Great River Health looking at FM site

Burlington group looking at site cater-corner to FMCH campus

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - An official with Great River Health Systems out of Burlington confirmed Monday morning the group is looking to buy property on the west end of Fort Madison.

Jim Kammerer, vice president of Support Services with the company, said GRHS is still in the abstract phase of a parcel of land on the southeast corner of Ortho Road and Hwy 61.

“We are in the process of purchasing that property, I don’t think it’s been finalized because there was some stuff with the abstract,” he said.

The company is looking to purchase the land for an outreach clinic. Kammerer said that type of clinic usually provides services that typically aren’t offered in the community.

“We’re looking at that land for an outreach clinic,” he said. “Outreach clinics provide services such as urology - those types of services that aren’t currently provided in the community and are not inherent to a typical community hospital.”

Kammerer said Fort Madison doesn’t offer

Freshmen FM ‘station’

As part of Wednesday’s freshman half-day start to the school year, the students went onto the field with Principal Greg Smith and Plasma to welcome in the new year. The high school put on the partial day as part of the calendar year this request at the year of Smith who said the new twist was very well-received.

New program a bit for freshmen

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A new program to bring freshmen along a little more informally seemed to be a hit with students Wednesday morning at Fort Madison High School.

Principal Greg Smith said he’s heard nothing but good things from the incoming class of Bloodhounds, who as part of the half-day of activities, formed an “FM” on the Jim Yowell Field.

“I asked them earlier how many felt better doing it this way without all the other kids coming in, and almost everyone raised their hands, so it’s been good,” Smith said.

He said he’s been wanting to introduce the freshmen to high school in this manner for a couple of years.

“I spoke with the previous superintendent about it and he wasn’t as keen on it as I was. But I asked the new superintendent (Erin Slater) and she just said, ‘Let’s do it’ it!”

“This time I said we have to get this on the calendar. The fourth graders are doing it over at the middle school, too, as a transition into that school as well.”

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Davis County Mustangs, Hounds open with fresh faces

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - It’s shaping up to be a heavy run game, although with no games under their belts, who knows what’s in store Friday when Davis County and Fort Madison crack open the 2017 football season.

The game, which was originally scheduled to be played in Bloodfield, was moved to Fort Madison as a result of construction on the Davis County High School football field. Friday’s game kicks off at Jim Yowell Field in Fort Madison at 7:30 with a special game ball arrival set for 7:20.

Head Coach Tony Shiffman’s squad’s coming off a scrimmage last week against Mediapolis on the road. Shiffman said he was impressed with the younger players who took most of the snaps. He said his projected starters are healthy and excited to get the season started.

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

DEATH NOTICE

DONALD ASA CHARBONEAU

Donald Asa Charboneau, 80 years, of Denmark, Iowa died Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at the Donnellson Health Center, Donnellson, Iowa. Arrangements are pending at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison, Iowa.

Ys Kindermusik classes begin Sept. 11

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison YMCA’s seasonal popular Kindermusik program will kick off its fall session beginning on Sept. 11.

Classes focus on engagement through music and bonding with parents and instructors on different days and times throughout the week. Sessions are also broken out by age group for parents with children under the ages 4 and under.

The classes are listed below:

Cuddle & Bounce (ages 0-1): Tuesday’s 5:45pm
In Cuddle & Bounce, a joyful first Kindermusik experience, parents and their newborns, infants and crawlers engage in instrument play, dance, exploration time, and together time. As they do so, they strengthen critically important early parent-child bonds; learn about their baby’s early development & fine-tune their baby-communications skills. Welcome to the magic time of life, that all-too-fleeting first chapter of life when miracles happen daily. This is a 30-40 minute class for children and parents/caregivers to attend together.

Sing & Play (age 1): Thursday's 9:45am
Sing & Play is an energetic and joyful celebration of the very young child’s growing new movement and language skills. A mix of parent-child joint activities and child-focused activities provide parents a unique opportunity to participate in all the music and movement fun, but also to stand back, observe and revel in how these older babes and toddlers are beginning to walk, talk, sing, play, clap, tap, and dance—all on their own! This is a 35-45 minute class for children and parents/caregivers to attend together.

