Cory Bohnenkamp pulls channel cat from his hold on Sunday afternoon. Bohnenkamp and his teammate Brandon Ruffcorn had a grand total of 28.3 lbs, but had a big fish of 8.7 lbs.

**Catfish tourney raises thousands for the Dan Meyer family**

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A gray morning with a bleak forecast pushed the 1st ever Dan Meyer Memorial Catfish tournament back a day, but that didn't stop anglers from coming from as far as Wisconsin to pull channel cat from Pool 19 Sunday morning.

The first annual Dan Meyer Memorial tournament was met with some biting winds on the Mississippi, but more than 80 anglers showed up for a 7 a.m. start.

Annie Meyer, who helped put the tournament together with her husband Calvin, said the event raised a total of just under $2,000 for the fishing portion alone. There was also a free-will fish fry at the Eagles Club in Fort Madison where awards were given out and a raffle was held.

**FMHS wraps Dinner Theater**

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PCC FMHS INTERN

FORT MADISON - This last weekend was an epic and emotional performance for the Fort Madison High School Music Department.

Dinner Theater is held near the end of every school year, usually with a different theme each year. The theme this year was Around the World, including songs from the Beatles, Shakira, and Toto. Both of the Jazz Bands and the Show Choir also performed for their last time this season. Some of the seniors even sang their hearts out with their own solos.

This year’s music department seniors were full of tears at Saturday night’s performance. Most of them have been here all four years. Saying goodbye to something that may have been used.

The FMHS music department wrapped up its annual dinner theater production Saturday night with some songs from Around the World.

**Stowaway dryer sheet softens day**

I needed Ginnie to help me string the electric chicken wire fence—her to hold the roll while I shoved the stakes in the ground. I figured it would be a good time for her and me to work together outdoors, on the farm, in the fresh air. I was right.

It was rather cold and windy the morning of our fence building, so we had to bundle up proper. I spied Ginnie stuffing facial tissue in her coat pocket to blow her nose on. I told her that farmers didn’t use tissue outdoors, they just blew their noses on the ground. She told me that she’s tried it in the past that she wound up getting it all over her, so she guessed she wouldn’t make a good farmer. I let her have her way.

When we were outdoors stringing wire mesh, and trying to figure out how the fence worked as we unfolded it, I kept smelling something quite fragrant in the air. Knowing it surely wasn’t the chickens, and not seeing any trees or flowers in bloom nearby, I deduced that it was the presence of Ginnie. What a pleasant feeling, to scent the fragrance of your wife while doing an otherwise, kinda-sorta, nasty job. It made the whole day pleasantly odoriferous. When I commented about her fragrance, Ginnie acted a little confused but accepted the compliment with a self-congratulatory grin.

After stringing the wire mesh, hooking up the solar energizer, and getting zapped a couple of times, I figured out that maybe I ought to use the included voltage meter. Energizer, and getting zapped a couple of times, I figured out that maybe I ought to use the included voltage meter.
Day putting up fence was time well spent

I’m more of a short-it-out—without-a-screwdriver-kind-of-guy. (There were explicit warnings against this in the instructions, which I read only after building the fence.) When I applied the voltage meter to the fence, I was taken aback. The voltage fluctuated between 4,000 and 8,000 volts. Holy moly, guacamole! If that doesn’t keep the chickens in and the mink out, I don’t know what will.

All-in-all, I was pleased with the fence that Ginnie and I built. And I didn’t do any yelling or cursing (except when I got zapped). When we made a mistake, there were a couple of us, just accepted it as part of the experience and moved on. Ginnie and I were having too much fun working together to ruin it. We’re part of the experience and there were a couple of errors. I just accepted it as part of the experience.

Working outdoors for the better part of a day, in the sun and wind, and that heavenly fragrance, had our appetites worked up. I was starving. Ginnie went in the house to throw together a meatloaf, while Ginnie and I were building chicken fence, I had my courage up. “Tomorrow,” I told Ginnie. “We’re building a pen for the bucket call!”

“Do I get to bring tissue with me?” she asked.

“Working outdoors for the better part of a day, in the sun and wind, and that heavenly fragrance, had our appetites worked up. I was starving. Ginnie went in the house to throw together a meatloaf, while I picked up the tools. The hardest part of any job, I’ve discerned what’s important in life and what isn’t. If an error costs you five extra minutes, or an hour, or a day, what’s the big deal in comparison to a loving relationship?

After a day of building chicken fence, I had my courage up. “Tomorrow,” I told Ginnie. “We’re building a pen for the bucket call!”

I gathered up the last couple of eggs (11 hens, 11 eggs) from the hen house and went indoors, looking forward to a hot shower and hot food. The meatloaf was smelling mighty good and there was that fragrance again, all mixed in with the meatloaf. I took off my coat and long-sleeved shirt, and what fell out of the sleeve?—a dryer sheet!

