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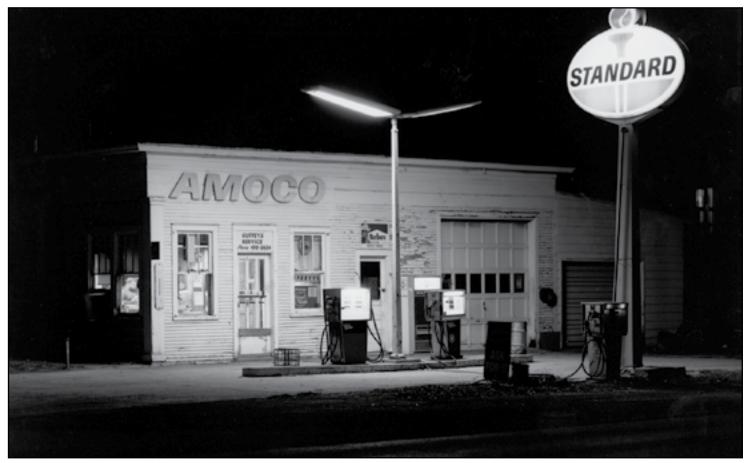






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# Schroll to exhibit photos in February



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Photography out of the Tim Schroll collection will be on display in February at the Fort Madison Area Arts Association in downtown Fort Madison. The opening reception is Thursday at 5 p.m.

## **LIGHT AND FILM:** Photographer takes over FMAAA gallery in February

BY LORI ILLNER GREENE
FMAAA Executive Director

FORT MADISON - The FMAAA is taking a deeper dive into photography of all flavors this year beginning with February's Light and Film | Silver Gelatin Prints by Tim Schroll. The Opening Reception for this month-long exhibition is Thursday, February 1, 2024, from 5pm to 7pm at the FMAAA Art Center located at 825 Avenue G in Fort Madison, Iowa. This exhibition will be on display Tuesdays through Saturdays until March 1 from 10am until 5pm and is made possible by the generous sponsorship of the Fort Madison law firm Fehseke and Gray.

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### **ANNUAL DINNER**

# Partners seeking nominations for annual awards

FORT MADISON - Nominations are being accepted until Feb. 2, for the annual Fort Madison Partners awards ceremony and dinner.

The Daily Democrat sponsors an award for the Citizen of the Year. This award goes to an individual who has

worked towards improving the quality of life in the Fort Madison area. Mail to: Daily Democrat, Attn: Robin Delaney/ Citizen of the Year, P.O. Box 160, Fort Madison, IA 52627 or email: editor@dailydem.com.

The Fort Madison Economic Devel-

opment Corporation sponsors an award for the Community Developer of the Year. This annual award goes to a community member who has enhanced the economic vitality of Fort Madison and

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### **COMMENTARY**



# House wants teeth in open meetings law

So I've been looking for ways to re-engage after a long span of squeezing work in between trips to the doctor with my mom.

I told Dr. Mike that I was having trouble because my life for the past year and a half has been calling mom or taking her out for dinner or playing Canasta or Euchre or Phase 10.

Then something happened, and I think it may very well have solved my issue.

Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld starting posting "Breakfast with Matt".

Now I think it needs to be said that I started a Twitter (now X) feed about 10 years ago that was called "What's Chuck Eatin". Hand to God.

I used to put weird stuff on there like popcorn with hot-sauce infused butter. Try that! My brother John invented it – but he's an idiot. And you can blast that on Wapello School District's morning announcements.

But it rocks. It's really good. Seriously.

In a related issue, I've been watching Matt put soft-boiled eggs in blueberry sauce with quinoa or beets or steel-rolled oats or fiberglass insulation. Something in a bowl photographed from above.

Now I'm fasting and I don't eat from 10 p.m. to 5 p.m. I forgot to tell Dr. Thurman this week when he stole blood from me and then started dancing around the room. He literally came in to the examine room dancing. He threw me off balance mentally and said he needed my blood. Okay. I'm all for differential diagnoses.

I haven't gotten a call from the hospital since then, so no news is good news. I hope. I've had enough bad news. I only take about four pills every night to keep blood sugar in line, cholesterol in line and, apparently, my mood in line.

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## **Obituaries**

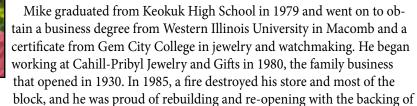
### **OBITUARIES**

## MICHAEL W. PRIBYL

Michael "Mike" William Pribyl, 63, of Keokuk, passed away on Friday, January 19, 2024, at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City.

Mike was born on October 31, 1960, in Keokuk, the son of Hubert George and Marjorie Ann (Hartley) Pribyl. On June 19, 1981, he was united in marriage to Lisa

Schilson at St. Francis Catholic Church in Keokuk. She survives.



the community. Mike was a member of All Saints Catholic Church in Keokuk and was an active member of the Keokuk community. Some of the civic groups he served in included Main Street Keokuk, Keokuk Area Community Foundation, Keokuk Rotary and Paul Harris Fellow, Keokuk Arbor Day Foundation, Lee County Revolving Loan Fund, Keokuk Yacht Club, Southside Boat Club, Keokuk Whiskey Tasting Society and the RJO Foundation, of which he was a founding member and the active president. Mike loved animals and the great outdoors, especially the Mississippi River. He could often be found foraging for mushrooms, fishing with his friends and family, boating, or feeding the birds. He also loved to play cards, a family favorite being Shanghai Rummy. Mike will always be remembered for enjoying life to the fullest, laughing at his own jokes, and his delicious cooking, espe-

