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That's one big dog house



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Construction crews continue to work inside the shell of what will be the new PAW Animal shelter in Fort Madison. The new structure will be in excess of 20,000 square feet and will be one of the top five animal protection facilities in the state.

FUNDS SHORT: Inflation has PAW officials short about \$1.5 million

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The first step into the new PAW Animal Shelter is jaw-dropping.

The \$6.5 million project is on track to be completed by the end of the year, but Director Sandy Brown is hoping to have the dog kennels and runs in before the weather gets too cold.

Schickedanz Construction is managing the construction with about six local contractors.

Project manager Pebbles Schneider said everything is on track

to have the facility completed structurally before January, just a bit behind schedule.

She said cost overruns are typical on a project like this, but construction is coming along according to bids on the work.

“It’s going to be a little bit longer than we expected with lead times on materials and getting things scheduled. We had some delays in the beginning, but we’re moving along especially with the big dog runs in back,” she said.

Officials are hoping to have those runs done soon so when

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RIBBON-CUTTING

Climax rolls out upgrades to logistics

Manufacturer opens new truck scale and concrete entry way for drivers

FORT MADISON - Logistical improvements and a new state-of-the-art scale were part of an unveiling Wednesday morning at Climax-Molybdenum in Fort Madison.

General Manager Javier Guevara told a group of about 60 dignitaries on hand for the ribbon-cutting that safety and efficiency were at the heart of the improvements.

The project began about a year ago and could be seen daily with work being done along the southside entry to the facility.

“We needed to replace our old, in-ground truck scale as part of our infrastructure replacement program, yet at the same time we wanted to take the opportunity to eliminate the safety risks around truck congestion at the entrance to our plant,” Guevara said.

“Going forward, semi-trailer trucks will no longer have to back-up in front of incoming traffic. Light-duty and heavy vehicle traffic are now separated entering and exiting our production site and we have been able to increase the number of truck parking spaces from seven to 14.

The new scale is above-ground and longer than the previous one. Guevara said the scale is more accurate and will no longer require integration truck axle weights.

The weighing process has been improved and simplified and the reliability of the system and scale electronics exceeds industry standards,” he said.

He thanked interior and exterior personnel for their help in getting the project to completion, including the Fort Madison plant and construction workforce, contractors, and vendors.

“It took a lot of collaboration and

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TEST KITCHEN

Wischmeier brings culinary skills to YMCA Test Kitchen

PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON — The YMCA Test Kitchen is thrilled to announce the homecoming of Kaleb Wischmeier as its Culinary Director, effective September 1, 2023.

[Kaleb Wischmeier’s journey has come

full circle as he returns to Fort Madison, where he graduated from Fort Madison High School in 2016. After high school, he pursued his passion for culinary arts, earning his culinary degree from Indian Hills Community College in 2018. Kaleb then embarked on a journey that took him to Kirksville, Missouri, where he

honed his skills in various culinary roles. He spent two years at Truman State University, contributing to the campus bakery’s success, and later served as Assistant Kitchen Manager at Hy-Vee for a year.

In 2020, Kaleb made a significant move

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Scene Around the Area/From the Front



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Climax Molybdenum President Mike Kendrick cuts a ribbon with Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld, second from left, and other dignitaries around as the plant opened its new scale and truck entry Wednesday at the plant in Fort Madison.

Plant looks to the future

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patience from all of us to ensure that we completed a project of this magnitude with no safety incidents and, for that, we are extremely proud," he said.

Climax Molybdenum President Mike Kendrick said it's been the company's pleasure to be part of the community for the past five decades.

"We so appreciate being a part of the community here in Fort Madison.

We've been here 47 or 48 years for production and

we were here earlier than that to get community buy-in and start construction," he said.

"It was one of the best decisions that Climax has ever made. Community has always been important to us. We can't do what we do without all of your support and we appreciate that support."

Kendrick said the company is also making substantial investments inside the facility. He didn't elaborate on those improvements but said the

combined effort is to help create a more sustainable planet, produce cleaner energy, and address some of the biggest issues facing mankind.

"We're part of that solution," Kendrick said.

"We see a vision of the future - of increased demand for better products across the spectrum. Whether in energy generation in current systems or new systems, pollution control, lubrication, and cellphones.

"This plant is part of that supply stream. Not only for our country but around the globe."

