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Buried Revenge



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FMHS graduate Brady Reynolds poses with a marketing photographer Saturday morning at the FMHS weight room. Reynolds, a 3-sport athlete at Fort Madison, has launched his own clothing design called Buried Revenge.

STRUGGLES: New line aimed at those who have had past struggles in their lives.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

FORT MADISON – A former Fort Madison student has gone on the attack against past personal issues and is getting 'revenge' of sorts.

Brady Reynolds, a 2016 graduate of Fort Madison High School, has launched a clothing line that he hopes speaks to other individuals with difficult pasts.

Buried Revenge.

What started as a personal and online training and nutrition

coaching business, has expanded to include a line of men's and women's clothing that can be shopped at www.buriedrevenge.

After graduation from FMHS, Reynolds played baseball for Morton College near Chicago, but after the first fall semester, Reynholds moved back to Fort Madison and played two years for Justin Schulte at Southeastern Community College.

From there he's migrated to the University of Iowa where he is now two weeks from graduating with a double major

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IUB

Sinclair fined \$200K for 28 years of alleged violations

LEE COUNTY - The Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) Friday issued separate orders assessing civil penalties against two pipeline companies that have been operating hazardous liquid pipelines and underground storage facilities in the state for years without obtaining permits from the

IUB.

One of those companies, Sinclair Transportation, has been maintaining a pipeline in Lee County near Fort Madison and is facing \$200,000

The IUB is taking this action as a result of a 2022 review of hazard-

ous liquid pipelines and company applications (petitions) to the IUB for renewal of expiring HLP permits. In its review, the IUB discovered Enterprise Products Operating, LLC, did not have a current permit

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OPINION



Prom shows what coming together can look like

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It's that time of year and it means following well-dressed students around southeast Iowa and watching the boys get frustrated with hours and hours of photos, while the girls get frustrated because the boys don't want to take hours and hours of photos.

But to me – this one year – it was sadder than normal.

My youngest nephew, Hayden, who just signed to play baseball at William Penn, dressed up in a black and canary yellow tux, and his date Abbey Bence in her coordinated, beautiful, laced ball gown, looked way too much like Beauty and the Beast.

But the Statesmen's baseball cap adorning a tuxedo vest and matching yellow tie on top of a white button down, took the beast out of the night.

As I ventured into the West Burlington High School promenade and heard the announcements of the prom couples and triples, a sadness rolled over me. It's a routine experience as I take in family events as a much-appreciated reprieve from things like shared athletic program battles.

To be honest, it's a nice break from the issue of the week that pitted me against some people that I consider very good friends.

The promenade is the icebreaker to this week's editorial even though you don't want to run to the well too often.

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WEATHER

<u>OpenWeatherMap</u> MON 24 Apr...... Widespread frost early, then sunny & cool, 59° F/ 42° F **TUE 25 Apr** Chance of showers, then sunny $\overset{'}{\&}$ cool, 60° F/ 38° F WED 26 Apr Mostly sunny & cool, 59° F/ 36° F

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

AMY K. ROGERS

Amy Kathleen Rogers, 50, of Monmouth, Illinois, passed away 12:50 p.m. Friday, April 21, 2023 at the Monmouth Nursing Home.



Amy was born December 26, 1972 in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of Larry and Jane (Huiskamp) Langford. On August 26, 2000 she married Andrew Rogers at the Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo.

Survivors include her husband: Andy; two sons: Derek Rogers of Irvin, California and Garrett Rogers of Monmouth; her mother: Jane Langford of Keokuk, Iowa, one brother: Tim (Kim Monk) Langford

of Lillian, Alabama; three nieces: Audria, Julia, Mallory and Kyler and four nephews: Riley, Kason, Darren and Dillon.

She was preceded in death by one sister: Melissa "Missy" Langford.

Amy attended Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School in Nauvoo and was a 1991 graduate of Nauvoo-Colusa High School. She also attended the Savannah School of Art & Design; as well as Southeast Community College in West Burlington.

Amy was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Monmouth. She enjoyed volunteering at the Immaculate Conception Catholic School and the Buchanan Center For the Arts both in Monmouth.