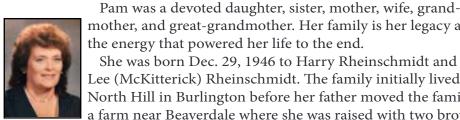
cially his ham hash. But most of all, he will be remembered for his great love for his family. Mike is survived by his wife Lisa Pribyl of Keokuk, son Trent (Beth) Pribyl of Glenwood, Minnesota, two daughters: Kayla (Elliot) Brown of St. Louis, Missouri, and Amy (Jeremy) Mefford of Quincy, Illinois; four grandchildren: Braden and Thea Pribyl and Josephine and Teddy Brown; his brother Steve Pribyl of Keokuk; mother-in-law Marsha Schilson of Keokuk; two brothers-in-law Tom (Shelly) Schilson of Panama City Beach, Florida, and Tim (Kim) Schilson of Basco, Illinois; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents and his father-in-law Richard Schilson. A private family service will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, with burial to fol-

low at Sandusky Cemetery in rural Keokuk. A Celebration of Life will be held from 4 to 7 pm on Tuesday, January 23, at the Keokuk Yacht Club, where all his friends are invited to

Memorials may be directed to the Keokuk Area Community Foundation. Tributes and condolences may be left at <a href="www.dejongsfuneralhome.com">www.dejongsfuneralhome.com</a>. DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

Pamela Ann (Rheinschmidt) Dodds, 77, of West Burlington, passed away at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16 at Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in the



mother, and great-grandmother. Her family is her legacy and the energy that powered her life to the end. She was born Dec. 29, 1946 to Harry Rheinschmidt and Mary

Lee (McKitterick) Rheinschmidt. The family initially lived on North Hill in Burlington before her father moved the family to a farm near Beaverdale where she was raised with two brothers and three sisters. Pam had a special relationship with her grandmother Margaret (Brooks) Rheinschmidt and spent many

hours playing with her grandmother, and grandfather Ed Rheinschmidt. Ed was a businessman in West Burlington and served on the West Burlington City Council. Pam graduated from Burlington High School and attended Burlington Community College before having her first son Daniel in 1967. She entered the workforce as a cashier at Giants Food Store in Fareway Cen-

She married Ronald Raymond Vandenberg in 1968 and had two more children, Charles and John, in 1968 and 1970. Pam and Ron divorced, and then the mother of three went to work at the Central Soya Company and Burlington Basket Co. to provide for her family.

In 1975 she had her fourth son Michael, and the four lived together in West Burlington. She went back to school at Western Illinois University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in science education with a teaching certificate. After a short stint substitute teaching and a year with the Burlington Community School District, she joined the Danville Community School District where she taught physics, biology, and chemistry. She retired from teaching in 2015. In 1989 she married long-time friend Randy Dodds and the two were together until he passed in 2017 after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. Pam also served on the West Burlington School District Board

She enjoyed spending time with special friends Mike Sweet, Charlene Lindsay, Cindy Brown and Joyce Mickey. And her favorite thing to do was take her friends and family out for meals, spending holidays together, hosting family vacations at cabins throughout Tennessee and Kentucky, and

> trying her luck at casinos across the Midwest. Pam is survived by her four sons: Dan (Karen)

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother Ron Rheinschmidt, and one granddaughter Kelsey Vandenberg.

neral Home and Crematory in West Burlington from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, January 20. Mom requested a graveside service at her family's plot in Aspen Grove Cemetery immediately following the

Memorials can be made to Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House or the Des Moines County Retired School Personnel Association.



### **OBITUARIES**

## PAMELA A. DODDS

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Rheinschmidt of Cape Coral, Fla., Charles (Lee) Vandenberg of Fort Madison, John (Susan) Vandenberg of West Burlington, and Mike Vandenberg of West Burlington; two sisters: Carol Myers of West Burlington, and Karen (Millard) Walls, of Kentucky; one brother, Jerry Rheinschmidt of Colorado; seven grandchildren: Branden Rheinschmidt of North Carolina, Heather Rheinschmidt of Florida, Taylor Vandenberg of New York, Natalie Vandenberg, Hayden Vandenberg and Amelia Vandenberg, all of West Burlington, and Hayden Wilson of W. Des Moines; and two great-grandchildren Kyle and Daniel Rheinschmidt of Florida.

A visitation will be held at Prugh-Thielen Fu-



## Obituaries/From the Front

### **OBITUARIES**

## LARRY A. HARRISON

Larry A. Harrison, 76, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 9:31 p.m. on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison. He was born on May 10, 1947 in Kirksville, MO and was raised by his mother and stepfather, Paul & Wanda Bowen. He married Patricia N. McMurry on April 15, 1966 in

Fort Madison, IA. He was an accountant for First Miss and later Chevron

Knights of Columbus and enjoyed woodworking, working on old cars and

in Oregon and Texas. He was a member of Holy Family Parish and the



preceded in death by his parents.

Larry is survived by: his wife: Pat Harrison of Fort Madison, IA; 2-sons:

David (Cindy) Harrison of Beaverton, OR & Steve (Alison) Harrison of Portland, OR; 1-daughter: Michelle (Tracy Overbay) Huff of Humble, TX; 4-grandchildren; 1-great grandson; 1-brother; 2-step brothers & 1-step sister. He was

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Friday, January 26, 2024 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A memorial service will immediately follow at 10:30 a.m. at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Gary Beckman officiating. Burial will be held at Sacred Heart Cemetery. A memorial has been established for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Online condolences to the Harrison family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

## CARRIE W. WHITE

Carrie Wickham White, 66 of Montrose, IA passed away on Monday, January 15, 2024 at Hospice House in Burlington

She was born on March 25, 1957 in North Platte, Nebraska, the oldest daughter of James and Shirley Wickham.



will be held at a later date.

as; three grandchildren: James Levi, Kaden, and Rhilynn McCoy, mother; Shirley Wickham; brother Tom Wickham and sister Ellen (Mark) Toops; She is preceded in death by her husband Royce, father James, sister Marcia, and sister-in-law Jean Wickham. Carrie was a woman of faith who loved animals and playing pool. Per her wish, no services will be held at this time. A celebration of life

Carrie is survived by her daughter Renell (Jason) McCoy of Humble, Tex-

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

### Pen City Current obituary policy

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### **OBITUARIES**

## RUSSELL W. CROWELL

Russell "Russ" Wayne Crowell, 47, of Keokuk, passed away on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at his home in Keokuk.