2016 grad returns home

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to Nashville, Tennessee, where he became deeply involved in the nonprofit sector in the Nashville Metropolitan Area. His commitment to giving back to the community was evident as he joined Patchwork, a nonprofit organization that feeds over 2,000 individuals per week experiencing homelessness. His dedication to making a positive impact on people's lives through culinary arts has been a driving force throughout his career.

The YMCA Test Kitchen, known for its unwavering dedication to serving youth in the community, has found the perfect fit in Kaleb. This nonprofit organization is on a mission to empower and nourish the youth of Fort Madison, ensuring they have the tools and resources to thrive in life. With Kaleb's impressive credentials and passion for culinary arts, the Test Kitchen is poised to reach new heights in achieving its noble objectives.

The decision to return to his roots and contribute to the community that shaped him is a choice that resonates deeply with Kaleb.

"Fort Madison has always been close to my heart, and I am truly honored to have this opportunity to give back. I want to inspire the youth here, just as this community inspired me when I was growing up," Wischmeier said.

For more information about the YMCA Test Kitchen and its programs, please visit fortmadison.org/ytk/.

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

RICK A. MARLIN

Rick Anthony Marlin, 69, of Warsaw, IL died Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at his home.

He was born February 14, 1954 in Keokuk, IA the son of Thomas "Tom" and Catherine "Kitty" Marie Rhodes Marlin. Rick graduated from Hapeville, GA with the class of 1972.



MARLIN

Rick was a veteran of the United States Air Force and proudly served his country during the Vietnam War.

Rick was first united in marriage to Karen Boylston. They later divorced. On July 6, 2007 he was united in marriage to Susie Lewis. She survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Tony Marlin (Heather) of Hampton, GA, Clay Marlin (Heather) of Daytona, FL, one grandson, Nathan Marlin (Cierra) of Barnesville, GA, one granddaughter, Sara Sherrad (Michael) of Barnesville, GA, and three great-grandchildren, Cameron and Chloe Marlin and Annabelle Sherrad. He is also survived by one sister, Kathy Dunne (Andy) of Keokuk, two brothers, Tim Marlin (Renee) of Warsaw, IL and Daniel Marlin of Keokuk and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.



He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Pat and Nick Marlin and three nieces, Elizabeth Marlin, Tommi Washburn and Lauren Kaylee.

He had been employed in the state of Florida as a surveyor for twenty-five years, until his retirement in 2011.

Rick was a sports fanatic and loved all sports. He was an avid Georgia Bulldogs, Atlanta Braves and Miami Dolphins fan. He enjoyed watching the Little League World Series on television. He loved sitting at the river fishing and taking in the view. Most of all, Rick treasured the time he spent with his family and his dogs, Ellie and Daisy.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, October 9, 2023 at Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Father Larry Snyder officiating. Burial with military rites will be in the Keokuk National Cemetery.

There will be no visitation.

Memorials may be made to Warsaw Little League.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

OBITUARIES

MARY J. NEWTON

Mary Johanna "Jo" Newton, 79, passed away peacefully Monday, September 25, 2023, with her family at her side after fighting a courageous battle with Alzheimer's. Newton of Tempe, Arizona and formerly of Houghton was born June 24, 1944.



NEWTON

She was the daughter of William and Charlotte Boeding of Houghton, Iowa. She was married to Thomas Michael Newton for fifty-eight years.

Survivors include her husband: Thomas; two sons: Todd (Michele) Newton of Eugene, Oregon and Tony (Carolyn) Newton of Seattle, Washington; three grandchildren: Connor, Riley and Sydney; eight siblings: Marita (David) Meith, Neal (Gail) Boeding, Bryan (Barb) Boeding, Bonnie Boeding - Stewart, Bernadette Boeding - Johnson, Laura Boeding, Elaine Boeding - Thoman and Bill (Janet) Boeding. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 21, 2023, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Houghton, Iowa, with Father Dan Dorau as celebrant.

Burial will be at St. John's Cemetery in Houghton.

A luncheon will follow at the Houghton Knights of Columbus.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in her memory for the Arizona Humane Society.

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

Pen City Current obituary policy

Pen City Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes. Reposting of obituaries due to changes can only be requested by the submitting funeral home and will be assessed a \$15 reposting fee.

Lee County Health Department 2023 Flu Shot Clinics

These clinics are open to the public

Thursday, October 5
Newberry Center
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Tuesday, October 10
Montrose Public Library
9:00am-11:00am

Thursday, October 12
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11:00am-12:00pm

Monday, October 16
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11:30am-1:30pm

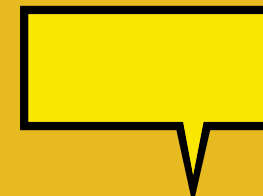
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For the Record

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Fort Madison Police Report

10/02/23 - 8:44 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Robert Lee Dunn, 34, of Fort Madison, in the 1100 block of Avenue D, on a warrant for failure to appear - driving while barred. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/02/23 - 8:44 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Justin Robert Bowden, 42, of Montrose, in the 1100 block of Avenue D, on a charge of driving while barred.

