McGregor clears hurdle for WP administrator post

Utility board still needs to OK hiring before it’s official

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT - West Point resident Dennis McGregor has been selected from a pool of more than a dozen candidates as the West Point City Council’s choice for the city’s next administrator.

However, the West Point Utility Board still has to vote on the position as well. The West Point City Administrator serves double duty as the city’s top paid official and the utilities director. West Point Mayor Paul Walker said the hiring wouldn’t become official until the utility voted on the issue Tuesday.

“i don’t foresee there being any problems,” Walker said. “but if something were to come up, we’d just go back to square one.”

McGregor wasn’t in attendance at the meeting as he was in Canada for his current employer. Walker said the timeline would be about a month, if approved by the utility board, for McGregor to tie up some pending commitments with his current employer, before taking the position with the city.

Current West Point City Administrator Gary Men...
Back-to-School effort in need of donations

Program expanded to include three- and four-year-olds

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Donations are still being accepted for the second annual Back-To-School Health Fair scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 4th from 10 a.m. to noon at the Fort Madison Community High School. More than 100 students have registered for the back-up packs, which include a new pair of shoes.

Registration forms are located at the Food Pantry. There is a foot measuring device at the Pantry to ensure the proper size of shoe is ordered. The committee’s Facebook page has full updates and those with additional questions are encouraged to contact Dawn Johnson at dawn.johnson@fmcsd.org or 660-341-6427.

This year the committee is including three- and four-year-old children to participate in a developmentally screening. Students entering K - 8th grade will be eligible to receive a backpack with most school supplies and new tennis shoes.

There are just some of the more than 100 pairs of new shoes in backpacks that are being donated to needy school children in the area as part of the 2nd Annual Back to School Health Fair set for Saturday, Aug. 4 at FMHS. Courtesy photo.

During the event children accompanied by their parent can expect to participate in a number of learning opportunities about resources and services available in our community. Children will have their vision checked and are also eligible to get a free haircut provided by local area hairdressers.

If you would like to donate supplies you may do so in a donation box that has been placed in the following local businesses: Family Video, Dollar General, Fareway and Lee County Bank until July 16th. A list of items needed is on each box. If you have donated or collected supplies in the past, please consider utilizing the collection boxes. This helps ensure appropriate items are collected and distributed when needed. Any items that are not utilized and distributed during the event are divided among buildings.

The committee is purchasing any items not donated to fill backpacks as well as tennis shoes for each registered partici-pant. If you are interested in sending a monetary donation to this cause you may send a check made to Fort Madison Kiwanis to: Lee County Bank and Trust, c/o Kevin Adams 801 Avenue F, Fort Madison, IA 52627.

Last year this program provided 125 backpacks and tennis shoes to area youth. The committee is anticipating many more, but donations will depend on the generosity of area organizations and community members.

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OBITUARIES

JAKE ANTHONY STEWART

Jake Anthony Stewart, 34, of Keokuk, IA died on Wednesday, July 4, 2018.

He was born October 20, 1983 in Keokuk, IA the son of Charles Anthony, Sr. and Laura Malloy Stewart.

Jake had been employed by Henniges in Keokuk and most recently by Glen Meyers Driveway & Septic Tank Service in Keokuk.

He attended Apostolic Holiness Church in Keokuk.

Jake liked tinkering with things to see how they worked. He would take them apart, then put them back together. He was athletic and competitive and loved playing basketball, and football, and had played on the Keokuk High School teams. He also loved to go fishing with his grandma Stewart. Jake was a great dad and loved his children very much.

He is survived by six children, DeAndre Stewart, Domanick Stewart, Madison Stewart, Malachi Stewart, Ka- loni Stewart and Liam Stewart, his mother, Laura Malloy of Keokuk, his father, Charles Stewart, Sr., of Keokuk, three sisters, Amy Glover (Jason) of Keokuk, Rebecca Mason of Keokuk and her twin sister, Kayla Stewart of Waukee, IA two brothers, Charles Stewart Jr., of Keokuk and Joseph Stewart (Kelsey) of Clive, IA, his grandfather, Greg Kase of Keokuk and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Sharon Kase, David Malloy, Roy and Thelma Stewart, great-grandparents, Ed and Gladys Butler and Elmer and Louise Malloy.