Friends may call after 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at Turnbull Funeral Home in Monmouth, where the family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. A rosary will be recited at 6:30 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 26th at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo. Burial will follow at the Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Cemetery, Nauvoo.

Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home of Nauvoo and Turnbull Funeral Home of Monmouth is assisting the family.

A memorial fund has been established for the Immaculate Conception Catholic School or Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit Amy's obituary at sbbfuneralhome.com.



Lunch Specials April 24-28 11am - 1pm

Monday, Aprīl 24 Meatloaf, Loaded Potatoes, Corn

Tuesday, April 25 Chicken Fajitas, Spanish Rice

Wednesday, April 26 Tater Tot Casserole, Green Beans, Blueberry Fluff

Thursday, April 27 Fried Chicken Dinners

Friday, April 28 Lunch on the Sidewalk

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM H. WENKE

William Henry "Bill" Wenke, 94, of Bonaparte, Iowa, passed away at 9:08 a.m. Friday, April 21, 2023, at his home.



Born on November 17, 1928, in Fort Madison, Iowa, the son of John and Clara (Schroeder) Wenke Sr. On May 25, 1963, he married Jean Peterson at Saint John's Catholic Church in Burlington, Iowa. She preceded him in death on September 1, 2019.

Survivors include his three children: Dana Mabe of Bonaparte, Iowa, Evan Wenke of Fairfield, Iowa, Mark (Laura) Wenke of Ottumwa, Iowa; four grandchildren: Heather Mabe, Natasha

Wenke, John (Diana) Wenke and Connor (Kaeli) Davis; sister: Elizabeth O'Connor of Fort Madison, Iowa. Also surviving are many nieces and neph-

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, granddaughter in infancy: Alyson Mabe; brothers: John Jr., Bernard, Henry, Ferd and Herman; sisters: Mary and Anna Louise.

Bill was a welder and electrician for Loudens in Fairfield, Iowa. He farmed and was a carpenter. He and his wife owned Waterfront Place Antiques. He was of Catholic Faith. He was a United States Army veteran and served during the Korean Conflict in

1950 to 1953. Bill was a member of Bonaparte American Legion Sargent-Osweiler Post #563 and a life member of Fairfield V.F.W. Bill enjoyed hunting arrowheads, doing for others, going to auctions, walking dogs and especially enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Visitation will begin at 12:00 noon, Monday, April 24, 2023, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington, Iowa, where the family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A parish rosary will be recited at 6:30 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington, Iowa, with Pastor Sally Barrett offici-

Burial will be held in Bonaparte Cemetery with full military rites by Sargent-Osweiler American Legion Post #563.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

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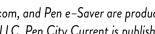
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Obituaries/For the Record

OBITUARIES

MELISSA S. OAKS

Melissa Sue Oaks, 43, of Fort Madison, Iowa, passed away at 3:33 p.m. Monday, April 17, 2023, at the Broward Health Medical Center in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.



She was born on January 28, 1980, in Joliet, Illinois, the daughter of David and Mildred (Chapman) Palmer. On September 16, 2000, she married Larry Haynes in Burlington, Iowa. They later divorced. On September 11, 2020, she married Taylor Oaks in Pensacola, Florida.

Survivors include her husband: Taylor; three children: Serenity Haynes of Donnellson, Iowa, Faith (Phil) Rudd of Cramlington,

England and John David Oaks of Fort Madison, Iowa; mother: Mildred "Cindy" Donovan of Joliet, Illinois; brothers Marvin Jones of Crest Hill, Illinois and Jon Jones of Fort Madison, Iowa. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents and father.

Melissa received her Bachelors degree in Nursing from Southeastern Community College in Keokuk, Iowa. She worked for Birkwood Village in Fort Madison, Iowa. She enjoyed traveling, sunshine and reading. Most of all she loved being a wife, mother and nurse.

Her body has been entrusted to Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

Visitation will begin at 12:00 noon, Friday, April 28, 2023, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson, where the family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. that evening.