10/03/23 - 9:02 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 4900 block of Avenue O.

10/03/23 - 11:23 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a gas odor in the 2900 block of Avenue M.

10/04/23 - 12:12 - Fort Madison Police arrested Jason Theodore Kokjohn, 42, of Fort Madison at the police station on an active warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

10/04/23 - 2:55 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 4600 block of Avenue J.

10/04/23 - 9:56 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

10/04/23 - 11:24 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Rebekah Jane Stockwell, 49, no hometown reported, in the 2600 block of Avenue L, on a charge of 5th degree theft less than \$300.

10/04/23 - 8:41 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Christian Joel Velez, 29, no hometown reported, in the 300 block of Avenue H, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/05/23 - 1:10 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Jamie Ceja, Jr., no hometown reported,

in the 1200 block of 19th Street, on a charge of 1st offense OWI. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

10/02/23 - Lee County sheriff deputies had no activity to report.

10/04/23 - Lee County sheriff's deputies arrested Jason Theodore Kokjohn, 42, of Fort Madison, on an active warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on bond.

10/04/23 - 4:35 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jacob Ryan McFarland, 28, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on warrants for 2nd degree theft greater than \$1500 less than \$10000 and failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Keokuk Police Report

09/29/23 - 2:17 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested a 15-year-old male juvenile in the 1700 block of High Street, on a charge of assault with bodily injury. He was released to a parent.

09/29/23 - 2:22 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested a 15-year-old male in the 2200 block of Middle Road on a charge of 3rd degree criminal mischief. He was released to a parent.

09/29/23 - 10:20 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Michael Anthony Mayoral, 35, of Keokuk, in the 1800 block of Franklin Street on a charge of child endangerment. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

09/29/23 - 10:55 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a single vehicle accident in the 400 bloc of Concert St. According to reports a vehicle driven by Tyree Omar Tillman, 29, of Hamilton lost control after traveling at a high-rate of speed and struck a concrete column connected to St. Johns Episcopal Church.

He was found laying on the concrete with severe injuries after being pulled from the vehicle by a passerby. The incident remains under investigation and charges are pending.

09/30/23 - 12:45 a.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Kara Sue Nelson, 28, of Fort Madison in the 500 block of Blondeau on charges of public intoxication, disorderly conduct and interference with official acts. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

09/30/23 - 2:20 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Jill Marie Lovell, 34, of Keokuk, in the 400 block of Blondeau, on an active felony warrant and a charge of 3rd-degree theft. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

10/01/23 - 7:37 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a two-vehicle incident. According to reports, a vehicle driven by Anthony Rome Blick, 44, of Keokuk was east bound in the 400 block of Concert St and was stopped at a stop sign but failed to yield to a vehicle driven by Julian Chandler Brooks, of Hamilton, Ill. Blick was cited for failure to obey a stop sign and yield the right of way.

10/01/23 - 2:50 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Nathan Kendall Byrum, 32, of Keokuk, in the 1400 block of Concert Street on an active warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

10/02/23 - 1:57 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Cody Dale Kussman, 35 of Keokuk in the 1500 block of Palean Street on charges of 2nd-degree theft, eluding police, and possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

10/03/23 - 10:18 a.m. - Keokuk Police cited Michelle Lynn Litty, 48, of Keokuk, in the 300 block of Hwy. 61 bypass on a charge of driving under suspension.

10/03/23 - 9:13 p.m. - Keokuk Police cited Dakota Lee Rogers, 31, of Keokuk, in the 1300 block of Main Street, on a charge of assault with bodily injury.

10/03/23 - 11:56 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Audrick Ray

Haist, 24, of Keokuk, in the 700 block of Washington Street, on a charge of intentional intimidation with a weapon. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

10/04/23 - 9:59 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Danny Grandin Burgess, Jr., of Keokuk, in the 800 block of Morgan Street, on a warrant for 5th degree theft less than \$300. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/04/23 - 10:19 p.m. - Keokuk police cited and released Bobbie Jo L. Londrie, 35, of Fort Madison, in the 10 block of South 7th Street on a charge of driving under suspension.

