Iowa National Guard troops headed to Florida

DES MOINES – In cooperation with Gov. Reynolds and the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, 19 Soldiers, two CH-47F Chinook helicopters, and two LUH-72 Lakota helicopters from the Iowa Army National Guard will deploy on Sept. 11 to support response operations for Hurricane Irma.

The team is comprised as follows:
- Company A, 1st Battalion, 376th Aviation Security and Support (Waterloo);
- Company B, 2-211th General Support Aviation Battalion (Davenport);
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 67th Troop Command (Iowa City);
- Company C, 2-147th Aviation (Boone);
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division (Boone);

School board, SCC levy decided today

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Six residents in the Fort Madison School District are on the ballot Tuesday as is a 6-cent instructional support levy for the Southeastern Community College.

Current Board President Timm Lamb is not seeking re-election this year as his seat is up for grabs as are incumbents' Tim Wondra and Gayla Young, who are on the ballot seeking re-election.

Wondra is co-owner and operator of Wondra Chiropractic in Fort Madison and Young is a teacher in the Danville district, but lives in Denmark. Both Wondra and Young said they think the board still has work to do and want to continue the work they've been a part of.

Others seeking election for the first time include Gunther Anderson, Renee Ehlers, Brad Menke, and Jillian Troxel. Anderson works at Pinnacle Foods and is an executive on the UFCW Local 617 union. He has said he has three children in the district and is concerned about the decisions the community has made and wants to be part of the discussion going forward.

Ehlers works for the Iowa Department of Human Services and is the current president of the Lincoln Parent-Teacher Group and has children in the district as well. She said she has considered running before, but now wants to get involved to help attract the best teachers and have the best facilities.

Jillian Troxel is a physical therapist at Fort Madison and Young is a chiropractor in Fort Madison and wants to continue the work they've been a part of.

There's sting in almost every practical joke

It happened in a class four or five years ahead of me in school. The senior class had a gang of boys more interested in shenanigans than anything serious, like the impression they made on the community, or what their actions paid out in consequences. "The gang," which is an insult to the term, was led by a thug who loved picking on weaker individuals. He was a bully in every sense of the word. Like all bullies, he hid behind a shield of bravado, fear covered by anger, and an overblown image of himself. His name was Bo Browning.

There was one poor soul in particular that Bo loved picking on, Henry Gurnia, whom he called Henry Hernia. Henry was from a very poor family, if you can call it a family. No one knew for sure. It was rumored that he lived with his stepfather (who beat him), in a one-room shack without running water, back in the thick woods that lined the Skunk River. I would see Henry standing at the end of a rutted, weed-lined dirt path, waiting for the school bus. He wore dirty clothes that were too large for him, a pair of borrowed, wire-rimmed glasses with a cracked lens. His hair was down over his shirt collar, his pants were held up by a belt that went nearly twice around his waist and, to put it mildly, he smelled. Girls stayed away from him, and the gang, led by Bo, completely away from him, and the gang, led by Bo, behind a shield of bravado, fear covered by anger, and an overblown image of himself. His name was Bo Browning.

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Paul Siegfried, 85, of the Eastern Star Masonic Home in Boone and formerly of Nioita, Illinois, died at the Home on August 29, 2017. Paul Leonard Siegfried was born on January 18, 1932 on the family farm, in Appanoose Township in Illinois, the son of George and Mary (Bole) Siegfried. Paul was Class President of his graduating class of 1950, from Saints Peter and Paul High School, where he was an avid basketball player. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1952 and served during the Korean War. On September 5, 1959, Paul married Bonnadonna ‘Bonnie’ Rueh at the Sacred Heart Church in Fort Madison, Iowa. Paul farmed in Hancock County in Illinois. The couple moved to Boone in the fall of 2014. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Nauvoo, and Paul loved farming, of course with his “Case” tractors, and horses.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and a brother Clement Siegfried. Paul is survived by his wife, Bonnie of Boone; a son Brent Siegfried and wife Yolanta of Aurora, Illinois; a daughter, Alison Purtle and husband Eric of Boone; a son Brent Siegfried and wife Yolanta of Aurora, Illinois; a daughter Catherine Campo of Riverton, Illinois; four grandchildren, Alexander Siegfried, Andrew Siegfried, Evanston Purtle, and Ailizin Purtle. A Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the Church of the Sacred Heart in Boone, IA or Ss. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Nauvoo, IL with full Military Honors. In memory of Paul, memorials may be directed to the Church of the Sacred Heart in Boone, IA or Ss. Peter and Paul School in Nauvoo, IL. Online condolences to the family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com. King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory in Fort Madison is assisting the family with the arrangements.