Russ was born on June 12, 1976, in Fort Madison, Iowa, the son of John



Michael Crowell and Nancy Jean Bentley. He was employed at Griffin Wheel in Keokuk for over 10 years and was awarded his Associate of Arts degree from SCC in Keokuk, crossing the stage with his daughter in 2018. Russ was a hard worker, but when he wasn't working, he enjoyed watching anime and playing video

games, some of his favorite games being Assassin's Creed, Baldur's Gate and Minecraft. He also enjoyed the Harry Potter series and Dungeons and Dragons. Although his favorite pastimes were playing with his grandson and spending time with his family. Russ will always be remembered for his quick wit

Russ is survived by two daughters: Sam (Jonah) Diaz and Bri Crowell, both of Fort Madison; his brother Gary White of Hamilton, Illinois; and his grandson onathan Diaz of Fort Madison.

Russ is preceded in death by his parents and his sister Yolanda Sue Grelk. A private family celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

and his ability to make people laugh.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com.

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

# Citizen, Developer of the Year nominations sought

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is voted on by the Fort Madison Economic Development Board of Directors. Mail to: Tim Gobble, Fort Madison Economic Development Corporation P.O. Box 277, Fort Madison, IA 52627 or email: gobble@fortmadison.com.

When submitting a nomination, please include the name of your nomination and a description as to why you're nominating them. Please also include your contact information so that we may contact you if we have questions.

Nominations will be accepted until February 2nd, 2024. The nominees will be recognized and the winners will be announced at the Fort Madison Partners Annual Dinner on February 23rd at McAleer Hall.

Tickets are available for the dinner by contacting Savanna Collier at the Fort Madison Chamber - 319-372-5471 or chamber@fortmadison.com.





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## Sports

# Bloodhounds get past Burlington in OT Friday



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Junior post Dayton Lamar gets fouled hard in the second half of the Bloodhounds' physical win over Burlington Friday night.

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BY JOHN BOHNENKAM

FORT MADISON - Ryan Wilson knew just how much Fort Madison's 56-53 overtime win over Burlington on Friday night meant, and he went down the list of its significance.

"Oh, it's huge," the Bloodhounds' coach said. "It's conference, it's end of January. We're still competing to win a conference championship — our guys know that. They're not always going to be pretty, but we'll take wins when we can, especially at home

Fort Madison (7-5 overall, 5-2 Southeast Conference) stayed one game behind Mount Pleasant in the conference standings on a night of one big up, one big down, and then fighting through to the finish.

The Bloodhounds swept the season series from the Grayhounds (2-10, 2-5) for the first time since Burlington joined the conference.

"This means a lot," said junior guard Julian Dear, whose three free throws in the final 17 seconds provided the final margin. "This is the first time we've beaten Burlington twice in a year in a long time."

Fort Madison opened the game with a 23-6 run, then surrendered a 23-6 run.

"They sped us up when they went on that run," Wilson said. "Sped us up, forced some turnovers. Early on, we were playing defense, we were getting stops, we were able to run. As we talked at halftime, there are going to be opportunities to run (in the second half), but you can't force them. Take them when we have them. I think we went eight, 10 possessions without scoring. They sped us up, and we were out of control there."

Fort Madison fought back to build a 40-31 lead, but Burlington had another rally left, and when Shaye Stringer hit a 3-pointer with 49 seconds left in the fourth quarter, the Grayhounds led 48-46.

But Fort Madison was able to force overtime with two free throws from Hunter Cresswell with 34 seconds left, then scored the first five points of overtime. The Grayhounds got to within 53-50, then had a chance to cut more from the lead with 26 seconds left, but Xzayvion Baker missed two free throws. Dear hit two free throws with 17 seconds left, then the second of two free throws with four seconds left.

"Definitely big free throws," Dear said. "I practice free throws all of the time, and I knew I wanted the ball in that situation to take them."

Burlington had one last chance to tie the game, but Christos Kantzavelos missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

"That's just composure," Wilson said of how the Bloodhounds played in overtime. "Obviously we blew a big lead from early in the game. But we kept fighting, made some big plays. That's just composure and playing through adversity. Hunter makes big free throws, Julian makes big free throws. That's just composure."

Dear led the Bloodhounds with 14 points. Cresswell had 10 points.

Fort Madison hasn't lost a game since coming back from the Christmas break. "This team's come a long way," Dear said. "I think our heads are in a better place in

the new year."

Kemper Smith to return to

# Kemper, Smith to return to IGHSAU wrestling meet

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FORT MADISON – The same two girls that went to the IGHSAU state wrestling tournament representing the Fort Madison Lady Hounds wrestling team, will make the trip again after earning 2nd place finishes at Friday's Class 3A Regional qualifier in Cedar Rapids.

Junior Hailey Kemper and sophomore Mara Smith will both make the travel to the Xtreme Arena in Coralville starting Thursday morning. Wrestling starts at 10 a.m. on the 1st and 2nd with the morning session running from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the evening session kicking off at 6 p.m.

Semifinals and wrestlebacks continue on Friday with a 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. morning session and a 6 p.m. session for the finals and the grand march. Brackets for the tournament will be released at noon on Sunday

Kemper breezed through the bracket at 100 lbs scoring two pins after receiving two byes to start Friday's action at the Alliant PowerHouse Arena.

Kemper (25-4) then found herself against top-seeded Violet Diaz (26-1) out of Denver, Iowa. Diaz worked a quick take down from which Kemper escaped to trail 2-1, but Diaz would pile up eight more points in the first two periods for a 10-1 lead before getting the pin 19 seconds into the third period.