A service of remembrance will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, July 7 at the main shelter house in Rand Park. A time of food and fellowship followed the service.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Vigen Memorial Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

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Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1800 block of Ave. G. 7/7/2018 - 2:55 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of Ave. D. 7/6/2018 - 9:00 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Beth Ann Wenke, 37, of Fort Madison on one charge of OWI - 2nd Offense, one charge of careless driving, one charge of failure to maintain control, and one charge of failure to obey a stop sign, in the 1700 block of 39th St. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

Lee County Sheriff’s Report

7/8/2018 - 10:52 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Michael Leeland Link, 47, no address listed on a warrant of failure to appear at the Sheriff’s office. He was released the next day. 7/7/2018 - 5:46 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Kori Jeremiah Nance, 31, of Nauvoo, Ill. on a charge of being a fugitive from justice at the Sheriff’s office and was held there. 7/7/2018 - 1:01 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 3000 block of Hwy. 2. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Tiffany Raye Kimball 39, of Cantril, was struck by a horse trailer being pulled by a vehicle driven by Katrina M. Shaner, of Stronghurst, Ill. As she was driving, the horse trailer came loose from her vehicle and struck Kimball’s vehicle, causing severe damage to the vehicle itself. Kimball was struck with glass from the side windows that shattered upon impact. No injuries or citations were issued at the scene. 7/7/2018 - 6:26 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Patricia Lynn Lamma, 30, of Keokuk on a warrant of contempt-resist court order at the Sheriff’s office. She was held at Lee County Jail.

7/7/2018 - 7:37 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2100 block of Ave. L. 7/7/2018 - 2:25 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Colt Wayne Bergh, 20, of Burlington on a warrant of failure to appear in the 1400 block of Main St. in Keokuk. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held. 7/7/2018 - 9:20 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Michelle Lee Ferguson, 40, of Fort Madison on a warrant of violation of probation in the vicinity of Cantril. She was taken to Lee County Jail. 7/7/2018 - 9:20 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Kimberly Brook Fink, 45, of Argyle on a warrant of violation of no contact order and a charge of domestic abuse assault in the 3100 block of 260th Ave. in Montrose. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held. 7/8/2018 - 10:53 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Jarrod Ray Hagemier, 37, of Keokuk on charges of burglary in second degree and eluding-speed 25 over in the 2800 block of Hwy. 61. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

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Wed & Sat 8:59 pm 10:00 pm
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Pick 3 - 7/8 MID-DAY 6 2 8
Pick 3 - 7/8 EVENING 2 9 2
Pick 4 - 7/8 MID-DAY 9 7 5 4
Pick 4 - 7/8 EVENING 6 9 5 7

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Mommy & Baby Gear Fair
Saturday, July 14 9:00 am to 11:00 am
FMH Conference Rooms

Confused on which baby products are best for you? Wish you could try it before you buy it? Let us help- join us at our Mommy & Baby Gear Fair to try out a variety of products. No registration fee or RSVP required. For more information contact Neva at nkoehle@fmchosp.com
FMCH holding first ever baby gear fair

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison Community Hospital Birthplace will be hosting a Mommy & Baby Gear Fair on Saturday, July 14th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. This new event will take place in the Conference rooms of the Business Center, lower level east addition at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

The Mommy & Baby Gear Fair was conceived with new and expectant parents in mind but anyone wanting to see first-hand what is new in the world of baby gear is welcome to attend.

“Products and information for raising a healthy baby seem to be constantly changing and evolving. We hear all of the time from our new and expectant parents about their confusion on choosing the right products for them and their baby. We wanted to provide an opportunity for mommies and daddies to try out some of these products before making an investment in them,” commented Neva Koechle, RN, Certified Lactation Consultant, and organizer of the event. “We contacted suppliers of baby gear and had great response in receiving products to be showcased or given as door prizes.”

Car seats, bottles, breast pumps and clothing are just some of the items that will be available to check out. There will also be a number of experts on hand to talk about car seat safety, sunscreen for babies, and dental hygiene.