A memorial has been established in her memory.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

OBITUARIES

RAMONA M. ALVAREZ

Our beloved mother, Ramona M. Alvarez, 85, of Dade City, Florida, formerly of Lomax, Illinois, was called to Heaven Thursday, April 20, 2023 at her daughter's home in West Burlington, Iowa.

Ramona was born December 20, 1937 in Villa Nueva, Texas, the daughter of Juan and Gavina (Lucio) Maldonado. On January 12, 1959 she married J. Frank Alvarez in Brownsville, Texas. He preceded her in death February 20, 1979.

Mrs. Alvarez began working at an early age at a shrimp packing factory in Port Elizabeth, Texas. She and her husband moved to Lomax, where she resided for 12 years, raising her family and working for the

Lomax Canning Factory. They later moved to the Dade City, Florida area. She was an active member of the Primera Iglesia Cristiana Hispana Discipulos De Cristo in

Survivors include her six beloved children: Elizabeth Barrientes, Nina Alvarez both of Dade City, Francisco (Gracie) Alvarez of Bloomington, Texas, Juan (Maria Magdelena Alvarez) Alvarez of Aransas Pass, Texas, Silvia (Dave Bundy) Pruvis of West Burlington, Iowa, and Noemi Thompson of Burlington, Iowa; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-granddaughter and one brother: Robert Maldonado of Homestead, Florida.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband: Frank; two great-grandchildren; two sisters and two brothers.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, May 5, 2023 at Carman Cemetery, Carman, Illinois, with her son, Juan Alvarez, officiating. A memorial fund has been established for the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House.

Banks & Beals Funeral Home of Dallas City is assisting the family.

To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Ramona's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

04/19/23 - 10:45 a.m. -Fort Madison police arrested Justin Russell Raszler, 35, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for driving while barred. He was taken to Lee County

04/19/22 – 5:22 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2000 block of Avenue L.

04/19/23 – 9:18 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 3400 block of Avenue

04/20/23 - 1:36 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2500 block of Avenue G. 04/20/23 - 6:44 a.m. - Fort to a report of larceny/theft in the 600 block of 24th Street. 04/20/23 - 11:48 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run at the intersection of 48th Street and Avenue O.

04/20/23 - 12:45 p.m. -

Fort Madison police cited Amy Denise Kettle, 53, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 48th Street and Avenue O, on charges of driving under suspension, following too close, operating a non-registered vehicle, and provide proof of financial liability.

04/20/23 - 1:27 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue H. 04/20/23 - 2:01 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1300 block of Avenue D.

Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1400 block of Avenue F. 04/20/23 - 4:56 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Bradley Jay Ikerd, 37, of Fort Madison, in the 4500 block of Avenue O, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance - 2nd.

04/20/23 - 10:07 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 200 block of 1st Street.

Lee County **Sheriff Report**

04/19/23 - 9:19 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Devin Allen VanNuys Clark, 22, of Illinois, in the 1800 block of Hwy. 218, Donnellson, on charges of 1st offense OWI, possession of a controlled

container - driver 21+ YOA, and speeding. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/20/23 - 7:45 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on Hwy. 2 E. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Katherine Jean Printy, 31, of Keokuk, was stopped at the stop sign at the intersection of Hwy. 2 and Hwy. 61 when it was rear-ended by a vehicle driven by Carmen Marie Mesecher, 20, of Fort Madison. No injuries were reported. Mesecher was cited for following too close. Both vehicles sustained minor damages and were driven from the scene.

Those listed above are arrested on suspicion of a charge and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

State readies for flooding

DES MOINES - The Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) is actively working with counties along the Mississippi River to ensure communities have the necessary resources to prepare and respond to projected major flooding expected in the coming days.

"Counties all along the Mississippi River are gearing up for potential floods as water heads down the Mississippi," said John Benson, HSEMD director. "HSEMD is coordinating with our county emergency management partners to ensure they have the resources they need to protect their citizens and communities, including pumps, sandbags, up-to-date flood forecasts, and planning and technical assis-

Iowans who live along the Mississippi River are urged to prepare for possible flooding by having a plan to evacuate if necessary, packing an emergency kit with supplies for several days, staying informed about flood forecasts for their communities, and following information and guidance issued by local

Burlington

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Sports/From the Front



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Work continues on the eastern part of the Fort Madison High Schools where a new wall can be seen next to the wrestling mat room door on the current building's east side. Foundations were poured on the lot last week to allow for vertical construction.



