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Area artists can lay “trax” in Fort Madison

New business has spaces available now

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FORT MADISON - A new place for art is now open in Fort Madison, Art Trax, located at 827 Avenue G. Co-founders Ian Hauck and Rebecca Bowker hope to provide area artists with a space to create art and then have gallery days where they can sell their work.

The spaces are all named for historical significance such as the Burlington Northern, The Santa Fe and The Fort Madison themes. The spaces range from 60 square feet to 150 square feet. The also have what they call Box Car and The Depot spaces in the back.

“We want this to be a place where people could come 24/7 to work on their art,” Bowker said. “Our hope is to provide them a space to create art and then have gallery days where they can sell their work.”

Hauck and Bowker are a couple with Hauck being the artist. He works in airbrush on metal and has some mad skills in pen and pencil drawings. Although he seems to be a bit infatuated with the skills and brimstone type of art, he said he is branching out.

“I’m really trying to hone my skills on the airbrush,” Hauck said. “It’s kind of self taught. I didn’t go to school for it or anything, so the more I do the better I get.”

Hauck also said the summer will present other opportunities.

“In the spring and summer we have the little park on the west side and people could go outside and work there, too. So we have a lot of different ideas,” he said.

Artists would be charged anywhere from $50 to $125 for the working spaces per month and, again, could come anytime 24/7 to do their work because you never know when the urge will hit.

Bowker said the gallery days would be a chance for local artists to work, and possibly, peddle their wares, called Art Trax.

A step inside the building and it feels like a space that would bring the creative energies from anyone sitting down to an easel. Sections of raw brick walls from original construction and original polished wooden support beams bring originality to the room, but the “dollhouse” porch in the rear of the room conjures up a sense of youth and formality that should also serve to inspire creativity.

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Legislative Luncheon set for today at noon

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FORT MADISON - A legislative luncheon will be held today beginning at noon at The Palms Restaurant at 4920 Avenue O. State Rep. Jerry Kearns of Mt. Pleasant and State Sen. Rich Taylor of Mt. Pleasant will be on hand to brief on the spring and summer legislative session that started on Jan. 9. If time allows, questions will be taken from the floor. A limited lunch menu will be available for purchase.

Due to the Presidential Inauguration, The Palms will be opening at 10:45 for those interested in watching the events on television prior to the luncheon. Pen City Editor Chuck Vandenberg will moderate the event.

Ready to roll

Elton Kruse (106 lbs.) gets Keokuk’s Tres Merydith in the crane pinch (that’s not a real move) before rolling him over for a pin in Thursday’s action.

The Chiefs Jerry Glen then returned the favor with a pin at 2:16 into Thursday’s action.

Hounds ‘Kruse’ in win over Chiefs

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FORT MADISON - They were Kruse-in... on a Thursday afternoon.

Well technically, it was a Thursday evening... but that would’ve screwed up the lyrical...blah. The Fort Madison Bloodhounds downed archrival Fort Madison Bloodhounds (that’s not a real move) before rolling him over for a pin in Thursday’s action.

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“Kruse-in’...”
For the Record

Fort Madison
Police report

01/18/17 - 2:32 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Jaime Reene Schroeder, 28, of Avenue J in Fort Madison, in the 4600 block of Avenue J on a charge of driving under suspension. She was cited and released.

01/18/17 - 4:10 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Teresa Ann Manning, 42, of Avenue J in Fort Madison, at 4600 block of Avenue J in Fort Madison, in the 4600 block of Avenue J on a charge of 5th degree theft. She was released on her own recognizance.

01/18/17 - 12:47 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Andrew Scott Scanlan, 28, of McKinley Avenue in Keokuk at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a warrant for probation/pretrial violation. He was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed.

01/19/17 - 7:01 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a property damage accident on a charge of driving under suspension. The Fire Department does not investigate property damage accidents due to privacy laws.

01/18/17 - 2:32 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Andrew Scott Scanlan, 28, of McKinley Avenue in Keokuk at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a warrant for probation/pretrial violation. He was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed.