Hancock County Sheriff Citation Report

09/01/23 JOHN MATTHEWS 23 Chicago Heights IL Speeding 35 + over NTA

09/03/23 STICE, SHELBY C. 33 Basco IL Operating Uninsured Vehicle NTA

09/03/23 HOGAN, RILEY P. 26 St. Louis MO Speeding, DUI Detained

09/03/23 BISWELL, TONY R. 55 Bowen IL Driving While License Revoked NTA

09/04/23 HORTON, DALLAS D. 43 Hamilton IL Expired Registration Citation

09/07/23 DANIEL JACKSON 48 Niota IL Operating Off Road Vehicle on Roadway, Operating Uninsured Vehicle NTA

09/08/23 JULIA R DENNISON 42 Alexandria MO Operate Uninsured Vehicle NTA

09/08/23 MYERS, ROSS A. 26 Augusta IL Squealing, Screeching Tires Citation

09/08/23 BOSTIC, CAITLIN A. 33 Plymouth IL Speeding Citation

09/08/23 KYLEE CHURCHILL 29 Ursa IL Speeding PTC

09/10/23 DIAZ, KRYSTAL 19 Montgomery IL Speeding Citation

09/12/23 WASHBURN, JOEL D. 48 Hamilton IL Improper Lane Usage Detained

09/12/23 WASHBURN, JOEL D. 48 Hamilton IL DUI Alcohol Detained

09/12/23 WASHBURN, JOEL D. 48 Hamilton IL Driving While License Suspended Detained

09/16/23 HUFFMAN, BRAN-

DON C 29 Hamilton IL Speeding PTC

09/16/23 HARMANPRETT, SINGH 33 Cambridge ON Speeding PTC

09/17/23 NEWPHER, TRISTIN A 24 Niota IL Speeding, DUI Bond

09/17/23 DUNNING, CHEY-ANN N 23 Hamilton IL Registration Suspended, Operating Uninsured Vehicle NTA

09/17/23 BOSTIC, DERRICK, A 28 Augusta IL DUI Alcohol NTA

09/21/23 BURR,MADDOX M 16 LaHarpe IL Improper Use of Electronic Communication Device CITATION

09/26/23 HULL, JACOB M 40 Hannibal MO Expired Registration PTC

09/12/23 WILLIAMS, KYLE, D 31 Colchester IL Disorderly Conduct NTA

09/14/23 VICKERS, JADE R.R. 22 Keokuk IA Speeding Citation

09/21/23 PURDY, CARSON M. 16 LaHarpe IL Speeding CITATION

09/21/23 ROBERTS, KIRSTENA. 17 Lomax IL Speeding CITATION

09/21/23 RAVENSCRAFT, JOHN J.E. 17 Lomax IL Speeding CITATION

09/21/23 FINCH, BRUCE C. 16 Laharpe IL Speeding and Expired Registration 2 CITATIONS

09/21/23 COMBITES,JADYN T 16 Stronghurst IL Speeding CITATION

09/21/23 SHALLENBERGER,JACKSON D 16 LaHarpe IL Speeding CITATION

09/23/23 BENCE, ASHTON W. 18 Quincy IL Speeding and Suspended Registration NTA

09/24/23 SCHEERINGA, DAVID D. 21 Lake Village IN Speeding CITATION

09/29/23 GILLHAM, JOSHA-WA R. 43 Keokuk IA Driving While License Revoked CITATION

09/29/23 GILLHAM, JOSHA-WA R. 43 Keokuk IA Child Passenger Protection Act CITATION

09/29/23 GILLHAM, JOSHA-WA R. 43 Keokuk IA Operating Uninsured Vehicle CITATION

09/03/23 HOGAN,RILEY P 26 St Louis MO DUI BONDED

09/11/23 HOWE,KARI J 38 Warsaw IL Hancock County Warrant BONDED

09/12/23 WASHBURN,JOEL D 48 Hamilton IL DUI, Driving While License Suspended BONDED

09/12/23 MCSPERRIT,JONATHAN R 31 Blandinsville IL Retail Theft NTA

09/12/23 DEHAVEN,KACIE L 28 LaHarpe IL Retail Theft NTA

09/13/23 WISENER,HANNAH B 24 Elvaston IL Domestic Battery NTA

09/14/23 BOUDEWYN,MICHELLE L 43 Warsaw IL Domestic Battery NTA

09/14/23 ANDREWS,BONNIE J 52 Elvaston IL Driving While License Revoked, Possession of Methamphetamine NTA