The Fort Madison High School 4x100 relay team of Adam Sobczak, Dayton Lamar, Tate Settles, and Julian Dear qualified for Drake with a mark of 44.10. The foursome ran in preliminary racing on Saturday. Finals are April 29 at Drake Stadium in Des Moines.

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Pipeline near FM had no permit

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for approximately 750 miles of its operational hazardous liquid pipelines located throughout Iowa, and Sinclair Transportation Company did not have a permit for its 11.8-mile hazardous liquid pipeline located in Lee County, Iowa.

Friday's orders assess civil penalties against Enterprise for not obtaining permits for seven hazardous liquid pipelines and two hazardous liquid underground storage facilities and against Sinclair for operating its hazardous liquid pipeline without a permit. The companies have 30 days to pay the civil penalties.

Sinclair is arguing that a recent acquisition of the company by Holly Energy in March of 2022 should negate the company's responsibility, however the board is arguing that as a subsidiary of Holly Energy, Sinclair was still responsible for the permitting, and has been in violation since 1995.

In 1995, in response to an Eighth Circuit Court decision, the Iowa Legislature enacted Iowa Code chapter 479B to specifically regulate interstate hazardous liquid pipelines. This code chapter requires all interstate hazardous liquid pipeline companies to obtain from the Board a permit for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a pipeline.

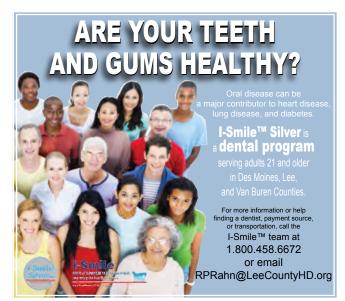
Under Iowa law, the IUB can assess penalties of up to \$1,000 per day, per violation; however, the law also caps the assessed amount at

\$200,000 for each related series of violations. All penalties collected pursuant to Iowa Code (section) 479B.21 are designated for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program and Weatherization Assistance Program, administered by the Iowa Department of Human Rights.

The IUB became aware of these Iowa hazardous liquid pipelines via the National Pipeline Mapping System, which is run by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), part of the U.S. Department of Transportation. Both companies confirmed their specific pipelines had not been issued the necessary permits required to construct, maintain, or operate a hazardous liquid pipeline in Iowa.

Enterprise and Sinclair, as well as the previous owners of these pipelines, have been in violation of Iowa Code chapter 479B since its enactment by the Iowa Legislature in 1995. Enterprise and Sinclair have since filed new petitions seeking a hazardous liquid pipeline permit, and those applications are pending with the IUB.

Documents regarding the civil penalties are available for review in the IUB's electronic filing system under Docket Nos. SPU-2023-0002 (Enterprise) and SPU-2023-0003 (Sinclair). The companies' applications for permits are under review in Docket Nos. HLP-2023-0002 and HLP-2023-0001, respectively.



Classifieds/Public Notices

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 4/18/2023

At 5:30 P.M., Council met in adjourned session on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, with Mayor Mohrfeld presiding and Council Members Rink, Andrews (arrived 5:35 P.M.), Bowker, Amandus, Gray and Cangas present. Council Member Roller was absent.

On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 4/4/2023; Outdoor Service Extension: Vinnie's Longbranch, effective 5/28-29, 2023; Liquor License Renewals: Horan's Cabaret, effective 5/7/2023 and Casa Jalisco, effective 4/13/2023; Five-Day Liquor Licenses: Fort Madison Rotary.