01/18/17 - 3 medical calls.

01/18/17 - 12:47 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's report

Create and sell at new FM business

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the artists to sell their work. Contracts would give them 75% of the proceeds of any sale with 25% going to the business who would then share some of the profits with the Fort Madison Area Artist Association.

"This really started with his love of art," Bowker said. "He's really, really talented."

The two are also planning a grand opening on February 24 and are also trying to work an art walk into the business plan, of course with wine and snacks.

"There are lots of places in Fort Madison that work in art," Bowker said. "You have FMAAA, frame shops, photography studios and we could work with all of those places."

Hauck said the two are hoping to have artists in place before the grand opening so there is work to be showcased.

"We want people to know that we are ready to work with artists right away," Bowker said.

So sharpen your charcoal, scrape your pencils to a point, mix your pastels and find your pace at Bowker and Hauck's place. Contact Rebecca at 319-371-7753, Ian at 319-669-6239 or email artiststrax@gmail.com.

Creative space

At left, Ian Hauck's workspace is an example of what area artists can put together at the new Art Trax studio in Fort Madison. Spaces are available now by calling 319-371-7753. Above is an example of Hauck's artwork.
HOUNDS - Continued from Page 1
the match.
But the Hounds then regained the momentum and the gym brought the noise as junior Heath Hoenig got revenge on Hank Billings with a pin at 2:23 in the 285 lb. matchup.
Head Coach Ryan Smith said Hoenig had lost to Billings on Friday in junior varsity match at Centerville.
"That was huge. That was a toss up going in and that was huge," Smith said.
After Hoenig's pin the match turned to the front end of the weight classes and FMHS' Elton Kruse stepped to the mat at 106 lbs. The match got into the third 2-minute period with Keokuk's Tres Merydith holding a 2-point advantage over Kruse with most of the match taking place on the south side. Kruse then turned the tables and moved the match center and then north and was able to roll Merydith over for a pin at 5:17.
"That was a huge win, too," Smith said. "Those were probably the two biggest matches that pushed us to the win."
The Chiefs were able to win the next three matches after Ryan Steffensmeier won on a forfeit at 113. Nathan Steffensmeier lost an 8-3 decision at 120, Skylar Schau lost in a 12-0 decision at 126 and Aaron Steffensmeier fell to Brant O'Shea 9-1.
The Hounds travel to Urbandale on Saturday for another gymnasium full of talent.
"Harlan (Steffensmeier) will probably see the No. 2 ranked wrestlers in Class 2A and 3A up there so that will be an interesting meet," Smith said.
Weakley Honored
Former FMHS wrestling standout Russell Weakley was inducted into the Fort Madison Athletic Hall of Fame Thursday night and was presented with a plaque and rendering for the school's multi-purpose room. Weakley was a two-state champion and four-time state qualifier in addition to many All-State honors. He went on to wrestle in colleges in Iowa and North Carolina where he received All-American honors.
BOX SCORE
Fort Madison 42, Keokuk 35
138: Dalton Woolever (FOMA) over (KEOK) (For.) 145: Harlan Steffensmeier (FOMA) over (KEOK) (For.) 152: Matt Wyatt (KEOK) over (FOMA) (For.) 160: Dylan Jeffers (KEOK) over (FOMA) (For.) 170: Shane Reid (KEOK) over Jarrett Settles (FOMA) (Fall 0:48) 182: Diego Lizano (FOMA) over (KEOK) (For.) 195: Sam Hayes (FOMA) over Austin Tibbits (KEOK) (Fall 1:15) 220: Jerry Glenn (KEOK) over Danen Settles (FOMA) (Fall 1:16) 285: Heath Hoenig (FOMA) over Hank Billings (KEOK) (Fall 2:23) 106: Elton Kruse (FOMA) over Tres Merydith (KEOK) (Fall 5:17) 113: Ryan Steffensmeier (FOMA) over (KEOK) (For.) 120: Dalton Boudewyn (KEOK) over Nathan Steffensmeier (FOMA) (Fall 1:16) 126: Ashton Meyers (KEOK) over Skylar Schau (FOMA) (MD 12-0) 132: Brant O'Shea (KEOK) over Aaron Steffensmeier (FOMA) (MD 9-1).
Congratulations on the completion of the proposed improvement project in Fort Madison. Here are the key points:

- The project will be completed by July 14, 2017.
- Final payment will be made after the work is completed and accepted by the City of Fort Madison.
- The contractor will be responsible for maintaining the work for a period of 30 days.

The contractor must submit a surety bond to secure the completion of the work. If the work is not completed satisfactorily, the bond will be forfeited.

The City Council has approved the budget for the project, which includes the purchase of water, sewer, and storm water systems. The total cost of the project is estimated to be $5 million.

Please direct all inquiries to the Office of the City Clerk. Copies of the documents may be obtained at the Office of Poepping, Stone, Bach & Associates, Inc., 3523 Main Street, Keokuk, Iowa, 52632.

For more information, contact:

- City of Fort Madison
- 3523 Main Street, Keokuk, Iowa, 52632

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Public Notices

Also were present Superin- tendent Slater, Director of Curriculum and Student Serv- ices Harmon and Secretary Elmore. Director Young was absent.

II. Recognition of guests. President Lamb 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 statements for the Fort Madison Community School District.

IV. Monthly communica-
tions.


B. Curriculum Corner. Kim Harmon gave an update on the graduation rates and the impact of potential changes.

1. Consider approval of revised policy.

2. Consider approval of revised policy.

3. Consider approval of revised policy.

V. Approve the agenda.

The agenda was approved by Hope and seconded by DiPrima to approve the agenda as presented.

VI. Consent agenda.

The agenda was moved by Hope and seconded by DiPrima to approve the consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the December 19, 2016 regular meeting, minutes from the January 9, 2017 work session; financial re-
ports from the monthly bal-
ance sheet, revenue summa-
tary sheet, expenditure report and activity report; accounts payable for the December weekly warrants; January computer warrants, activity warrants and nutrition fund; resignations from Mel-
aney Quereto, Director of Food Service; employment of Todd Watts as Middle School Food service, Joseph Johnston as High School Associate, Cathy Cottrell as Richardson associate, Katie Coffman as High School Activities Director and Brandon Lingle as High School Associate, Cody Bunnell as Central Office secretary and Jared Rehm as Asst. High School softball coach. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

VII. Action Items

A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services – Kim Harmon

1. Consider approval of Modified Supplemental Amount. The Board discussed the Modified Supplemental Amount as related to the application for At-Risk/ Dropout programs. It was moved by Ross and seconded by DiPrima to approve the Modified Supplemental Amount of $684,575 for At-Risk/ Dropout programs. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

2. Superintendent – Erin Slater

a. 603.3 – Special Educa-
tion. The Board reviewed Policy 603.3 – Special Education. It was moved by Hope and seconded by DiPrima to approve Policy # 603.3 Special Education. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

603.3 SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Board recognizes that some students have different educational needs than other students. The Board will provide a free appropriate public education program and related services to students identified in need of special education. The special education services will be provided from birth until the appropriate education program is completed, age twenty-one or to maximum age allowable in accordance with the law.

Students requiring special education will attend general education classes and receive services in a general education setting to maximum extent appropriate to the needs of each individual student.

The appropriate education for each student is written in the student’s Individualized Education Program (IEP). Special Education students are required to meet the requirements stated in Board policy or in their IEPs for graduation.