There will be door prizes and a light snack. A complete list of products and presenters at the event can be found on the Fort Madison Community Hospital Facebook page.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING NOTICE
CITY OF FORT MADISON
Planning and Zoning Commission
WILL MEET ON Wednesday, July 18, 2018, 6:00 PM AT THE
Council Chambers, City Hall 811 Ave E
to discuss The Following:
AGENDA
1. Roll Call
2. Approval of minutes 6/26/18 meeting
3. Non-agenda item comments
4. Request to Rezone property known as 1211 25th Street from R-5 Two-Family Dwelling District to B-2 Business District, General Retail.
5. Code Review: Land Uses: Review and update Commission Members notes to the matrix of land uses. Continue reviewing land use categories and uses individually with respect to which zoning districts said uses are in.
6. Old Business: None.
7. Other/New Business
8. Adjournment

HELP WANTED

FULL-TIME LOAN OFFICER

Casebine Community Credit Union is looking for a full time Loan Officer at our Fort Madison location.

Experience in the industry is a plus but not required. Loan Officer Training is available. Hours for this position is Monday thru Friday. Interested parties should be detail oriented, community involved, and have excellent communication skills.

Please send resumes to info@casebine.com attn: Lynnda Hild.

Casebine Community Credit Union is an equal opportunity employer.
Wright says customer skills will translate well into Main Street district

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Wright said she will have to take part in a Main Street Iowa orientation program in August where she will get acquainted with the state’s programming as well as learning to meet other Main Street community officials and staff.

Growing up in Kansas City, Wright moved to Fort Madison in 1990, but she said she fell in love with the town when she would come up for summer and winter breaks in school to stay with her grandmother. She currently lives in Fort Madison with her husband, Amos, and a son. The couple’s older daughter lives in Cedar Rapids.

“I loved the homey feeling. When I came to visit, it felt like home,” she said. “It was so small everyone knew everybody and everyone was nice and accommodating. When I became an adult, I wanted my daughter to grow up in that environment. I wanted my children to be able to experience that.”

For the past 15 years Wright has worked in Ft. Pleasant with Farm Credit Services of America where she was an Insurance account specialist for farmers with less than 800 acres.

She said she feels the customer service and people skills she obtained in that position will translate well into the Main Street program.

“I can say with my background I was able to develop people skills. The administrative piece I will learn,” she said. “I’ve never written a grant or anything like that, but I will get my feet under me quickly. But right now, I’m coming in at this from the customer service side of things.”

Main Street Board President Stephanie Knoch said she feels Wright will be able to pick up where Gilbert left off pretty seamlessly.

“We’re looking forward to exciting things from her,” Knoch said. “She’s been in the area and she’s familiar with the people and the businesses. I actually worked with her at the bank years ago so I know her and she’s already met quite a few business owners and made a good impression. We’re excited to see her continue Cassie’s success.”

Wright said her goal is to not just do “how-die-doodle” calls, but meet with business owners regularly with a purpose.

“I don’t want to be a nuisance to them. I want to make sure I take things to them that are important and have a purpose,” she said. “My goal is to get out on the street at least once a week and talk with the business owners.”

She said she’s looking forward to being a part of something. “I’m happy to bring my piece to the table to help that happen.”

Knoch said Gilbert was a great asset to Main Street. “She made herself known to everyone. She helped get a lot of things accomplished and a lot of new businesses in town.”

McGregor picked from a pool of 13 candidates

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ke, who also wasn’t in attendance to do other commitments, announced his resignation at the June 12 regular meeting. Menke has served in the position for the past eight years.

Walker said the pool of candidates was whittled down from 13 to eight with four from West Point. He said the Policy and Administration committee met and took the four from West Point and the four other most qualified and then scheduled two days of interviews with several members of the committee, Walker, and Menke. That group narrowed the pool to three and then the full board sat again to pick one of the final three.

In other action, the council:
• voted 4-0 to approve a car show on Aug. 25 on the town square. Councilman Will Stueckerjuergen abstained.
• voted 5-0 to approve liquor licenses for Phil’s Pub for outdoor service expiring on July 23, 2018, and for the Sweet Corn Festival extended service area for four area establishments.
• changed the time of the next city council meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. to accommodate clean up for the Sweet Corn Festival on Aug. 13.

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