On Friday, September 15, 2017 the family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. just prior to the Mass of Burial which will be held at 11:00 a.m. all at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo, IL with Rev. Thomas Sydlik officiating. Burial will be held at Ss. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Nauvoo, IL with full Military Honors. In memory of Paul, memorials may be directed to the Church of the Sacred Heart in Boone, IA or Ss. Peter and Paul School in Nauvoo, IL. Online condolences to Paul’s family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com. King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory in Fort Madison is assisting the family with the arrangements.

And on the 8th day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, “I need a caretaker” -- so God made a Farmer.

God said, “I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, milk cows, work all day in the fields, milk cows again, eat supper, then go to town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the school board” -- so God made a Farmer.

“I need somebody with arms strong enough to rustle a calf and yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild; somebody to call hogs, tame cattankorous machinery, come home hungry, have to wait lunch until his wife’s done feeding visiting ladies, then tell the ladies to be sure and come back real soon -- and mean it!” -- so God made a Farmer.

God said, “I need somebody willing to sit up all night with a newborn colt, and watch it die, then dry his eyes and say, ‘Maybe next year.’ I need somebody who can shape an ax handle from a persimmon sprout, shoe a horse with a hunk of car tire, who can make harness out of haywire, feed sacks and shoe scraps; who, planting time and harvest season, will finish his forty-hour week by Tuesday noon, and then pain’t from tractor back,” put in another seventy-two hours” -- so God made a Farmer.

God had to have somebody willing to ride the ruts at double speed to get the hay in ahead of the rain clouds, and yet stop in mid-field and race to help when he sees the first smoke from a neighbor’s place -- so God made a Farmer.

God said, “I need somebody strong enough to clear trees and heave bails, yet gentle enough to tame lambs and wean pigs and tend the pink-combed pullets, who will stop his mower for an hour to splint the broken leg of a meadow lark.”

It had to be somebody who’d plow deep and straight and not cut corners; somebody to seed, weed, feed, breed and rake and disc and plow and plant and tie the fence and strain the milk and replenish the self-feeder and finish a hard week’s work with a five mile drive to church; somebody who would bale a family together with the soft strong bonds of sharing, who would laugh, and then sigh, and then reply, with smiling eyes, when his son and daughter says that they want to spend their lives “doing what dad does.” -- so God made a Farmer.

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Fort Madison Community School District School Board
September 12, 2017

Paul for by Anderson for Fort Madison School Board, 1922 Avenue F, Fort Madison, IA 52627

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Joke was on senior class after bullying stunt

knocked books out of his hands, pushed him down steps, and generally made Henry's life miserable. "Hey, Hernia, got a date for the prom?" It's a credit to Henry's grit and determination that he even finished high school.

For speech class Henry described in detail how to skin a possum, and joked about his pap whipping him if he wasted a bullet. I don't know why county social workers didn't get involved, but in those days, 1962, I'm not sure there were county social workers.

When it came time to elect class officers, Bo, who thought he should be class president, devised a prank. To upset the usual slate of goodie-two-shoes, Bo spread the word amongst his gang to vote for Henry as a joke. Even some of the girls got into the vote rigging. When it came time to vote, Henry Hernia was elected senior class president.

The school administration was beside itself. But what could they do? Bo was called into the principal's office, but he just shrugged his shoulders and said, "Looks like the senior class has spoken, sir."

The really sad part is that Henry didn't realize it was a joke. He thought he was elected because of popularity. "Pa will be so proud," Henry said, wiping the toe of his shoe on the back of a pant leg.

Consequently, the year for that senior class was a shambles. Henry had no skills when it came to leading the senior class, nor would any of the other class officers have anything to do with him. The fund raiser for the senior class trip never got off the ground, the senior prom was ill attended, and when class pictures came out, there was Henry, at the top of the senior class picture, his greasy hair a mess.

At graduation, the class president always speaks. When it was Henry's turn, the auditorium was beside itself. But what could they do? Bo was right after the school board president, and before the class valedictorian, Henry stumbled to the podium. The bright lights reflected off his cracked glasses. A hush fell over the auditorium. Henry shielded the glare with his hand, looked out over the crowd, and started to say, "I'm gonna join them marines and kill me some..."

"Looks like the senior class has spoken, sir."

But that's the price you pay when a joke turns out to be president.

Bo's crowd jeered, hooted and brayed like donkeys. Parents and relatives in the auditorium were shocked, embarrassed and angered at such a mockery of a respected office.

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Howardson, Steffensmeier lead Hound squads; Dennis wins junior high run

FAIRFIELD - Sierra Howardson took second place at the Fairfield Invitational to lead the FMHS girls to a second place finish as well. Howardson finished behind Mt. Pleasant's Abby Ryon with a time of 22:04.71 to round out the Fort Madison girls runners. Fort Madison had 62 points to front-runner Ottumwa's 42 points. Mt. Pleasant took 3rd at the meet with 71 points.