09/17/23 BOSTIC,DERRICK A 28 Augusta IL DUI NTA

09/17/23 NEWPHER,-TRISTAN A 24 Niota IL DUI BONDED

09/18/23 HEAVIN,JOEL N 33 Warsaw IL Hancock County Warrant NTA

09/20/23 MILLER,STEPHEN R 30 Keokuk IA Hancock County Warrant NTA

09/28/23 FOSTER,NICHOLAS C 21 Warsaw IL Disorderly Conduct, Trespass, Resisting a Peace Officer, Obstructing NTA

09/28/23 HUDSON,ADAM L 37 Keokuk IA Hancock County Warrant HELD

09/30/23 PENNINGTON, CHRISTINE M 43 Hamilton IL Hancock County Warrant HELD

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

Fort Madison

Fire & Rescue Report

10/01/23 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to five medical calls, and two lift assists.

10/02/23 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one medical call, one lift assist and one smoke detector activation.

10/03/23 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical call and one service call.

Hancock County Sheriff Jail Report

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Sports/Iowa News

BLOODHOUND PREVIEW

Hounds face No. 4 Mt. Vernon without Wiseman

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison will take on the No. 4 team in the state in Class 3A Friday a little banged up.

The Hounds will be without junior Brody Cashman who's sidelined with an ACL injury, and now senior wideout Henry Wiseman is done with an ACL injury.

The Hounds take on Class 3A No. 4 Mt. Vernon on Friday night on Youel Field at Fort Madison High School down the two Bloodhounds. They are still limiting senior Teague Smith to defense only as he suffered a knee injury during wrestling season last winter.

"I don't know. I've spent a lot of time researching that for (Athletic Enhancement). I even had my students do research on it. That's 150 kids looking into what's happening," said Head Coach Derek Doherty.

"I just don't know why this is happening to those boys. You can't replace a player like Henry Wiseman. You can't replace any of them. It's heartbreaking.

"But he was back out there at practice talking with the kids. That's just the kind of kid he is."

Fort Madison has been snake bit by knee injuries in the past couple years. They lost Xander Wellman last year as a senior when he blew out his knee playing soccer for the Hounds two seasons ago as a junior. Jacob Pothitakis had the same injury for the Bloodhound soccer team the same year about two weeks before Wellman.

The Bloodhounds are 4-2 on the year with three games left. They are 1-1 in district play and are currently ranked 20th in the Class 3A Power Rankings. Playing in one of the toughest districts in Class 3A could have playoff implications even with a loss on Friday.

Doherty said his team is 0-0 and looking to be 1-0. That's the mantra of the Hounds all year. They got that done last week with a last-drive win over Keokuk in the annual county rivalry.

Mt. Vernon comes in with an efficient offense led by Joey Rhomberg who's completed 62% of his passes

for just about 1,300 yards and 12 TDs against three INTs. Cooper and Jackson Hird have combined for about 600 yards on the ground and three scores. And the Mustangs' Evan Brace is dangerous downfield with 528 yards and five scores.

With all the potency, it may be the defense that is more to be feared. The Mustangs come into the game with 34 sacks on the year. They are not afraid to blitz from both ends and up the middle and keep quarterbacks off balance.

That much pressure does make teams a bit susceptible to the run and that's how Mt. Vernon suffered their only loss of the year. The Mustangs gave up 28 points in the second quarter to Solon which was too much to overcome, but the telling stat was the 218 yards and three TDs they gave up to Solon sophomore Conlan Poynton.

Doherty said that kind of pressure up front will make it critical for the line to do their jobs.

"At the end of the day, it's our 11 vs. their 11. We just have to do our jobs. But what people aren't seeing is that our offensive is getting better and better by the week," he said.

That was evidenced on the last drive of the game last week when the offensive line and wideouts opened a huge hole for quarterback Marcus Guzman to rip off an 18-yard run on 4th and 7 to set up the Bloodhounds' game winning score.

Wiseman was lost for the season on that drive.

Guzman's thrown for 1,064 yards and eight scores, but has also thrown eight picks. He's also rushed for 263 yards and seven scores.

Guzman's completed passes to eight different receivers this year and he'll have some different faces out there as Noah Swigart, Henry Morris, and Caleb Bolander will rotate in with Cade Denning and Leif Boeding as wideouts. Senior Hayden Segoviano has also racked up some receptions out of the backfield. He has 244 yards but has yet to find the endzone. Boeding has 220 yards and one score.