EXPENDITURES

General	\$ 29,264.21
Special Rv	52,131.58
Road Use	6,531.20
Debt	19,266.38
Water	93,102.49
Sewer	58,131.62
Sld Waste, IWC	32,936.28
SW Utility	17,850.00
	\$309,213.76

REVENUES

General	\$978,076.95
Special Revenue	582,984.37
Road Use	4,409.50
Debt	274,307.77
Water	2,999.59
Sewer	7,537.72
Solid Waste/IWC	1,839.29
SW Utility	105.24
	\$1,852,260.43

CLAIMS 4/18/2023

ACCESS SYSTEMS, MOVE/SETUP COMPUT-ER.....500.00 AMSOIL, INC, OIL 510.64 ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, UNIFORM488.85 **B&B PROPANE, PRO-**PANE 377.71 **BATES SANITATION &** ASPHALT, PORTA-POT-TIE RENTALS...... 525.00 BRIAN S GREEN, TRAV-EL REIMB...... 273.28 DAKOTA SUPPLY

effective 5/18/2023; River Rocks, effective 6/6/2023, 7/4/2023, and 8/1/2023; Claims dated 4/13/2023, and Payroll of 4/7/2023.

Chuck Kempker, Tri-State Rodeo, reported on plans for this year's rodeo. Old Fort Site Manager Watkins and Planning Director Krogmeier reported on the status of repairs to the Fort.

On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-26, approving the application of Asay Properties, LLC, for 3208 Avenue H for a Three-Year Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's appointment of Greg Smith to the Civil Service Commission, term expiring 3/31/2026. /s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld,

Mayor ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

PAYROLL	4/6/2023
General	\$202,522.87
Old Fort	2,992.91
Merschon Trust	395.45
Road Use	28,331.98
Water	31,280.49
Sewer	29,921.82
Solid Waste	15,463.09
Airport	312.77
Storm Water	3,017.48
	\$314,238.86

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..... 17,850.00 TOTAL 309,213.76

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PUBLIC NOTICE Lee County, Iowa **Board of Supervisors** Agenda **DATE: Monday, April 24, 2023 MEETING CONVENING TIME:** 10:00 A.M. (CDT) LOCATION: 933 Avenue H Fort Madison, IA

---AGENDA---

Board of Supervisors Apr 24, 2023, 10:00-11:30 AM (America/Chicago)

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From the Front

This process story is no fun at all

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But I have to say this week was one of the roughest weeks I've had in this business. To write about something that was difficult for my friends was trying to say the least. I've supported and traveled to support Fort Madison and HTC athletic programs whether they were shared and not.

The coaches, parents, and players have been tugged and twisted as this acrimony played out in the media and in the Fort Madison School Board.

People, including the Fort Madison School Board and even some of the coaches, will now do a double take when I walk the sidelines - unappreciative of the process story that unfolded in front of us all

But what they can't forget is that it's a process.

I went to a soccer game on Thursday afternoon and there were a lot of Fort Madison school employees and advocates, and it was just a little chilly. Not just the cool northern winds, but the look-forover-shoulder chilliness that comes with someone who just doesn't quite agree with the premise.

I'll say this has not been fun for me, despite what many others may think.

I've been on both sides of things for more than week. My initial battle was the process. No vote = no action.

As I worked my way through the process, including a one-on-one with Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds, I realized that it wasn't just a process story.

The Fort Madison "Community" School District has a responsibility to the community. It's not equitable, and as I've said multiple times, it probably never will be. But they are the community school, therefore their responsibilities spill out of the four walls – out into the community that's part of their name.

For the first time in a long time, providing those services is without a doubt much more equitable than it's ever been before when considering the \$355,200 that is expected to run to the district from state coffers as part of the new Students First Act.

I've said multiple times, and sometimes it flies over people's heads, but the gold is in the mud. You have to work to find it. Since the gold rush of 1849 where my great-great-great grandfather Harold Brooks headed west to try his hand at panning in the streams of the west, there can be found big chunks of gold sorting through the mud.

As of Friday night, all three of the school districts in north Lee County have come back to the table to discuss a more equitable shared program. That's the gold, folks.

The Superintendent can be upset with us and the board can be upset with us. That won't matter in two weeks, two months, or two years if we can put these agreements back in place.

So Luke Hellige can pitch on a team that he wants to, not one he has to. Jacob Shottenkirk can play on one of the very best soccer teams in the state, just because it's there. Teagan Snaadt and Hadley Wolfe can pressure the goal together, because we thought as a community and not as entities.