In the boys meet, Aaron Steffensmeier finished in fourth place to lead the Hounds to a second place finish at the meet. Steffensmeier motored to a 17:01.99 mark followed by Dayne Cordray, whose 17:11.81 mark was good enough for fifth right behind Steffensmeier. Miguel Trejo took 16th overall at the meet with an 18:20.20 time just ahead of the Bloodhounds' Noah Sisel and Nathan Steffensmeier who finished in 18th and 19th, respectively, with 18:25.34 and 18:26.31 times.

Owen Kruse and Elton Kruse finished 22nd and 23rd overall with Owen finishing at 18:29 and Elton at 18:33. The Hounds finished with 62 points, behind Mt. Pleasant with 47. Fairfield took 3rd place at the meet with 80 points.

In junior varsity action, Claire Hellman and Anna Kester took 3rd and 4th in the girls meet with 23:50.52 and a 23:52.40 marks. Mih Shariat took sixth place at the meet with a 24:17.14 and Brittney Sanford finished 11th with a 25:19.05 time.

Matt Meierotto finished third in the boys junior varsity meet with a 19:21.41 time. Anthony Barnes took 12th at 20:26.70. Alex Steffensmeier finished in 29th place overall with a 21:45.67 and Seth Mendez finished at 22:04.75.

In the Middle school run, Katelyn Dennis captured her second 1st place finish on the year with a 13:57 time in the 1.5 mile junior high meet. Isabella Boeding was 15th overall with a 15:07 mark and Tauren Settles took 16th place just three seconds behind at 15:10.

Emily Steffensmeier finished in a time of 15:55, Mylah Blanchard, Mckenna Cashman, and Breann Walston finished 44th, 45th, and 46th overall at the meet. Lauren Otto took 49th place and Ellie Schulte finished in 51st place. Jordyn Boyer finished in 64th place.

In the boys junior high meet, Hayden Wolfe finished in 5th place overall for Fort Madison with a 12:17 time. Austin Miller and Dayton Davis both finished in the top 10 at 12:28 and 12:37 for ninth and tenth place.

Will Gager, Miles Dear, and Emmett Kruse were 12-14th with times of 12:47, 12:49, and 13:04.

Reiburn Turnbull finished at 14:52, Dimari Mere-diah finished at 15:02, Matt Steffensmeier at 15:08, Tate Settles at 15:22, and Cameron Shutwell rounded out the Fort Madison finishers at 17:46.

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The six-cent ISL for SCC is up for renewal. The funds help offset costs associated with technology and equipment in the classrooms at the multiple campus locations in Des Moines and Lee Counties.

Voting locations for the Fort Madison districts are listed below and polls are open from noon to 8 p.m.

- Fort Madison School District
- Fort Madison Wards 1-5, and Madison and Jefferson Townships all cast ballots at the Fort Madison Library at 1920 Avenue E in Fort Madison.
- Green Bay and Washington Townships will vote at Grace Bible Church 3526 175th Street in Wever.
- Voters in the towns of Denmark, West Point, Pleasant Ridge, Cedar, Marion, and Franklin, as well as the cities of Houghton, St. Paul, and West Point will all cast their votes at the West Point Public Library at 317 5th Street in West Point.

**Equipment, troops being deployed to storm ravaged southeast**

- Company D, 2-211th General Aviation Support Battalion (Davenport);
- These aircraft and crew members will be utilized as follows: move supplies, equipment and people; support search and rescue operations; and provide situational awareness to response planning and operations. The two Chinook helicopters and one Lakota will be sourced from the Davenport Army Aviation Support Facility (“AASF”). A second Lakota will be sourced from the Waterloo AASF.
- The state of Florida has requested support from Iowa. Support is provided under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (“EMAC”) (pronounced “ee mack”), an agreement executed previously between all 50 states, two territories, and the District of Columbia, to assist one another in times of crisis. EMAC is a national, mutual aid and partnership agreement that allows state-to-state assistance during Governor-declared or federally-declared emergencies. Once the conditions for providing assistance to a requesting state have been met, the terms constitute a legally binding contractual agreement that make affected states responsible for reimbursement.

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- 6 Mos. Special Financing On All Purchases of $149 or more.
- 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday
- Art Center of Burlington
- 301 Jefferson St., Burlington

This free series is open to the public, regardless of whether they have used Great River Hospice services.

At each session:
- A short presentation
- Walk to the "Before I Die..." mural
- Light refreshments
- Questions

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**Oct. 12**

- Organ Donation
- Carver St. Brookview Foundation