IWD names new division director

DES MOINES, IOWA – Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) announced the hiring of James Williams, Ed.D. as the new Division Administrator for Vocational Rehabilitation Services, effective today. Williams will oversee the state's vocational rehabilitation program, which moved to IWD as part of the state's alignment effort. The move is designed to make it easier for Iowans to access all available workforce services in a single location and working with a single team.

"IWD is very excited to have James join our team and to lead the Vocational Rehabilitation Services division. James has spent his professional life serving individuals with disabilities, beginning as a Special Education teacher in Texas and progressing in both his education and work experience to being the CEO of Bloom Consulting, a company that oversees delivery of rehabilitative services in seven states," said Beth Townsend, Executive Director of Iowa Workforce Development. "We are so fortunate to find James, as he is the perfect combination of passion for the work plus a wealth of experience, education, and expertise. Ad-

ditionally, through his work in multiple states including Texas, which realigned VR services with its workforce commission in 2017, he knows the best practices utilized around the country and can ensure that Iowa provides services to Iowans with disabilities at a level we've only previously imagined when contemplating the benefits of alignment."

Before starting the position, Williams previously was CEO of Bloom Consulting in Round Rock, Texas – a firm that specializes in providing vocational services, evaluations, and training to individuals with disabilities, particularly those diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. In 2021, Gov. Greg Abbott of Texas appointed Williams to serve as Vice Chair of the Texas State Rehabilitative Council.

Williams is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor, an Advanced Certified Autism Specialist, and a certified Special Education Teacher. He describes himself as a "proud former recipient" of vocational rehabilitation services, with his own history of going through the vocational rehabilitation process to pair with experience at state-level oversight.

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MEETING MINUTES

Public Comments are welcome. They are limited to 3 minutes. Any member of the public who wishes to participate in

public comments must be physically present at the meeting and follow the appropriate sign in procedures. Finance: Di-Prima/Santiago Attendees Voting Members Dianne Hope, Director Josh Wykert, Board President Lois DiPrima, Director Brad Menke, Director Carol Ross, Director Mio Santiago, Vice President Paul Wilkerson, Director Non-Voting Members Dr. Erin Slater, Superintendent Kim Harmon, Dir. of Curriculum, Sp. Ed &

Student Services
 I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum The meeting was called by President Wykert at 6:00 p.m. II. Recognition of guests President Wykert 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 state-

ments and the Goals for the Fort Madison Community School District. IV. Monthly communications A. Student Representative Report - Jedidiah Bruster & Kiley Bohnenkamp Board received a report of the upcoming Homecoming week activities. B. PK-6; 7-12 Renovation and Construction Update The Board received an update on the progress of the Middle School PK-6 and High School 7-12 Renovation and Construction Project.

C. District Successes! Superintendent Slater shared highlights from District successes. D. Superintendent Goal Report Superintendent Slater shared the SMART Goals for the upcoming year. E. District Presentation 1. Summer 2023 Projects/Long Term Capital Projects - Nic Chiri Director of Maintenance Nic Chiri reviewed Capital Projects with the Board. 2. National School Safety Conference Report Back - Patrick Lamb Patrick

Lamb gave an informative presentation about the National School Safety Conference. V. Approve the agenda Motion made by: Mio Santiago Motion seconded by: Brad Menke Voting: Unanimously Approved VI. Consent Agenda Motion made by: Lois DiPrima Motion seconded by: Carol Ross Voting: Unanimously Approved
 A. Minutes
 1. Regular Board Meeting - August 21, 2023
 2. Special Meeting/Work Session - Septem-



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- B. Financial Reports
 1. August Balance Sheet
 2. Revenue Summary Report
 3. Expenditure Report
 4. Student Activity Report
- C. Accounts payable
 1. August General Account Board Bills for Approval
 2. September General Account Board Bills for

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- Approval
 3. Student Activity Account Board Bills for Approval
 4. Nutrition Account Board Bills for Approval
 5. American Express Board Bills for Approval
- D. Consider personnel resignations
 1. Christian Boyer - Football, HS
 2. Carrie Schneider - Track, HS
 3. Mike Schneider - Track, HS
 4. TJ Sargent - Basketball, HS
 5. Jill Stull - Track, HS
 6. Mike Hayes - Football, MS
 7. Connie Watkins - Associate, RE
 8. Abigail Wright - Associate, RE
 9. Pam King - Food Service, MS
 10. Bailey Hornung - Interventionist, RE
 11. Jenni Hoenig - Assistant Cheer Coach, HS
- E. Consider employ-