Wiggle & Grow (age 2): Thursday's 10:15am
Wiggle & Grow is a music-filled class that celebrates the unique joys of the growing child. It features a mix of activities for parents and children that include singing, dancing, and exploring and playing instruments. Children will get to practice their active listening, turn-taking, and social skills, as well as develop their gross- and fine motor skills. This is a 45 minute class for children and parents/caregivers to attend together.

Laugh & Learn (age 3): Monday's 5:15pm

See YMCA, page 9
For the Record

Fort Madison Police report
08/22/17 - 11:40 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a vandalism in the 400 block of Vica Lane.
08/22/17 - 11:53 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

Lee County Sheriff's report
08/22/17 - 11:18 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Andrea Lynn Woodward, 28, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for violation of a no-contact order. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond.
08/22/17 - 12:40 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Adrian Jamier Miles, 22, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

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Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Andrew Scott Scanlan, 28 of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue
08/22/17 - Fort Madison firefighters respond-ed to four medical, two false alarms, one smoke detector malfunction.
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Richardson PTO buys equipment for teachers

FORT MADISON - The Richardson Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization purchased Hoops and various basketballs for teachers at the school this year.

The equipment was color-coded for each classroom, and the equipment was labeled with character-building words like “tolerance.” The equipment was handed out on Wednesday afternoon.

From left to right are Jennifer LaFrenz, an autism specialist at the school, Ashley Hardin, Suni Shahan and Denise Trout, all first-grade teachers. Dawn Johnson, a kindergarten teacher, Morgan Alchier, PTO President, Brandi Koering, PTO Treasurer and Christina Tripp, PTO Secretary.
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Farrell gives Social Media Q&A to Young Professionals

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison Young Professionals held their quarterly Lunch & Learn on Wednesday, August 23, 2017, at the Baxter Sports Complex. Speaker Darla Farrell, owner of The Funky Cowgirl, presented “Social Media Ps and Qs.” The presentation not only provided the Young Professionals with ideas regarding new ways to impact business and potential customer audiences through social media, but also discussed the importance of promoting your best self in order to reach personal and professional goals.

Young Professionals is designed to promote personal and professional development, foster relationships among peers in the business community and create an awareness of community engagement for those ages 25-39. For more information, please contact Fort Madison Partners at 319-372-5471.
GRHS wants to build clinic at Ortho Rd, Hwy 61

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currently offer Urology services. However, the hospital does hold clinic three times per week with Great River Medical Center urologists.

The clinic, if built, will stand just across the intersection from the Fort Madison Community Hospital.

“I can’t say if it’s going to be competitive or not competitive, but that’s the type of clinic services we’re considering there,” he said.

The company has also acquired the services of Hometown Medical Care in West Point. Kammerer said the staff at that facility will be transitioning to Great River Health Systems on Oct. 1, but he said details on that property are also still being worked out.

Move & Groove on for 4-year olds

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Laugh & Learn classes combine the preschooler’s natural love of music, storytelling, and imaginative play. Early music concepts are introduced, and age-appropriate activities will help foster the child’s independence, social and emotional skills, language growth, and self-control. Parents will get a chance to connect with other parents and caregivers, and share in the wonder of parenting a preschooler. This is a 45 minute class for children with parents joining ONLY for final activities.

Move & Groove (age 4)
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In this class, we engage your child in music and movement activities that also promote language, social and emotional skills, early math and early literacy, physical coordination, creativity and more. Plus, your child will learn basic music vocabulary and notation—all setting the stage for future school success and formal music lessons. This is a 45 minute class for children with parents joining ONLY for final activities.

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Lady Crusaders kick off season Tuesday

FORT MADISON - The Holy Trinity Catholic High School girls volleyball team will kick off their season on the road Tuesday with a match at West Burlington. The Lady Crusaders are coming off a 31-3 season where they were knocked off in the state tournament semi-finals in 2016.

From left to right back row is Jorie Whitaker, Emily Dingman, Sam Hoening, Madison Mohrfeld, Emily Box, Eryn Anderson, Taylor Boeding and Kaleigh Bigler. Front row left to right is Claire Pothitakis, May Lawlor, Elise Pothitakis, Maya Rashid and Katie Scoville. They are coached by Melissa Freesmeier.

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Half-day for freshmen came from Cedar Rapids program

The 1/2 day was a morning of getting acclimated with the school layout and getting to know some of the staff. At about 10:30 the kids all headed out to the football field for a group shot lined up as the FM logo on the field and then a social lunch was provided where staff intermingled with the students in the multi-purpose room.