Sophomore Mara Smith took a similar path in the 125 lb. bracket. Smith receiving a bye and then recording a pin in the quarters before battling to a 2-1 decision over Marion freshman Josie Logan in the semis.

Neither wrestler scored a point through the first two periods, but Smith was able to get a takedown 22 seconds into the final period. She got a caution and then a warning for stalling with 29 seconds left in the match. Logan was able to escape just four seconds after the stalling warning for a point, but Smith was able to stave off any attack in the final moments to get the win.

In the championship match, Smith tangled with undefeated Jillian Worthen (24-0) from Union/LaPorte City. Worthen scored two points in each period with a takedown and two reversals to hold a 6-0 lead before she was able to get Smith's shoulders to the mat halfway through the third period for the 125 lb title.

Chloe Sokolik (130 lbs.) and Sadie Brandon (155 lbs.) both capture 5th place in their brackets to help Fort Madison to an 8th-place finish overall with 114 points. East Buchanon won the team event with 232 points.

# Gehling scores 31 in HTC win

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP

FORT MADISON - Wapello's defense left an open road that Holy Trinity senior Conner Gehling always enjoys traveling.

Gehling scored 31 points as the Crusaders ran past the Indians 88-56 on Thursday night at Shottenkirk Gym.

Gehling had 19 of his points in the first half, taking advantage of Wapello's 1-3-1 zone defense that left the baseline exposed.

"That's where I get a lot of my points," Gehling said.
"My teammates have great vision. I've played with
those guys for so many years — they know where I'm
going to be and I know they're going to get me the ball.
They ran that 1-3-1, and my guards kept getting me the
ball down low. All kinds of credit to my teammates —
they were getting me the ball."

"Against that 1-3-1, we were looking for angles and seams," Holy Trinity coach John Hellige said. "Conner is the master at finding that open position, and we've got guys that can get him the ball. That 1-3-1 really fits Conner's offensive style."

Gehling had nine points in the Crusaders' 20-5 run to close the first quarter. That run came after Holy Trinity (11-4) fell behind 8-0 in the first two minutes.

"They have some very athletic kids," Hellige said.

"And we told them, you've got to be ready for the start, because these kids are going to get out and run. We didn't come out with the intensity I wanted, so after they had that 8-0 run, we calmed down and played some pretty good basketball."

Holy Trinity led 28-20 with 3:35 left in the first half, then went on a 16-4 run to close the half and take control of the game.

The second half was an up-and-down fast-break show for both teams. Holy Trinity led 72-39 at the end of the third quarter, and just kept running even with the running clock after getting a 35-point lead.

"When we move the ball like that, we can beat any team in the league," Gehling said. "It was a high-scoring game. Second half, it was just back and forth."

"We wanted to get out, and work on our fast break," Hellige said. "The defense wasn't there all night consistently. But it was fun to see the kids get to stretch their legs, put some points on the board."

Luke Hellige had 21 points for Holy Trinity, which has a three-game winning streak. Layne Rung had 16 points, and Maddox Rung added 10.

Jackson Lenz led Wapello (5-11) with 19 points. Carson Belzer had 16 points. Justyn Faulkner had 13 points.



HTC senior Conner Gehling goes up strong in the first quarter for two of his 31 points in the Crusaders' 88-56 win over Wapello Thursday night.

# FM girls keep Grayhounds at bay

BY JOHN BOHNENKAM

**Sports** 

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison girls basketball coach Landon Bentley was so impressed with the way Ajia Jenkins was playing defense on one of the state's best players, he didn't notice what she was doing on the offensive end of the court.

Jenkins scored 22 points in the Bloodhounds' 58-48 win over Burlington on Friday night, but it was her defense, along with her teammates, on BHS guard Mylee Stiefel that made the biggest difference in the game.

Stiefel, who ranks 11th in the state in scoring at 22.1 points per game, was held scoreless in the first half and finished with just 10 points, all coming in a 2 ½-minute stretch of the third quarter.

"Ajia Jenkins, we put the ball in her hands and had her guarding Stiefel," Bentley said. "Man, (Stiefel is) a heck of a ballplayer. We held her to zero in the first half. Then she comes out and hits 'Stiefel shots' in the second half, and that's OK.

"I'm so proud of Ajia. I didn't realize she had 20-plus points because of the way she was playing defense. So tenacious."

Jenkins said it was a collective effort.

"We just all had to communicate a lot," Jenkins said. "We had to communicate where Stiefel was. I think we locked her down on defense. She had zero at halftime, so I thought we

did a really good job as a team.

"Really, I just wanted to lock down on defense. I wanted to face-guard her. A lot of it was the team communicating with me on screens, and helped me hedge screens to get back."

Fort Madison (10-2 overall, 5-1 Southeast Conference) has won five consecutive games since a 47-39 loss to the Grayhounds (6-8, 3-4) in December.

It's why the Bloodhounds' bench was boisterous from the beginning of the game, as Fort Madison's defense helped ignite a 25-6 start that included a run of 15 consecutive points.

"They got us last time, and they earned that win," Bentley said. "They punched us in the mouth, they brought that energy, they were all over us. Tonight, I said every single person had a role in this game. We understand now that every single person on this team matters, no more than any other one. Every ounce of energy, every ounce of effort matters."

"I thought the energy we had tonight was great," Jenkins said. "It was one of the best crowds we have had this season, our bench was loud. This was probably the best energy we've had."

Fort Madison was up 42-17 when Stiefel's eruption began. The Grayhounds got to within 10 points twice midway through the fourth quarter, but Irelynd Sargent scored on a layup then Dayonna Davis hit a 3-pointer to end the threat. Davis finished with 10 points. Sargent and Hadley Wolfe each added eight.

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# MYTH #2: Stiffness from Arthritis means you're getting old...and it must be the reason for all your pain and stiffness!

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Your stiffness may be caused by a hidden, even

lead to a hip replacement!

You see, most folks believe that something mysterious (like maybe an "arthritis fairy"?) waved a wand over them, and they're cursed... doomed to

suffer forever.