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- ment of personnel
 1. Christian Boyer - Football, MS
 2. Chuck Banks - Football Assistant, HS
 3. Chuck Banks - Girls Tennis, HS
 4. Ryan Peters - Girls Wrestling Assistant, HS
 5. Kelsea Tolk - Volleyball Assistant, HS
 6. Sharlynn Upton - Volleyball, MS
 7. Jenny Hill - Teacher, MS
 8. Landon Bentley - Girls Basketball, HS
 9. Dawn Schulte - NHS Sponsor, HS
 10. Katelyn Bowen - Assistant Cheer Coach, HS
 11. Curtis McVey - Bus Driver, CO
 12. Jessalynn Sawyer - Bus Driver, CO
 13. Terrence Rashid - Bus Driver, CO
- F. Consider contract modifications
 1. Frances Van Norman - Teacher, MS
 2. Kimberly Anderson - Teacher, RE
 3. Carrie Burken - Teacher, HS
 4. Ingrid Brownlee - Teacher, HS
 5. Jill Stull - Guidance Counselor, RE
 6. Mindy Ward - Elementary Nurse
 7. Angelique Williams - Career Explorations, HS
- G. Consider leave of absence
- H. Consider open enrollment requests
- I. Other reports
 1. 23-24 Donations
 2. 23-24 Fundraisers
 3. MS/HS Renovations and Additions Project Summary
- VII. Action Item
 - A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services
 1. Consider approval of 2023-2024 FMCSDBrain Booster Handbook Motion made by: Brad Menke Motion seconded by: Dianne Hope Voting: Unanimously Approved
 2. Consider approval of 2023-2024 FMCSDElementary Beyond the Bell Handbook Motion made by: Dianne Hope Motion seconded by: Lois DiPrima Voting: Unanimously Approved
 - B. Superintendent
 1. Chronological Policies for Review Motion made by: Brad Menke Motion seconded by: Carol Ross Voting: Unanimously Approved
 2. Policy 707.03: Publication of Financial Reports
 3. Policy 707.04: Audit
 4. Policy 707.05: Internal Controls
 5. Policy 707.05-R(1): Internal Controls - Internal Controls Regulations
 6. Policy 708: Care, Maintenance and Disposal of District Records
 7. Policy 709: Insurance Program
 8. Policy 710.03: Vending Machines - NEW
 9. Policy 710.04: Meal Charges
 2. Consider approval of 7th/8th grade Splash into Science Trip - March 24-28, 2025 Motion made by: Lois DiPrima Motion seconded by: Mio Santiago Voting: Unanimously Approved
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- Furniture quote provided on 4/13/2023 for the Fort Madison Window Treatment project Motion made by: Lois DiPrima Motion seconded by: Carol Ross Voting: Unanimously Approved
- 2. Recommend approving construction contract and costs for Heartland Finishes in the amount of \$61,645.00 which includes the Lump Sum Base Bid and Alternate No. 1, as illustrated on the Budget Summary documents for the Fort Madison Window Treatment project Motion made by: Dianne Hope Motion seconded by: Brad Menke Voting: Unanimously Approved
- 3. Consider approval of change orders to Fye Excavating in the amount of \$48,080 and Jones Contracting in the amount of \$206,775 to replace the remaining southern portion of the east gymnasium parking lot Motion made by: Mio Santiago Motion seconded by: Carol Ross Voting: Unanimously Approved
- VIII. Discussion Items
 - A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services
 1. Annual Improvement Goals
 2. Preliminary Enrollment Count report
 3. Schedule Board Instructional Tour
 - B. Superintendent
 1. Quarterly Policies for Discussion The policies were reviewed and discussed.
 2. Policy 503.07: Student Disclosure of Identity - NEW
 3. Exhibit 503.07-E(1): Student Disclosure of Identity - Report of Student Disclosure of Identity - NEW
 4. Exhibit 503.07-E(2): Student Disclosure of Identity - Report of Student Disclosure of Identity - NEW