"From the time they walked in, I thought this is not what freshmen look like coming into high school," he said. "They’re confident, giggling and joking around having fun. And I asked them earlier how many thought they felt better without all the other kids coming in and almost everyone raised their hands."

He said he got the idea from a friend in Cedar Rapids who works for elementary school program that implements the same program.

“Our were having dinner and we talked about freshmen really needing to be involved in this so we did that. “I’ve got teachers going around, and associates and kids intermingled, and the buses come about 11:30 and they are out of here.”

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Hounds looking to get early win to start season

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“I've told Lennon (Barker), 'There might be games when you throw 10 times and there might be games when you throw 30 times. You just need to be ready.'”

-Tony Shiffman
FMHS Head Coach

The Fort Madison Bloodhounds are going to feature Alex Gully as the workhorse in the backfield this year. Gully is in his senior year and is coming off a 72 carry, 165 yard year in 2016. Here he takes a handoff from the running backs’ coach Mike Hayes earlier this year.

Who to watch

The Mustang offense was led with a big play, gaining 556 yards on 102 carries from his signal caller. Shiffman said Zach Houf completed 42 passes for over 600 yards and six touchdowns. He also had the majority of the yards on the ground, gaining 556 yards on 102 carries from his signal caller spot. The rest of the Mustang offense was spread out. Junior Hyatt Flannigan and senior Collen Allen combined for 659 yards on 152 carries splitting time in the backfield.

The Allen kid and Zeitler, some tough kids there. They did a very well. They have very few touches in 2016, with only five carries splitting time in the backfield. up by Coy Dorothy. I told Coy that I need to keep him here as long as I can. I got him right off the football field. He went from MacMurray to Arena football and he's going to try to play Arena again.”

On the field, assistant coach Luke Rickelman will be calling defensive plays and Shiffman will call the offensive plays himself.

“I've got a great staff. We're trying to get the kids excited. They're a bit cautious because some of the seniors are going on their third head coach,” Shiffman said. “We're still struggling with numbers a little bit. I've had good talks with Coach (Todd) McGhghy and getting numbers up and what we should have. He's been around for some time and he knows. The problem is the young kids who aren't out don't know why they don't want to play.

“I talked with some freshmen today who look the part and are athletic and I ask them why they don't play and I get, 'I don't know,' and I press them a bit on it because I want to know what's going on out there and they just give me "I don't know." But we're gonna keep fighting and build the program.”

Who to watch

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Senior RB #1 Alex Gully, Senior OL/OL #45 Elijah Barnes, Senior OL/DL #55 Dalton Mabeus, Senior WR #2 Shance Redd-Donald, Senior WR #38 Lorenzo Hicks, Senior WR #4 Logan Allen, Junior QB #12 Lennon Barker.

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Allen will also be watching JR Zeitler who looked good on film but had very few touches in 2016, with only five carries, six receptions, and tossed a pass. "He's the only other one that threw a pass last year," Shiffman said. "In our scouting, they've got some starters back and watching film, they have some tough kids there. The Allen kid and Zeitler, we're not sure where they're going to fit offensively. They've got six starters back. They had a tough year last year, too, but we're preparing for them like they were 9-0." Shiffman said his squad, that finished 0-9 last year, is still very much in the rebuilding phase of a program that's had three different head coaches in four years.

“We're still kind of trying to rebuild,” Shiffman said. “Practices have been up and down. We've had a really good period and then they would struggle. So we try to focus on having really good days one at a time and then put those back-to-back, which we haven't done yet. They're stuck in their ways I guess and we're trying to break that.”

He said the team's energy levels are good, and excitement is palpable on the team and coaching staff. "They're ready to get out there and see what we can do," he said. "I think we'll have a good first five minutes. We've got a great game plan on offense and on defense. I just hope we can stick to that. We'll have a nice ebb and flow to the game. If we're running the ball well, I'm not going to be dumb and change that up.

But he has high confidence in Lennon's ability to open the game up.

"I've told Lennon, 'There might be games where you throw 10 times and there might be games where we throw 30 times. You just need to be ready, and I know he can handle that.'”

Barker is being coached by former West Hancock standout quarterback Coy Dorothy, who's fresh off a record-setting season at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois.

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