Children from birth through age 2 and children age 3 through age 5 are provided comprehensive special education services within the public education system. The school district will work in conjunction with the area education agency to provide services, at the earliest appropriate time, to children with disabilities from birth through age 2. This is done to ensure a smooth transition of children entitled to early childhood special education services.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent and the central administration to di-
tector of special education to provide or make provisions for appropriate special edu-
cation and related services.

b. b. 603.4 - Multicultural/Gender Fair Education. The Board reviewed Policy 603.4 Multicultural/Gender Fair Education. It was moved by Ross and seconded by DiPrima to approve Policy 603.4 Multicultural/Gender Fair Education. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

603.4 MULTICULTURAL/ GENDER FAIR EDUCATION

Students will have an equal opportunity for a quality education without discrimination, regardless of their race, color, age, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, identity, marital status, disability, sex, or creed.

The education program is free of discrimination and provides equal opportunity for the students. The edu-
cation program will foster knowledge of, and respect for the students and the historical and contemporary contributions of diverse cultural groups, including race, color, national origin, gender, disability, religion, creed, and socioeconomic background.

The contributions and perspectives of Asian Americans, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, American Indians, European Americans, and persons with disabilities shall be included in the program.

Approved: March 16, 2000
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ber, 19, 2016; January 16, 2021
Review: 2017
Springdale School District v. Grace, 693 F.2d 41 (8th Cir. 1982)
Iowa Code §§ 256.11(7); 256b.271, 1, 5, 926-
3; 280.8 (2007)
281 I.A.C. 41.109

b. 603.3 – Multicultural/ Gender Fair Education. The Board reviewed Policy 603.4 Multicultural/Gender Fair Education. It was moved by Ross and seconded by DiPrima to approve Policy 603.4 Multicultural/ Gender Fair Education. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

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Approved: March 16, 2000
Review: 2017
Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 216.9; 256.10(11)
281 I.A.C. 12.5(8)

4. Consider personnel matters. There were none.

C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager – Sandy Elmore

1. Award construction contract for phase 2 of the Senior High air conditioning project. The Board reviewed the project with Director of Maintenance Kevin Moon. Discussion followed. It was moved by Hotop and sec-
onded by Wondra to approve the award of the construc-
tion contract for Phase 2 of the Senior High air condi-
tioning to Trotter General Contracting of Macomb, IL in the amount of $659,343. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

2. Award construction contract for track resurfacing. Director of Maintenance Kevin Moon reviewed the track resurfacing project. Discussion followed. It was moved by Hotop and sec-
onded by Wondra to award the contract to resurface the track to Midwest Tennis and Track Company in the amount of $310,584. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

3. Accept Special Elec-
tion. The Board reviewed the Special Election Abstract of Votes. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

4. Approve Invoice for costs of Special Election. The Board reviewed the in-
voice for the costs associated with the Special Election.

Discussion followed. It was moved by Wondra and seconded by Hope to approve the invoice from the Lee County Auditor in the amount of $32,265.77 for the Special Election. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

VIII. Discussion Items

A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services – Kim Harmon

B. Superintendent – Erin Slater

1. Review policy #603.10 – 604, 605.6 and 711.14-
2. The Budget Committee

Vegas, NV as presented.

July 24-28, 2017 in Las

School Safety Conference,

Slater to attend the National

School football staff to trav-

to St. Louis, MO, Febru-

ary 24-26, 2017. The Board

reviewed the trip request.

Discussion followed. It was

moved by Wondra and sec-

onded by DiPrima to ap-

prove the trip request from

the High School football

staff to travel to St. Louis,

MO, February 24-26, 2017

as presented. The motion

passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

2. Consider approval of travel request from Erin Slater to attend the National School Safety Conference, July 24-28, 2017 in Las Vegas, NV. The Board reviewed the trip request.

Discussion followed. It was

moved by DiPrima and sec-

onded by Wondra to approve

the trip request from Erin

Slater to attend the National

School Safety Conference,

July 24-28, 2017 in Las

Vegas, NV as presented.

The motion passed on a 6-0

voice vote.

3. Consider approval of policy.

a. 603.3 – Special Educa-
tion. The Board reviewed

Policy 603.3 – Special Edu-
cation. It was moved by

Hope and seconded by

DiPrima to approve Policy # 603.3 Special Education. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

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