FMCH joins Great River Health Systems

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FORT MADISON - Fort Madison Community Hospital is now a part of the Great River Health System. According to a joint release issued today from the communications departments of both health care providers, FMCH and Great River Medical Center are now partners as part of Great River Health System.

“This is a partnership and an affiliation agreement that puts us under the umbrella of Great River Health System,” said Angie Budnik, the FMCH’s Community Relations Director.

Great River Health Systems Director of Marketing and Communications, Melissa Jones, said both sides are calling the agreement a partnership.

“It’s appropriate to call Fort Madison a division of Great River Health Systems, but we’re calling it partnership,” Jones said. “They will maintain their identity, their own board of directors, and their own administrative teams. We’re excited about it. It’s the right thing to do for a strong southeast Iowa.”

According to the release, the agreement becomes effective August 1. An announcement was made in December that FMCH and Great River Health Systems were conducting diligence in exploring the possibility of some type of affiliation, and both health care systems began a review of operating and governing documents to determine the viability of any affiliation. The release said both healthcare organizations, as part of Great River Health System, will maintain their identities including names, boards of directors, and administrative teams.

“The agreement represents a collaborative understanding of the industry, our patients, and our communities. Partnership will create promise that the very best coordinated and comprehensive health care can be found right here in southeast Iowa. It’s a new day; we simply can’t let history stand in the way of our future and doing what’s best for our patients,” said Jeremy Alexander, CEO at Fort Madison Community Hospital, in the release.

“Having a shared vision will help us provide higher quality health care. This partnership will create a stronger, local health system solely dedicated to serving the community,” Alexander said.

Snaadt joins FM Partners staff

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FORT MADISON - Fort Madison Partners has added a local talent to the staff.

Naming Denicia Wright to the post of Main Street coordinator, from her short-lived stint as Partners office manager, opened up a position that Partners Director Tim Gobble quickly filled with a local Fort Madison High School graduate and former real estate specialist Sabrina Snaadt.

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DEANNA LYNN BENNETT

Deanna Lynn Bennett, 62, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 5:02 p.m. on Monday, July 23, 2018 at Great River Hospice House in West Burlington, IA. She was born on July 11, 1956 in Fort Madison, IA to JoAnn P. Farmer. She married William G. Bennett on September 28, 1973 in Fort Madison, IA. She was a caregiver for many years, lastly at Sunnybrook in Fort Madison. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, the outdoors, camping and her work as a caregiver.

Deanna is survived by her husband: Bill Bennett of Fort Madison, IA; 1-daughter: Becky (fiance Jim Horn) Bennett of Mon­trose, IA; 2-sons: William Bennett, Jr. & Brad Bennett both of Fort Madison, IA; 6-grandchildren: Cole Wyatt, Cody Bennett, Katie Bennett, Faith Bennett, Willy Bennett & Toby Bennett; 2-brothers: Randy Herbert & John Herbert both of Indiana; 2-sisters: Cindy (Elliott) Young of Illinois & Pam (Joe) Chamlee of Iowa. She was preceded in death by her mother.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2018 with the family to receive friends from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evening at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Dean Graber officiating. The funeral service will be held at 10:30 AM on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Dean Graber officiating. The family will meet with friends from 9:30 AM until the service at 10:30 AM. Burial will be held in Soldiers' Circle, Oakland Cemetery. A memorial has been established in Deanna's memory. Online condolences to Deanna's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

OBITUARIES

MARION O. SWEARINGEN

Marion O. Swearingen, 94, of Ft. Madison passed away at 11:30 AM on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at The Kensington.

She was born on January 30, 1924 in Viele, IA to David and Susie Ware­hime Kudebeh. Marion married Irvin Kinkeade of Dan­ville, IA and Ivan (Ronda) Swearingen of Ft. Madison; seven grandchildren, Shane Derr, Cari Schmidt, Kendra Brockett, Kim Long, John Almendinger, Trina Menken and Jodi Gerst; several great and great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband; a grandson, Ryan Swearingen; four sisters and two brothers.

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OBITUARIES

HARRY EDGAR TOWNSEND

Harry Edgar Townsend, 78, of Farmington, Iowa, passed away at 1:13 p.m. Monday, July 23, 2018 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Illinois.


Survivors include his two sons: Rick (Tami) Townsend of Farmington, Iowa and Randy (Debbie) Townsend of Fort Madison, Iowa; one brother: Gary (Judy) Townsend of Farmington, Iowa; one grandson: Matthew Townsend; one granddaughter: Brittany (Nick) Townsend Bronson; and one great-granddaugh­ter: Addison.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marlene and his parents. Harry was a lifelong farmer. He enjoyed his mowing and going out to eat.

Friends may call and meet with the family from 1:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington, Iowa.

The graveside service at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at Greenglade Cemetery in Farmington, Iowa. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made in Harry’s memory.