Mercy sakes, alive! And I thought I had been in heaven all day. Actually, I had.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm In Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at curtswarm@yahoo.com or find him on Facebook. Curt's stories are also read at 106.3 FM in Farmington.

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Scene Around Town

This year, do your part to keep our environment clean, too! Here are just a few of the ways you can help:

• Properly dispose of your household hazardous waste materials, construction debris, & electronic waste
• Use environmentally-safe cleaning products
• Reduce • Reuse • Recycle
• Check our website for proper disposal methods, acceptable materials, & more

Spring Cleaning
Keep it green!

The Easter Bunny made its annual visit to the Fort Madison Community Easter Egg Hunt organized by Hy-Vee Food Stores. Hy-Vee then gave out food and bicycles depending on the prizes in the 1000s of eggs. Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Great River Regional Waste Authority is accepting bids for the mowing of its properties located at 2092 303rd Ave in Fort Madison and 111 Carbide lane in Keokuk.

Bids must be received by April 2nd at 4:00 p.m. It is recommended that all bidders look at the properties before submitting their bids.

PUBLIC MEASURE

Notice to voters. To vote to approve any question on this ballot, fill in the oval in front of the word “Yes”. To vote against a question, fill in the oval in front of the word “No”.

[Table of Public Measurers]

Shall the Board of Directors of the Central Lee Community School District, in Lee County, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue general obligation bonds in an amount not exceeding $9,800,000 for the purposes of furnishing, equipping, constructing, improving, repairing and renovating school buildings and improving the sites therefor at the school district's existing school buildings, including: (a) the expansion of the high school building to include a competition/performance gymnasium addition with new locker rooms and weight rooms, (b) an addition of a new commons area in the high school building to resolve space and functional needs, (c) new office spaces and entryway areas in the K-8 and high school buildings to improve security, (d) renovations of the K-8 building for a new early childhood center and (e) parking and site improvements for the school district campus to improve access and safety?

Shall be for mowing services, weed eating every week (Unless not recommended by GRRWA) and also spraying weeds if needed.

Bids need to be sent to: Great River Regional Waste Authority, 2092 303rd Ave Fort Madison Iowa 52627 and to the Attention of: Wade Hamm.

PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WEST POINT UTILITY SYSTEM

WEST POINT, IOWA
March 13th, 2018

The West Point Municipal Utility System Board of Trustees met in regular session at West Point City Hall, West Point, Iowa 52656 on March 13th, 2018. Board Chairman Randy Schmitz presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board Members Ted Vonderhaar and Brian Schmitz both present. Ten-tative agenda was approved by consensus Status of delinquent accounts was discussed and considered by Board Members in detail. Field operations report, as prepared by Utility Superintendent, was discussed by Board Members in detail. Motion, approved warrants payable for March 2018 as presented. Motion, meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m., March 13th, 2018.

EXPENDITURES FOR FEBRUARY 2018

ALTORFER INC. - SUPPLIES
4,256.89
CULLEN CONSTRUCTION - REPAIR
22,388.54
DAILY DEMOCRAT - LEGAL PUBLICATION
9,233.00
DELTA DENTAL - INSURANCE
135.50
DIAGRAM HARDWARE - ANTIMIVIRUS RENWAL
78.12
DFTS - FED/FICA TAX
1,586.89
DUNDARD - PARTS
14.90
FLEETCHER-REINHARDT INC. - SUPPLIES
3,487.24
FLOYDS EZWAY - TRASH PICK UP
120.00
HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE - SUPPLIES
163.88
IA DEPT OF REVENUE - PROPERTY TAX
19.57
IPERS - RETIREMENT
2,137.68
MC FARLAND - SUPPLIES
46.12
MASTERCARD - UNIFORMS
432.28
MEDIACOM - TELEPHONE
309.80
MENKE PROFESSIONAL - SUPPLIES
36.45
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY CO.- HANHELD BATTERIES
806.83
PETTY CASH
12.59
RATHBRUN REGIONAL WATER - WATER PURCHASE
6,795.00
RESALE POWER GROUP OF IOWA - ELECTRIC PURCHASE
60,066.26
RICHOU USA - COPIER
71.73
SENSUS USA - ANNUAL SOFTWARE
1,949.94
SONNY'S SUPERMARKET - SUPPLIES
22.44
STATE AUDITOR - ANNUAL EXAM
125.00
STATE HYGIENIC LAB - LAB FEES
13.00
STUART C. IRBY - PARTS
217.21
T&R ELECTRIC - TRANSFORMER
7,845.00
US POSTAL SERVICE - STAMPS
3,956.89
UPS - SHIPMENT FEE
8.81
US POSTAL SERVICE - FEEDBACKS
476.60
UNITED SECURITY INS. - INSURANCE
2,157.04
WELLMAR KB/CBS OF IOWA - INSURANCE
2,002.03
WEST POINT UTILITY - KEYS
7.66
WEST POINT UTILITIES - UTILITY CHARGES
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PUBLIC NOTICE

1. Denise Fraise, Commissioner of Elections of Lee County, Iowa do hereby certify this ballot as a correct copy of the regular ballot to be used in the polling places at the Special Election on April 3, 2018.