But did you know that many arthritis problems are CAUSED by a combination of unseen imbalances in the spine and surrounding muscles? It's the most common cause of hip replacements but not that hard to correct if we catch it in time. It's like the tires on

If the alignment is off just a teeny-weeny bit, at first you don't notice, but over a few thousand miles you start to see signs of wear...that is, if you're lucky enough to catch it before a flat on the freeway ruins your day. In your spine, you're lucky if you catch untreated imbalances before they ruin you spine! How to fix them? Just look at Myth #3.

### MYTH #3: Your Back is "Out"!

Sure, that's exactly how it feels. But guess what, we found that's usually not the case. It sounds good, but we now know better. You see, there are 7 different reasons for that painful, locked-up and stuck feeling that causes so much misery:

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pelvis torque and tension
 imbalance of hips

# fallen or dropped arches stiff vertebra joint adhesions in leg muscle pinched nerve

It's NOT just your spine, and it's NOT just your muscles. As a matter of fact, if one of the major muscles that stabilize the spine is partly spasmed, a "2nd stringer" will have to carry the load. But this a serious problem...

### It's like having your plumber doing all the dangerous electrical work!

Sure, he may get it done, and it may work at first, but how long until there's a fire? Or your back locks up? Which leads me to our next myth:

### MYTH #4: "It's Only a Muscle!"

Boy, it's scary how many people think muscle problems are no big deal. Unfortunately, tight, bound-up, and spasmed or tight muscles can wear out joints faster than you can say, "Charley Horse"

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## MYTH #5: "Muscle Relaxants" will help your muscles heal! Good grief, NO!

Your muscles tighten up for a reason, and muscle relaxants are like turning back the clock on a time bomb...you know it's still going to blow up! Sure, you may feel better now, but you'll pay later...and pay "in spades"! So don't fall for these lies about your low back. They'll keep you hurting, frustrated and exhausted forever!

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Be able to stand for as long as you want without sitting down for relief?

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### For the Record/Classifieds

### For the Record

### Fort Madison Police Report

01/11/24 - 8:57 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Alexander Xavier Luna, 35, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

01/11/24 - 9:30 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 800 block of Avenue F.

01/11/24 - 10:22 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 500 block of Avenue C.

01/11/24 - 12:03 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2400 block of Avenue

01/11/24 - 3:44 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Austin Dean Schuelka, 34, of Fort Madison in the 800 block of Avenue G. on a warrant for probation violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

01/11/24 - 5:00 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the

Fort Madison area. 01/11/24 - 6:17 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the

01/13/24 - 8:00 a.m. - Fort

5600 block of Avenue O.

report of a property damage acci-

dent in the 800 block of Avenue E. 01/13/24 - 4:55 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Amber Lynn McWhortor, 35, of Fort Madison, in the 2200 block of Avenue I, on a warrant for failure to ap-01/14/23 - 3:18 p.m. - Keokuk pear. She was taken to Lee Coun-

01/15/24 - 11:14 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Jeramy Francis Skelton, 33, of Fort Madison, in the 2800 block of Avenue L. on a warrant for violation of pretrial release. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

tv Jail and held.

### **Keokuk Police Report** 01/11/24 - 10:40 a.m. - Ke-

okuk Police arrested a 17-yearold female in the 1400 block of Orleans Avenue on a charge of disorderly conduct. She was released to a parent

01/11/24 - 9:56 p.m. - Keokuk Police cited Ike Lavern Byers, 30, of Keokuk in the 100 block of 13th Street, on a charge of driving under suspension.

01/12/24 - 7:39 p.m. - Keokuk Police cited Nicholas Taylor Bender, 25, of Keokuk in the 3300 block of Main Street on a charge of driving under suspension

01/13/24 - 10:03 a.m. - Keokuk Police cited Jason Ray Runge. 49. of Hamilton in the 2100 block of Main Street on a charge

of disorderly conduct.

01/13/24 - 5:03 p.m. - Keokuk Police cited Mia Natasia Mitchell, 21. of Keokuk, in the 3200 block of Main Street, on a charge of 5th

Police responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 1400 block of Bank Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Karen Sue Hoadley, 55, of Keokuk was northbound at the intersection of 14th Street and Bank and a vehicle driven by Brooke Autum Evans, 29, of Keokuk was also at the intersection. Evans was northbound and slid into Hoadley due to weather conditions. Evans was cited for driving under sus-

01/15/24 - 5:49 p.m. - Keokuk Police cited Ethen Shane Howard, 26, of Donnellson, in the 1200 block of Exchange Street, on a charge of driving under sus-

01/15/24 - 10:35 p.m. - Keokuk Police cited Matthew Thomas Miller, 26, of Keokuk, in the 800 block of Franklin St, on a charge of driving under suspen-

Lee County Sheriff's Report 01/11/24 - 3:08 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Brian James Abel, 38, of Fort

Madison at the North Lee County Courthouse on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

> 01/11/24 - 6:36 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Raymond Earl Gonzalez, 35, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

01/12/24 - 6:50 a.m. - Lee

County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident near milemarker 23 on Hwy 61 northbound. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Brandon Michael Boyer, 29, of Wes Point struck a vehicle driven by Robert Lee Luy, 47, of West Burlington from the rear. Luy was extricated and taken to the hospital with injuries. Boyer was cited for failure to provide proof of insurance and no valid driver's license. Both vehicles were towed

1/12/24 - 7:13 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 1900 block of Hwy. 27 According to the report a vehicle driven by Dakiarus Jahleel Clark, 24, of Shaw, Miss., lost control on iced roads and snow blocking both lanes of traffic. No injuries are citations were reported.

from the scene

01/12/24 - 5:20 p.m. - Lee

County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident near milemarker 1 on Hwy 27 northbound. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Jonathan I.S. Masupha, 26 of Chicago, struck a slick spot on the roadway and jacknifed the semi-tractor he was driving. He No citations were issued was able to drive the vehicle

01/12/24 - 8:54 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one vehicle accident on Hwy 27 northbound. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Ermek Beisheev. 38. of Maineville, Ohio, lost control on slippery roads and jacknifed the semi-tractor and slid into the median. No injuries or citations were reported

away without injury

01/12/24 - 10:26 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 2800 block of Hwy 61. According to the report, a semi-trailer driven by Elena Blinova. 49. of Dania Beach, Fla., lost control on slick conditions northbound and jackknifed the semi causing damage to the vehicle but no injuries. No citations were

01/13/24 - 10:07 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle acci27. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Lillian Mae Woods, 42, of Gulfport, Miss., lost control on slick conditions and rolled in the median causing severe damage. Woods was extricated from the vehicle and taken to Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison for treatment.

