

Schroll to exhibit photos in February



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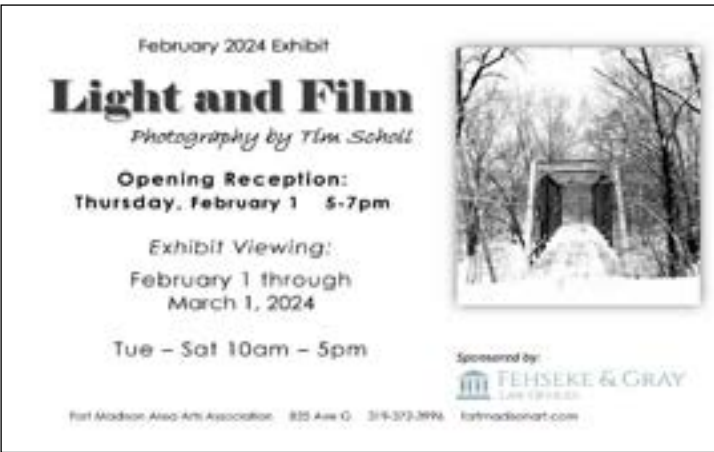
Photography out of the Tim Schroll collection will be on display in February at the Fort Madison Area Arts Association in downtown Fort Madison. The opening reception is Thursday at 5 p.m.

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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WEATHER

MON 29 Jan	Freezing/Patchy Fog then Partly Sunny, 41° F/ 33° F	
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WED 31 Jan	Clear Skies, 43° F/ 33° F	
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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.

Mike graduated from Keokuk High School in 1979 and went on to obtain a business degree from Western Illinois University in Macomb and a certificate from Gem City College in jewelry and watchmaking. He began working at Cahill-Pribyl Jewelry and Gifts in 1980, the family business that opened in 1930. In 1985, a fire destroyed his store and most of the block, and he was proud of rebuilding and re-opening with the backing of 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, especially 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 follow 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 attend.

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

OBITUARIES

PAMELA A. DODDS

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 presence of her family, and the peace and grace of the Lord.

Pam was a devoted daughter, sister, mother, wife, grandmother, 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 Center in Burlington.

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 of Education.

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) 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.

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

A visitation will be held at Prugh-Thielen Funeral 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 visitation.

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

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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 in Oregon and Texas. He was a member of Holy Family Parish and the Knights of Columbus and enjoyed woodworking, working on old cars and was a handyman.

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 preceded in death by his parents.

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.

Carrie is survived by her daughter Renell (Jason) McCoy of Humble, Texas; 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 will be held at a later date.

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

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.

Obituaries/From the Front

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 and his ability to make people laugh.

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 Jonathan 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. 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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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 E.
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 L.
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 violation of probation. 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 5600 block of Avenue O.
01/13/24 – 8:00 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a

report of a property damage accident in the 800 block of Avenue E.
01/13/24 – 4:55 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Amber Lynn McWhorther, 35, of Fort Madison, in the 2200 block of Avenue I, on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
01/15/24 – 11:14 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Jeremy 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.
Keokuk Police Report
01/11/24 – 10:40 a.m. – Keokuk Police arrested a 17-year-old 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.
01/15/24 – 10:35 p.m. – Keokuk Police cited Ethan Shane Howard, 26, of Donnellson, in the 1200 block of Exchange 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 degree theft.
01/14/23 – 3:18 p.m. – Keokuk 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 suspension.
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 suspension.
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 suspension.
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 West 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 from the scene.
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 Dakarius Jahleel Clark, 24, of Shaw, Miss., lost control on iced roads and snow blocking both lanes of traffic. No injuries are citations were reported.
01/13/24 – 10:07 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident near mile marker 1 on Hwy

Classifieds/Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICES

ing before addressing the Board. Please keep your microphone muted to cut down on background noise. If you are participating by phone, press #6, this will mute your phone.
Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Agenda
Public Input
Consider Approval of Request for Air Travel for Two Health Department Staff Members to Attend Conference in Atlanta
Consider Approval of Resolution Approving Right-of-Way Use for Utilities and Tile Lines
Discussion of Financing and Possible Action on Awarding Bid for Keokuk Ambulance Building
Consent Agenda
• Monday, January 22, 2024 Board Minutes
• Claims for Payment
• Tax Abatement Resolutions (10)
Commission or Committee Reports
Adjourn