Notice - Caribbian Voting
Any voter who is physically unable to enter a polling place has the right to vote by absentee ballot. It is recommended that all voters who are unable to enter a polling place due to a temporary or permanent disability contact the County Auditor’s Office for details. You may contact us by phone at (319) 372-3705 or by email at auditor@leecounty.org.

Any voter who has not yet registered to vote, may do so at the polls. They will need to provide proof of residency and identity and should plan on extra time for the transaction. Acceptable forms of ID are: a current Iowa Driver’s license or another ID as long as it contains a photo and is current, valid and contains an expiration date. Acceptable forms of residency are a current (within 45 days) residential lease, property tax statement, utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government documents.

Voters are required to provide an approved form of identification at the polling place before they may receive and cast a ballot. Pre-registered voters who are unable to show approved ID may sign an oath of identification for an election held in 2018. Voters who are not pre-registered or who have changed precincts also may be required to provide proof of residency. Any voter who cannot show ID may have their identity attested to by another registered voter in the same precinct who has proper ID. Starting January 1, 2019, all voters will be required to present an approved form of identification. For additional information about voter identification visit https://sos.iowa.gov/voterid or phone (319) 372-3705.

The polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES APRIL 3, 2018

Central Lee High School 2642 HWY 281
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Lee County, State of Iowa

Official Ballot Special Election
April 3, 2018

Denise Fraise
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County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections

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Precinct Official’s Initials
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Public testing of DS200 Precinct Counters to be used for the April 3, 2018 Special Election is scheduled to commence on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 8:00 AM and continue each day thereafter until completion of the required test. The test will be held in the Annex at the Lee County Correctional Facility located at 2530 255th St. Montrose, IA.

This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of Sec.

49.53, Code of Iowa. Denise Fraise

Lee County Auditor & Commissioner of Elections

Central Lee High School

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of the required test. The test shall thereafter until completion of the required test. The test will be held in the Annex at

4. - Pen City Current - Monday, March 26, 2018
Board Bills for Approval and the Nutrition Account Board Bills for Approval; resignations from John Nagel as HS baseball coach, Mark Kammerer as bus driver, Kent Bailey as HS asst. girls basketball coach, Andrew Troxel as HS asst. football coach and Stacey Alverez as dance team coach. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services.
B. Superintendent. Consider approval of the request for travel from Patrick Lamb, Brent Zirkel and Tim Wondra to attend the annual safety conference in Orlando, FL, July 23-27, 2018 as presented. The motion passed on a 5-0 voice vote with Director Wondra abstaining from the vote.

2. Consider approval of the request for travel from Jesse Frank, Middle School Student Council advisor, requesting permission to travel to Six Flags in Eureka, MO on May 18, 2018. The Board reviewed the trip request. Discussion followed. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Troxel to approve the request for travel to Six Flags in Eureka, MO on May 18, 2018 as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

3. Consider approval of the request for travel from Liz Wesinger, DECA advisor requesting permission to travel to Atlanta, GA to attend the International Career Development Conference April 21-25, 2018. The Board reviewed the trip request. Discussion followed. It was moved by Young and seconded by DiPrima to approve the request from Liz Wesinger, DECA advisor re-

OFFICIAL SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT

Lee County, State of Iowa
Official Ballot Special Election April 3, 2018

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Measure A
Shall the following Public Measure be adopted?

- YES
- NO

Shall the Board of Directors of the Fort Madison Community School District in the Counties of Lee, Henry and Des Moines, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed $30,000,000 to provide funds to build, construct, furnish and equip a new elementary building and to construct, build, furnish and equip a baseball and softball athletic facility?