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and Possible Action on

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at 6:00 p.m. II. District

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Discussion of Financing

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01/15/24 - 12:02 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Charles Paul Jones, 31 of Keokuk, in the 3800 block of Main Street in Keokuk on a war rant for domestic abuse assault He was taken to Lee County Jai 01/15/24 - 12:49 p.m. - Lee

County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kirk Joseph Kowalski, 36, of Fort Madison on an active warrant, at the North Lee County Courthouse. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

01/16/24 - 4:45 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident at Hwy 61 and Green Bay Road. According to the report, a semi-trailer driven by Makayla Angelica Jones, 24, of Cincinna ti, got stuck in a snow drift after sliding on icy roads. No injuries or citations were issued

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# Classifieds/Public Notices

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Work services for 2023-

DiPrima Voting: Dianne

2024 Motion made by:

Dianne Hope Motion

seconded by: Lois

Testing Program 2.

# **PUBLIC NOTICES**

Presentations - FFA ing Specialist, CO 4. Mary Convention Presentation Chaknine - Associate, MS - David Vance/FFA 5. Andrew Brobston - Memembers FFA members chanic, CO 6. Makayla and FFA Advisor David Leibli - Associate, RE 7. Vance gave a presenta-Sharon Brower - Assocition on the Land Lab and ate, HS E. Consider Annual Convention. III. employment of personnel Recognition of quests 1. Nataliia Karpyshyn -President Wykert wel-Associate, LE 2. Chelsea comed members of the Flot - Associate, LE 3. audience in attendance Nicole Lampe - Associate, MS 4. Traci Schrader and explained the proce-Maintenance, HS 5. dures for the meeting. IV. Reading of Foundation Melissa Jones - Associate, MS 6, Tabitha documents The Board read and reviewed the Atwater - Associate, MS Foundation documents 7. Peyton Banks - Associconsisting of the Vision, ate, HS 8. Codee James Mission and Belief - Associate, RE 9. Ruby statements and Goals for Johnson - Associate, RE the Fort Madison Com-10. Alyssa Kensett - Associate, MS 11. Shawnea munity School District. V. Monthly communications Mortimer - Associate, HS 3 12. Christopher Ruther-A. Student Representative Report - Gavin Shrum ford - Associate, MS 13. There was none. B. PK-6: Shelby E. Scott - Associ-7-12 Renovation and ate, MS 14. Jennifer **Construction Update** Vorhies - Associate, RE Representatives from Carl 15. Myrissa Meyer -A. Nelson Co. gave an Transportation Associate. update to the Board CO 16. JD Morgan - IT Tech. MS 17. Olha regarding the HS 7-12 and MS PK-6 Renovation Hryhorieva - Associate, and Addition project. C. MS 18. Carol Salladay Superintendent Goal Transportation Associate. Report The Board re-CO 19. Brandy Plate - Asviewed the Indicators of sociate, MS 20. Denise Progress and the steps Miller - Food Service, MS taken towards the estab-21. Joshua Dahlstrand lished goals. D. District Maintenance, LE 22. Successes The Board Brandy Anderson - Assopreviewed a marketing ciate, LE 23. Oksana video for the Fort Madison Karpenko - Associate, MS Community School 24. Jody Penrod - Food District. VI. Approve the Service, MS 25. Abigail agenda Motion made by: Stockwell - Food Service, Paul Wilkerson Motion MS 26. Mary Antes - Food seconded by: Dianne Service, MS 27. Ethan Hope Voting: Dianne Kelley - Associate, HS 28 Kevin Holland - Mainte-Hope - Yes Josh Wykert - Yes Lois DiPrima - Yes nance, MS 29. Christina Brad Menke - Not Present Colver - Associate, MS Carol Ross - Yes Paul 30. Kyle Kirby - Mechanic, Wilkerson - Yes VII. CO F. Consider contract Consent Agenda Motion modifications 1. Suzan made by: Lois DiPrima Menke - Teacher, MS G. Consider leave of absence H. Consider open enrollment requests I. Other reports 1. 23-24 Donations 2. 23-24 Fundraisers 3. MS/HS

Hope - Yes Josh Wykert - Yes Lois DiPrima - Yes Brad Menke - Not Present Carol Ross - Yes Paul Wilkerson - Yes 3. Consider Approval of Show Choir Traveling to Competition in Wahoo, NE on February 16-18, 2024 Motion made by: Lois DiPrima Motion seconded by: Carol Ross Voting: Dianne Hope - Yes Josh Wykert - Yes Lois DiPrima - Yes Brad Menke - Not Present Carol Ross - Yes Paul Wilkerson - Yes 4. Chronological Policies for Approval Motion made by: Dianne Hope Motion seconded by: Lois DiPrima Voting: Dianne Hope - Yes Josh Wykert - Yes Lois DiPrima - Yes Brad Menke - Not Present Carol Ross - Yes Paul Wilkerson - Yes a. Regulation 704.02-R(1): Debt Management - Post **Issuance Compliance** Regulation for Tax-Exempt Obligations b. Policy 704.03: Investments c. Policy 704.10: Gate Receipts and Admissions 5. Quarterly Policies for Approval Motion made by: Lois DiPrima Motion seconded by: Carol Ross Voting: Dianne Hope - Yes Josh Wykert - Yes Lois DiPrima - Yes Brad Menke - Not Present arol Ross - Yes Paul Wilkerson - Yes a. Policy 503.08: Discipline of Students Who Make Threats of Violence of Cause Incidents of Renovations and Addi-Violence - NEW b. Regulation 503.08-R(1): tions Project Summary VIII. Action Items A. Direc-Discipline of Students tor of Curriculum and Student Services B. Superintendent 1. Consider Annual Board **Appointments Motion** made by: Lois DiPrima Motion seconded by: Carol Ross Voting: Dianne Hope - Yes Josh Wykert - Yes Lois DiPrima

- Yes Brad Menke - Not

Paul Wilkerson - Yes a.