Online condolences may be made at www.schmitzfu­neralhomes.com. Schmitz Funeral Home in Farming­ton, Iowa is assisting the family with arrangements.

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She said that experience opened up connections for her with local business owners and community members. After a couple of years selling properties, Snaadt said she wanted to find something where income was a little more stable and started looking for a full-time position.

While looking, Snaadt served with the Knights of Columbus as a volunteer for about 10 years and also served on the Holy Trinity God's Portion Day committee for four years.

“I've been looking forward to the work here because it involved helping people with public relations and event planning. The Holy Trinity God’s Portion Day committee involves a whole lot of planning,” she said. Snaadt said she's looking forward to the opportunity to get out and help local business owners.

She said despite the full-time office responsibilities, she's looking forward to being part of the programming of the Partners umbrella, including the arms of Fort Madison Main Street, Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce and Fort Madison Economic Development Corporation.

“Obviously Partners groups are deeply involved in the community and that’s what I like. I like going to local businesses and helping promote them,” Snaadt said. “I love being Savannah’s right hand for the Chamber and I feel like I get to be involved in assisting all of the groups under the umbrella.”

Snaadt looking forward to role assisting Partners groups

Sabrina Snaadt, left, and Fort Madison Chamber co-ordinator Savanna Collier do training on the front-end system at the Partners’ office Monday. Snaadt joined the staff as Office Manager on July 2.
Despite acquisition, FMCH to operate with own identity

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southeast Iowa region,” said Matt Wenzel, CEO at Great River Health System.

Ann Menke, Chairman of FMCH Board of Directors said FMCH now all eyes are on the future.

“Our legal identity remains intact, and basically what’s happened is we operate on the same level as Great River Medical Center under that Great River Health System umbrella. Legally, this is an acquisition, but will continue to operate as FMCH under our own leadership and administration. The idea here is to now look at developing some synergies and exploring those options,” Menke said.

“All with an eye to what’s best for health care in southeast Iowa, and what’s sustainable for the health care in southeast Iowa,” said Matt Wenzel, CEO at Great River Health System.

Menke said not only will FMCH have access to resources through GRHS and GRMC, but they will have access to Fort Madison’s resources as well.

“To coin a phrase, FMCH is on a roll right now,” she said. “We have great leadership, wonderful new doctors coming in to enhance the wonderful staff we already have in place, and great administration. I really do see in our past had dealt with the human figure as their baseline for learning how to draw because you can’t just fake it. Even though each of us is shaped differently, we can perceive whether that’s a real body or whether the fake it. Even though each of us is shaped differently, we can perceive whether that’s a real body or whether the

“…from trying to take the imagination of what those energy bonds would look like and turn into on the canvas.

“I wanted to engage in it, because I just loved the strokes, Illner Greene said. “I did different iterations of it and these things were twisting because of how I perceived gravitational pull or energy bonds that happen. So I played with filling up the entire paper, and then I moved to more of a cleaner look where the strokes were more contained. This was just coming out of my head.”

At the same time, she said she was doing figure drawing and honing her skills on being able to do basic drawing. One of the works displayed downtown is a black-and-white of a couple of bourbon glasses in front of a bottle of Crown Royal.

“I was doing figure drawing classes because I really believe you need to be able to draw, you just can’t make stuff up, so I would do studies just like a drawing student.”

“I knew really good drawers, painters, and sculptors in our past had dealt with the human figure as their baseline for learning how to draw because you can’t just fake it. Even though each of us is shaped differently, we can perceive whether that’s a real body or whether the fore-shortening comes off as real, and whether your able to pull off dimensionality.

Illner Greene, who was the former manager of the Elks Lodge in Fort Madison, said she threw her hat back in the ring last year as full-time artist and wants to make a living selling her works.

Now she has worked up a few series including a pet series that features dogs, cats, rabbits and horses, and a hummingbird series that allowed to her to transition the strokes of the string-theory pieces into the environment around the hummingbird to show how it’s energy effects the space around it.

“I enjoy this kind of mark making, I like the layering on of color and I enjoy making a mark, and another mark, and another mark, and building up through six or seven layers of color to achieve something,” she said.

“I also still believe in dimensionally showing a piece, or subject matter, and it’s fore-shortening - to show a beak coming at you or the plumpness of a pheasant.”

She is now currently working on a Birds of Prey series and visitors can watch her work up an oil portrait at the FMAAA studio on Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. Her works will be on display and for sale on the FMAAA’s west side throughout the month.

She’s currently artist-in-residence at the Victoria Gallery at 740 Avenue G and now has a studio in Niota called the Greene Acres Art Studio that is open by appointment only.

Those interested in getting a look at Illner Greene’s work can see it at the FMAAA through July. She will also be showing in February at an art show at South-eastern Community College. For an appointment to her personal gallery in Niota, she can be reached at 630-235-8239 or by email at Lori@GreeneAcresArt.com.

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