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The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

7. Consider approval of the sharing agreement between FMCSD and Holy Trinity for Boys Tennis for the 2018-2019 school year. The Board reviewed the sharing agreement. Discussion followed. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Hotop to approve the sharing agreement between FMCSD and Holy Trinity for Boys Tennis for the 2018-2019 school year as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

8. Consider approval of the sharing agreement between FMCSD and Holy Trinity for Girls Tennis for the 2018-2019 school year. The Board reviewed the sharing agreement. Discussion followed. It was moved by Hope and seconded by Ross to approve the sharing agreement between FMCSD and Holy Trinity for Girls Tennis for the 2018-2019 school year as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

9. Consider approval of the sharing agreement between FMCSD and Holy Trinity for Girls Country for the 2018-2019 school year. The Board reviewed the sharing agreement. Discussion followed. It was moved by Hope and seconded by Ross to approve the sharing agreement between FMCSD and Holy Trinity for Girls Country for the 2018-2019 school year as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

10. Consider approval of the sharing agreement between FMCSD and Holy Trinity for Girls Softball for the 2018-2019 school year. The Board reviewed the sharing agreement. Discussion followed. It was moved by Hope and seconded by Ross to approve the sharing agreement between FMCSD and Holy Trinity for Girls Softball for the 2018-2019 school year as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

11. Consider approval of the sharing agreement between FMCSD and Holy Trinity for Wrestling during the 2018-2019 school year. The Board discussed the need to establish a time and date for a public hearing regarding the hours of days of instruction for the 2018-2019 school year. It was moved by Troxel and seconded by Ross to establish the public hearing date for April 9, 2018 at 5:05 p.m. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

C. Secretary/Business Manager

1. Consider approval of the construction contract with lowest responsible bidder for the roof improvements at the High School. Kevin Moon presented the bid results. Discussion followed. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Ross to approve the roof improvement bid from Pella Roofing and Insulation in the amount of $93,670. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

VIII. Discussion Items

A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services

1. Winter Map Data

Director of Student Services Kim Harmon reviewed Winter Assessment data with the Board. Discussion followed.

Superintendent

1. Review policy #503.3 – 504.11, 507.2-E-2 and 904.2. The board reviewed the policies listed. These policies were brought back at a later meeting for final approval.

2. P3 Campus Update. Superintendent Slater gave a P3 Campus update and shared recent statistics from the service.

3. Certified Employee Attendance. The certified staff attendance report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

4. Board Member Attendance. The Board reviewed and discussed the Board member attendance report.

5. Discuss plans for employee retirement dinner. The Employee Retirement dinner is to be held on May 15, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

C. Secretary/Business Manager

IX. Comments from the audience. There were none.

X. Legislative update. The Board received a legislative update.

XI. Announcements. April 9, 2018, 5:00 p.m., Public Hearing - Certified Budget for FY18-19 – Central Office

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Break: 8:10 p.m. End Break: 8:20 p.m. XII. Closed Session to review confidential records and to consider to suspend or expel a student as per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(a) and 21.5(1)(e) - Student A. It was moved by Hope and seconded by DiPrima that a closed session be held as authorized by the Open Meetings Law codified at Section 21.5(1)(a) of the Code of Iowa to determine whether to suspend or expel a student, unless an open session is requested by the student or a parent or guardian of the student if the student is a minor. A roll call vote was taken and approved by Directors Ross, Hope DiPrima, Troxel, Young and Wondra all responding Aye.

12. Set time and date for Open Session. It was moved by Hope and seconded by Young to approve the agenda. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

III. Roof Improvements at Senior High School.

The purpose of the Public Hear-

ing was to receive written and oral comments regarding the Senior High Roof Improvements project.

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Superintendent
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Pen City current
Pen City Current - Monday, March 26, 2018 - 7
Mike Kuehl of Lindon, Ill., weighs his five catch limit Sunday at the Dan Meyer Memorial Catfish Tournament held Sunday. Kuehl's team, which included Kassi Kuehl, landed their biggest catch of the day at 6lb. 6 oz. Kuehl had 32.2 pounds in five fish.

The tournament was caught by Annie at 12.7 lbs. Second place overall went to Ryan Daniel, Troy Hanson, and Ken Miller at 40.2 lbs. Calvin and Annie had the most weight overall with 45.1 lbs of channel cat. The two donated a portion of their winnings to the two teams that traveled the farthest.

Seniors closing in on end of prep music careers

with proceeds going to help Dan’s son Easton. Calvin is Dan’s brother. Dan died unexpectedly this summer. Dan was survived by his wife Shayla and their son. Shayla said she was happy with the event turn out. “This is awesome,” Shayla said as boats were waiting in line to ramp out of the river at about 12:45. “His brother Calvin put this together with his wife Annie and the turnout was just amazing. I didn’t think we’d get 40 teams and we did and that’s just so cool with the weather being the way it was.”

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Meyer Memorial Catfish Tournament held Sunday. Kuehl’s team, which included Kassi Kuehl, landed their biggest catch of the day at 6lb. 6 oz. Kuehl had 32.2 pounds in five fish.

The biggest fish was caught by Annie at 12.7 lbs. Second place overall went to Ryan Daniel, Troy Hanson, and Ken Miller at 40.2 lbs. Calvin and Annie had the most weight overall with 45.1 lbs of channel cat. The two donated a portion of their winnings to the two teams that traveled the farthest.

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