162543
\$53,000



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Prep Boys District Preview

Holy Trinity looks to turn tables on Nikes

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first round of Class 1A District 10 regional action in New London beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Nikes are seeded 4th in the bracket while Holy Trinity is 5th.

The Nikes have two wins over the Crusaders this year, but Hellige said he's not sure he's seen the best of his team. What's better is that the team feels the same way.

Senior Cory Hopper

averaged 18.9 points per game during the regular season, good enough for second in the Southeast Iowa Superconference South, but only managed 10 points in the two teams' last outing, a loss that is part of a current three-game losing streak.

"Cory texted me this week and said he was sorry for how the team has played lately and said

a new season starts today," Hellige said Wednesday during a workout before a team meal.

"He's totally focused right now. With a Cory Hopper on your team anything is possible."

Hopper is 3rd in the SEISC South in made 3-pointers at 37 and is shooting those at a 33% clip.

Fellow senior Bailey Merschman is averaging eight points per game and five boards from his forward position. Jack Stinson, who's as big as a house inside the lane is averaging close to 6.5 boards per game and has been coming along nicely with points in the paint with double figures in two of the last three games. He's averaging six on the season.

Senior Nick Pothitakis is the defensive specialist for the Hounds and will be relied on heavily to contain the Nikes' Jett Tjaden or Jack Giannettino who are averaging 13 and 11 points per game respectively. Pothitakis can step out and hit the occasional 3 for the Crusaders, as well, and is averaging right at four points per game. Senior Connor Hellweg is averaging right at 5.5 points per game.

Senior Connor Conrad is still day-to-day with an injury behind his knee. Connor only played in 11 games this year, but



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Easy workout

Senior Cory Hopper works a layup drill in practice on Wednesday. Hopper is averaging just under 19 points per contest this year.



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Watchful eyes

HTC Head coach John Hellige, far right, and Jay Baldwin observe practice run throughs on Wednesday. The Crusaders take on Notre Dame Thursday night at 6:30 in New London.

averaged close to 15 per contest and threw in a school record 40 points against a tough Central Lee team in December.

In addition to Tjaden and Ginnettino the Nikes started their last game, a 63-80 loss to Wapello in the Shootout, with junior Jaxon Osborn, and seniors Jacob Dance and Connor Delaney. Delaney averages just under nine points per game with Osborn around four a game and Dance is at a bucket a game. The Nikes do have a fairly

strong bench with Dylan Klossing at six points per game and Adam Johs and Matt Meeker with five points each.

"We know each other pretty well," Hellige said. "I don't think, however, that we've seen the best our team can play yet. We're gonna throw a couple of wrinkles at 'em."

Hellige said Notre Dame has some pretty good shooting all around and his troops will try to contain that shooting better than they did in the previous outings which HTC lost 42-54 on Jan. 6 and 40-49 on Feb. 7.

"We're trying to work hard but keep it loose," Hellige said. "We feel we're set up to compete in this district bracket. We're gonna try to get three wins find a way to substate."

The winner will face the winner of New London and Waco on Feb. 21 in Mount Pleasant for an 8 p.m. game.

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