Level 1 and 504 Coordi-

nator b. Trisha Hager:

Investigator, AEA/EOE

Officer c. Erin Slater,

Child Abuse Level 1

Nic Chiri, Asbestos

Elmore, Insurance

Coordinator e. Sandy

Alternate, Harassment

Alternate Investigator d.

Violence or Cause Harmon, Reconsideration Incidents of Violence Committee a. Erin Slater. Student Threats of violence and Incidents of Violence - NEW C. Board Secretary 6 1. Consider Consider approval of AEA approval of 2023-2024 Contract for shared Social FFA Farm Lease Between Fort Madison CSD and Fort Madison FFA Foundation Motion made by: Lois DiPrima Motion seconded by: Carol Ross Voting: Unanimously Approved 2. Consider Approval of 2023-2024 FFA Building Use Agreement between the Lee County Fair Board and Fort Madison CSD Motion made by: Dianne Hope Motion seconded by: Lois DiPrima Voting: Unanimously Approved 3. Consider Approval of the Notice of Termination of Farm Tenancy Between Fort Madison CSD and Fort Madison FFA Foundation Motion made by: Dianne Hope Motion seconded by: Brad Menke Voting: Unanimously Approved 4. Consider Approval of 2023-2024 Agreement & Waiver Between Fort Madison CSD and Fort Madison FFA Foundation 5. Consider approval of authorization of District's Administration to submit a request to the School **Budget Review Commit**tee for a modified supplemental amount of \$ 474, 795 for open enrolled out students who were not included on the previous year's certified enrollment Motion made by: Lois DiPrima Motion seconded by: Dianne Hope Voting: Unanimously Approved 6. Consider approval of authorization of District's Administration to submit a request to the School **Budget Review Commit**tee for a modified supplemental amount of \$1,603 related to the English language learning program for students who have exceeded five years of weighting. Motion

Motion seconded by: Lois DiPrima Voting: Unanimously Approved 7. Consider approval of Abstract of Votes of School Election held on November 7, 2023 Motion made by: Carol Ross Motion seconded by: Brad Menke Voting: Unani mously Approved 8. Consider approval of Modified Supplemental Amount for At Risk/ Dropout Prevention in the amount of 7 \$788.161 Motion made by: Dianne Hope Motion seconded by: Brad Menke Voting: **Unanimously Approved** IX. Discussion Items A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services 1 PLC Update Kim Harmon gave an update to the Board regarding the District's activities related to the Professional Learning Communities initiative. B. Superintendent 1. IASB Convention Report The Board shared highlights from the recent Iowa Association of School Boards convention. C. Board Member Attendance The Board Member attendance report was accepted as presented. D. Staff Attendance The Staff attendance report was accepted as presented X. Comments from the audience The Board received comments from the audience. XI. Legisla tive update The Board received a legislative update. XII. Announcements A. Winter Break -December 22, 2023 - Jan uary 2, 2024 B. Work Session - January 8, 2024 6:00 PM at Central Office C. Regular Meeting - January 15, 2024 - 6:00 PM at Central Office XIII Selection of Chair for organization meeting **Board Secretary Elmore** was selected to chair the organization meeting XIV. Adjourn for 2023-2024 Board sine die The meeting was adjourned at

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**DATE:** Monday, January 29, 2024 MEETING **CONVENING TIME:** 10:00 A.M. (CDT) LOCATION: 933 Avenue H Fort Madison, IA

---AGENDA---

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### Fort Madison, Iowa Motion seconded by: 52627 Carol Ross Voting: **MEETING MINUTES** Dianne Hope - Yes Josh Wykert - Yes Lois DiPrima Public Comments are - Yes Brad Menke - Not welcome. They are limited Present Carol Ross - Yes to 3 minutes. Any member Paul Wilkerson - Yes A. of the public who wishes Minutes 1. Regular Board to participate in public Meeting - November 20, comments must be 2023 B. Financial Reports physically present at the 1. November Balance meeting and follow the Sheet 2. November appropriate sign in Revenue Summary 3. procedures. Finance: November Expenditure Santiago/Menke Attend-Report 4. November ees Voting Members Student Activity Report C. Dianne Hope, Director Accounts payable 2 1. Josh Wykert, Board Presi-**November General** dent Lois DiPrima, Account Board Bills for Director Brad Menke, Approval 2. December Director Carol Ross, General Account Board Director Paul Wilkerson, Bills for Approval 3. Director Non-Voting November Activity Members Dr. Erin Slater, Account Board Bills for Superintendent Kim Approval 4. November Harmon, Dir. of Curricu-**Nutrition Fund Board Bills** lum, Sp. Ed & Student for Approval 5. November Services Sandy Elmore AMEX Board Bills for Director of Business Approval D. Consider Services I. Call meeting personnel resignations 1. to order and determina-Mary McNeil - Associate,

MS 2. Dayton Buehner -

Hannah Hoenig - Market-

Transportation, CO 3.