- Student Disclosure of Identity - Report of Student Disclosure of Identity - NEW
 2. Chronological Policies for Discussion
 - The policies were reviewed and discussed.
 1. Policy 710.01: School Food Program
 2. Regulation 710.01-R(1): School Food Program - School Nutrition Program Civil Rights - NEW
 3. Exhibit 710.01-E(1): School Food Program - School Nutrition Program Notices of Nondiscrimination - NEW
 4. Exhibit 710.01-E(2): School Food Program - Child Nutrition Programs Civil Rights Complaint Form - NEW
 - C. Board Secretary/Business Manager
 1. Candidates for School Board - Election November 7, 2023 The new candidates were presented to The Board.
 2. Board Member Attendance The Board Member Attendance report was accepted as presented.
 3. Staff Attendance The Staff Attendance Report was accepted as presented.
 4. Comments from the audience There were none.
 5. Legislative update There was none.
 6. Announcements
 - A. Board Work Session: October 2, 2023, 6:00 pm - Central Office Board Room B. Regular Board Meeting: October 16, 2023, 6:00 pm - Central Office Board Room XII. Adjourn Motion made by: Lois DiPrima Motion seconded by: Brad Menke Voting: Unanimously Approved The meeting was adjourned at 7:35

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From the Front



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One of the dog kennel runs is framed up on the south side of the new PAW Animal Shelter in Fort Madison. Construction is planned to be completed before January. Materials sit outside the front of the new shelter on the city's west side. Funds for the new construction are coming at about \$1.5 million short to date.



Facility could be open by the start of the new year

PAW - Continued from Page 1

colder temperatures set in, the dogs have an indoor facility to allow them to get out of the cold Iowa temperatures. Brown said the big dogs like Huskies and St. Bernards, which thrive in the colder temperatures, will still be able to be outside.

The current facility is 1,800 square feet, but the new facility will be more than 20,000 square feet.

Brown said that increase in size is coming at the right time. She said pet adoption has bottomed out over the past six months as a result of the economy and post-COVID.

"A bag of dog food has gone through the roof. The cost of everything is going up and pets are no exception. Adoption has just bottomed out and we have a lot of animals right now," Brown said.

"We come in and say it is big enough, then we come again and say, 'Oh, this is really big,' then the next time... is it big enough. It's going to be a beautiful building and they are really working hard to get it done," she said.

The new facility will have indoor kennel runs on the south side of the facility with outdoor dog areas in between each kennel run. Those runs have 32 kennels per run giving them more than 100 kennels. The north side of the facility is reserved for cats and cat runs.

There is also a surgical suite included for spaying and neutering and other medical needs. Every room in the facility will have a floor drain for easy cleaning. Brown said the plumbing and HVAC work accounted for more than \$1 million of the construction budget. She said the kennels and dog runs were also more than \$1 million to build.

"In animal shelters, that's where the money is spent. It isn't spent on niceties, it's the infrastructure and animal safety that gets the attention," Brown said.

There will also be meet-and-greet rooms for potential pet owners to sit with the animals to see if they are a nice fit. There is also room for expansion on the west and north sides. Brown said she'd like to build an outdoor pet park where people could take animals they are thinking of adopting to a "park" to see if a good relationship exists.

She said the new facility will bring a

richer sense of individualism and professionalism.

"We'll have greeting rooms where you can sit and interact with the dog. People won't be coming and going and the phone won't be ringing. It will be more professional and way more comfortable," she said.

"Right now, we have so many animals and it's so noisy inside that we just take people outside to talk. We sometimes even have to go outside to take a phone call."

Prior to the pandemic, Brown said the shelter had raised enough money to complete the project. Now with procurement issues and costs escalating, funds are coming up about \$1.5 million short.

"We may have to go to some banks and tell them this is where we're at. We're looking at doing a few more fundraisers to try and wrap it up," she said.

"We felt we were very good stewards of the people's money. We wanted it to look nice and be timeless so we went with materials that will last a long time. We didn't want it to look like a Morton building and the designers did a good job with that.

"Eventually after we're done here, we've talked about our own dog park on the west side where potential pet owners could take their dog out for a walk and interact with the animal. Not for the public, but for people looking to get a feel for the animal."

Brown said the facility will probably be one of the top five facilities in the state with the Animal Rescue League facility in Des Moines being the largest. This project has been downsized by about 10,000 feet.

Brown even took painters' tape and taped off the size of the kennels, brought tables in to represent the walls and then got down on her hands and knees and crawled around to see if the big dogs would have enough room.

"I'm visual. I have to see it. I made them do that twice because I wasn't sure. So a lot of thought has gone into this. Pebbles and Schickedanz have been great. I ask a lot of stupid questions and they get me answers."spoaisd;aklsdn;val;ksnva;sldk-fjapoisdna;odna;lnkvn/cxnvc,mxnv;askl-djas;dlijral;kewn;lcm,cnv,xcnv;laksjd-ho;iewhr;lekwn;laalaksdnv;lkcxvj

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