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fort Madison Community School District
Regular/Annual Board Meeting
12/18/2023 - 06:00 PM
Central Office, Boardroom
1930 Avenue M Fort Madison, Iowa 52627
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: Santiago/Menke Attendees Voting Members Dianne Hope, Director Josh Wykert, Board President Lois DiPrima, Director Brad Menke, Director Carol Ross, Director Paul Wilkerson, Director Non-Voting Members Dr. Erin Slater, Superintendent Kim Harmon, Dir. of Curriculum, Sp. Ed & Student Services Sandy Elmore, Director of Business Services I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum The meeting was called to order by President Wykert at 6:00 p.m. II. District

Presentations - FFA Convention Presentation - David Vance/FFA members FFA members and FFA Advisor David Vance gave a presentation on the Land Lab and Annual Convention. III. Recognition of guests President Wykert welcomed members of the audience in attendance and explained the procedures for the meeting. IV. Reading of Foundation documents The Board read and reviewed the Foundation documents consisting of the Vision, Mission and Belief statements and Goals for the Fort Madison Community School District. V. Monthly communications A. Student Representative Report - Gavin Shrum There was none. B. PK-6; 7-12 Renovation and Construction Update Representatives from Carl A. Nelson Co. gave an update to the Board regarding the HS 7-12 and MS PK-6 Renovation and Addition project. C. Superintendent Goal Report The Board reviewed the Indicators of Progress and the steps taken towards the established goals. D. District Successes The Board previewed a marketing video for the Fort Madison Community School District. VI. Approve the agenda Motion made by: Paul Wilkerson Motion seconded by: Dianne Hope - Yes Josh Wykert - Yes Lois DiPrima - Yes Brad Menke - Not Present Carol Ross - Yes Paul Wilkerson - Yes VII. Consent Agenda 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 A. Minutes 1. Regular Board Meeting - November 20, 2023 B. Financial Reports 1. November Balance Sheet 2. November Revenue Summary 3. November Expenditure Report 4. November Student Activity Report C. Accounts payable 2 1. November General Account Board Bills for Approval 2. December General Account Board Bills for Approval 3. November Activity Account Board Bills for Approval 4. November Nutrition Fund Board Bills for Approval 5. November AMEX Board Bills for Approval D. Consider personnel resignations 1. Mary McNeil - Associate, MS 2. Dayton Buehner - Transportation, CO 3. Hannah Hoenig - Market-

ing Specialist, CO 4. Mary Chaknine - Associate, MS 5. Andrew Brobston - Mechanic, CO 6. Makayla Leibil - Associate, RE 7. Sharon Brower - Associate, HS E. Consider employment of personnel 1. Nataliia Karpyshyn - Associate, LE 2. Chelsea Flot - Associate, LE 3. Nicole Lampe - Associate, MS 4. Traci Schrader - Maintenance, HS 5. Melissa Jones - Associate, MS 6. Tabitha Atwater - Associate, MS 7. Peyton Banks - Associate, HS 8. Codee James - Associate, RE 9. Ruby Johnson - Associate, RE 10. Alyssa Kensett - Associate, MS 11. Shawnea Mortimer - Associate, HS 12. Christopher Rutherford - Associate, MS 13. Shelby E. Scott - Associate, MS 14. Jennifer Vorhies - Associate, RE 15. Myrissa Meyer - Transportation Associate, CO 16. JD Morgan - IT Tech, MS 17. Olha Hryhorieva - Associate, MS 18. Carol Salladay - Transportation Associate, CO 19. Brandy Plate - Associate, MS 20. Denise Miller - Food Service, MS 21. Joshua Dahlstrand - Maintenance, LE 22. Brandy Anderson - Associate, LE 23. Oksana Karpenko - Associate, MS 24. Jody Penrod - Food Service, MS 25. Abigail Stockwell - Food Service, MS 26. Mary Antes - Food Service, MS 27. Ethan Kelley - Associate, HS 28. Kevin Holland - Maintenance, MS 29. Christina Colyer - Associate, MS 30. Kyle Kirby - Mechanic, CO F. Consider contract modifications 1. Suzan Kelley H. Consider open enrollment requests I. Other reports 1. 23-24 Donations 2. 23-24 Fundraisers 3. MS/HS Renovations and Additions Project Summary VIII. Action Items A. Director 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 Present Carol Ross - Yes Paul Wilkerson - Yes a. Policy 503.08: Discipline of Students Who Make Threats of Violence of Cause Incidents of Violence - NEW B. Regulation 503.08-R(1): Discipline of Students Who Make Threats of

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: Unanimously 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. Legislative update The Board received a legislative update. XII. Announcements A. Winter Break - December 22, 2023 - January 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 6:59 p.m.

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From the Front

House bill punches up open meetings violations

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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.

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Camera art is hindered by phones


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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 lineup 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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