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## From the Front

# House bill punches up open meetings violations

### **BREAKFAST**- Continued from Page 1

You know...I can keep my mood in line. I am Fort Madison's Charlie Brown. Just a little naïve, but smart enough to know better.

So back to the Matt's breakfast. Here's what I think. And this isn't a love letter to our Mayor, it's a community conversation. Whomever the new general manager is of the marina restaurant should get with the Mayor and create a Mayor Matt Mohrfeld's Mississippi Madness

A breakfast bowl that's built with all kinds of healthy goodness - fruit, oats, nuts, yogurt, a dollop of something pink and a big spoon. Then you have to walk or run the full length of the marina including the jetty wall.

I'm being a bit facetious, but I would be willing to give \$100 bucks to the Mayor's favorite charity that something on the menu at the new marina will be influenced, if not named, after the Mayor.

This is all leading up to something and I'm sure you're sipping your coffee and looking over the top of your glasses with legs crossed on the bar stool next to the kitchen island (yeah, I'm that good) and thinking, 'Ok, where's he going with this'.

The Mayor has been posting on his Facebook page what he has for breakfast every morning. I've had a rough last couple of weeks and I haven't found the emotion to deal with my mother's death, but I did read about a new House bill working through the Iowa Legislature that would establish big, and I mean BIG fines for public officials who violate open meetings laws in the state.

I pushed that into one of the mayor's Facebook feeds and didn't get a response. I think that's because I made a New Year's resolution that I wouldn't bust his hump over public records requests and open meetings violations. But under that proposed legislation, those fines, which have been miniscule in the past, now are six figure fines that are paid, yeah, you guessed it, to the state – not paid back to the local government that violated the law.

Now there's teeth to the law. But here's where the rubber meets the road. It would be a rare occurrence that I would ever push the envelope to where any of the elected officials on school boards, city councils, county boards, or any other elected position, would be subjected to that kind of fine.

It's not worth it. I consider all these people valiant servants who subject themselves to public scrutiny. And 99.9% of the time open meetings violations aren't things done to subvert the system, but honest-to-God mistakes. They didn't know they were doing anything wrong. To subject them to that kind of penalty is overkill. Now the language says knowingly violates open meetings laws so that puts a little more of the onus on them, but in smaller rural communities, it's a rare occasion for someone to intentionally violate open meetings laws- even if they have an attorney on staff or retainer.

So, my message to the mayor was one of jest and humor, but it does point to the fact that Iowa lawmakers realize that newsgathering is changing and the watchful eye of journalists is a waning occurrence. The news market is shrinking like a violet so they had to add some punch to Iowa law.

The bill still needs to work its way through committees and floor votes, but it's real and it could have resounding effects on the gut of Iowa politics - much like the impact of Mohrfeld's breakfast on the body's energy supply.

The message here is no day starts well without a good breakfast, and no body politic has a good start without providing nutrition to the appetite of government business – but that's Beside the Point.

Chuck Vandenberg is editor and co-owner of Pen City Current and can be reached at <a href="mailto:Charles.V@PenCityCurrent.com">Charles.V@PenCityCurrent.com</a>.

# Camera art is hindered by phones

### **EXHIBIT**- Continued from Page 1

The value of the captured image has become questioned in the age where everyone has access to a phone camera and our screen time can be filled with snapshots of others. We reconnect with this value when looking at the work of professional photographers, usually using cameras with lenses, who understand how to push these tools to capture something special. The lighting is superb. The depth-of-field is incomparable. The work is well composed, seeming to demand more attention in a single arresting glance, tugging imperceptibly at our emotions while inviting a closer look as we join in exploring that moment behind the lens. Award winning photographer, Tim Schroll, whose work appears in collections and galleries around the world has been a photographer for 45 years. He carries his cameras with him everywhere. He has learned to really look as he travels through life, taking time to stop and take the shot when something catches his attention. He photographs in film on large format black and white, a medium that best conveys his personal interpretation of the world. Each print is then hand processed in his own darkroom. He enjoys revealing the image possibilities in the dark room as much as time spent "chasing the light" behind the lens. Jerry Hovanec of the Smithsonian American Art Museum, Renwick Gallery states, "Tim's photographs are vibrant, austere, and compelling. Tim's economy of design and composition has changed how I see what I see. He has distilled complexity into essential simplicity.....A visual Haiku in black and white. My mind's eye is forever changed." Tim sums up his impulse, "I look and when I feel something, I shoot... Everything in nature from the biggest sky to the smallest leaf abound with beauty, nature is the artist; I only try to capture the light on film."

From moody landscapes to still life capturing the beauty of a leaf curled just so, the intensity of his gaze from behind the lens is further revealed through his decision to utilize time honored wet processing techniques. According to the George Eastman Museum, the silver gelatin process which produces a negative that is then used to print from, was introduced at the end of the nineteenth century and dominated black-and-white photography in the twentieth century. This photo printing process develops a smooth print surface seen in all the black and white prints, color photography and motion pictures produced in the 20th century.

The decision to include Tim Schroll's signature silver gelatin prints in the monthly line-up of exhibitions was a no-brainer for FMAAA Art Center Director, Lori Illner Greene. "I issued a Call for Artists in early 2022. While Tim was among the first to respond, it was the imagery he shared that made this decision easy. It has a wow-factor that really sets his work apart. His stark images jumped off the screen. Personally drawn to the austerity of black and white, I love an opportunity to share photo work of this quality and caliber with our community."

Over the two years since they agreed on the date for this show, visitors to the FMAAA Art Center began to relay their frustrations and limitations with the images they captured on their phones. What maybe looked great on the screen to them didn't always translate into a beautiful print. The Art Center began working with a local photographer to offer photography classes teaching camera skills, lighting techniques, and how to best compose a shot. This also led to the decision to host a few more photography shows to give people a chance to see award-winning work up close for themselves. Look for additional photography exhibitions using a variety of other techniques and subject matter to be held in June and October this year at the FMAAA Art Center. More information can be found at fortmadisonart.com.



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