It's not lost on us that some will not be happy with what compromise comes about because they had to give in... again. One of their most stringent



and legitimate arguments is that the public district will always have to give more. But the weakest part of that is they believe they've never had to. Well, we believe that's not the case because if they don't – then who does. They are the Fort Madison COMMUNITY school district and they have a heavier load to carry. Whether they like it or not.

And accepting that role makes them somewhat of the hero and not the villain. Jeff Lamb, Dr. Erin Slater, Josh Wykert, and the rest are nowhere near the enemy. It's the opposite, they are trying to do what's best for the kids of FMCSD, they are just saddled with propping up other programs because it works best for all the families in the district.

At the end of this all, and whatever these newest talks reveal for the next year's shared programs (if we're lucky enough to get another round), we have found new heroes on all sides. If Central Lee, HTC, and FMCSD come up with an agreement that works even for another year, that's at least one more year.

When that happens, we can all celebrate what community truly is – a collaboration that culminates with Derek Doherty's Bloodhounds on Friday nights. A program on a meteoric rise, but now without HTC players. But I'd bet a \$1,000 contribution to the Bloodhound Boosters that HTC students are in the stands for every Friday home game.

It's also just like Fort Madison kids sitting at the SportsCenter table for HTC basketball and volleyball games. We don't think twice when we see Xander Wellman of Fort Madison and Nik Fullenkamp of HTC sitting next to each other cheering on the Crusaders.

This isn't a figment of our imagination, these kids want to be together, and we need to foster that environment. Not everything in the world is equitable, and it never will be.

But seeing past the money and looking at the intrinsic value and hope in the eyes of all our children, is about as fair and beautiful a thing as you will find.

We can and should do this, and it looks like our better angels are once again overpowering the perched demons that move us in unfavorable directions

One of the other great things I saw this weekend was a group of dedicated volunteers working the sides of streets, parks, and all around the county on Earth Day to keep our little corner of the world clean....together. But that's Beside the Point.

Chuck Vandenberg is editor and co-owner of the Pen City Current and can be reached at <u>Charles.v@pencitycurrent.com</u>.



FMHS grad launches new "Buried Revenge" clothing line

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in sports management and marketing. He also has the website up and running with clothing, training, and nutrition coaching and support.

But now he's on a frontal assault against life struggles and how to move forward.

"I had Reynolds Fitness at first and that was a personal training company, but I wanted to rebrand that. I had a lot of personal stuff going on and a lot of anxiety," Reynolds said Monday sitting in the Fort Madison High School where he was doing some local photography to support the brand.

"I wanted to make something that spoke to everybody. Just make a brand that everyone could speak to.

I wanted to do that in a sense of burying your past and then seeking revenge on it. The company's motto is 'Bury the past and Seek revenge'. That's saying your past doesn't matter, and all that does matter is moving forward."

Reynolds said the past could include trauma, family issues, a breakup, a family member's death, a struggle with ADHD, anxiety, depression.

"It could be anything and I wanted that to resonate with everyone else."

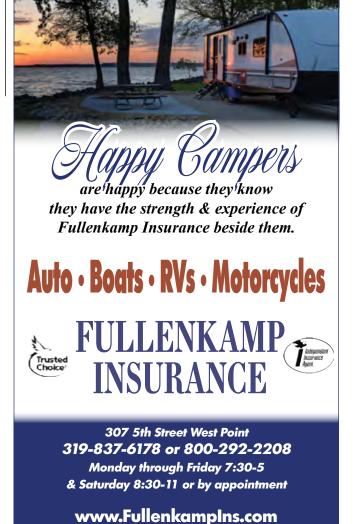
Reynolds also offers online physical coaching, but he said he's recently discovered he wants to take his love for fitness and combine it with a love of clothing.

"Clothing is my main focus right now. In the past, it was personal training, but this will be my baby moving forward," he said.

Reynolds said the attire is a mix between streetwear and fitness.

"It was inspired by a brand I like called Iron Will. All their designs are geared toward the gym, but also for the club or the bar and stuff like that. Honestly, we have some cool designs and they are all available online," he said.

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