Board tables Slater’s contract approval

Wondra says board may need several closed sessions to sort out how to move forward

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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FORT MADISON – Fort Madison Superintendent Dr. Erin Slater’s contract approval was tabled by the Fort Madison Community School District Board of Directors at Wednesday’s June board meeting. The school board held a closed session evaluation of Slater’s performance for an hour prior to the regular board meeting. The board then reconvened the closed session after a 3-hour regular board meeting. Slater is at the front of some controversy surrounding comments made public by Fort Madison Head Basketball coach Ryan Wilson this week. Wilson told Pen City Current Monday that Slater demanded playing time for her son or he would be fired.

Slater also called into question the philosophy of shared athletic programs. She said the “heavy presence” of Holy Trinity Catholic student-athletes playing for the Bloodhound baseball team was taking playing time from Fort Madison athletes. Her son also plays on the baseball team.

According to Iowa Code, Slater had to request the meeting be closed, which is common in public employee evaluations.

The Iowa code that governs the closed sessions is 21.5 (1)(i) which reads: “To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual’s reputation and that individual requests a closed session.”

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City to keep courting Viking cruises

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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FORT MADISON – With the city getting more and more confident that American Cruise Lines will begin docking on the riverfront in 2019, officials are now setting their sites on the “miracle” of having two cruise lines stopping in Fort Madison.

At Tuesday’s regular city council meeting, City Manager David Varley said he needed direction from the council on how to proceed with Viking’s request for docking facilities that could run the city upwards of $1.2 million.

“It would be nice having two ships docking there. It would be like a miracle,” Varley said Tuesday night. “I believe in miracles,” Councilman Chris Greenwald replied.

“Engineering estimates have the cost of doing the upgrades Viking officials are asking for, at about $1.7 million all in including design, construction and contingency costs. Viking has agreed to put $500,000 toward the costs. Greenwald said he believes with that $500,000 contribution, the city will have to pay back to Viking and he would prefer to fund the whole $1.7 million and have full control of the dock.

“I want the $1.7 million, the whole amount,” he said. “With the $500,000, I believe we’re going to have to re-

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FOSTER EARL CLINE

Foster Earl Cline, 74, of Farmington, Iowa passed away at 3:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at Van Buren County Hospital, Keosauqua, Iowa. He was born on June 1, 1945 in Farmington, Iowa to Russell D. and Winifred (Foster) Cline. On September 23, 1972 he and Teresa Graham married, they later divorced.

Survivors include his children: Carrie (Greg Knight) Cline of Boston Massachusetts, Emily Cline of Galesburg, Illinois and William (Heather) Cline of Farmington, Iowa; four grandchildren: Savannah, Willow, Brynleigh and Henry Foster of Farmington, Iowa; and one brother: Charles Cline of Bettendorf, Iowa. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Kenneth Cline; and one sister Ann Staats.

Foster was a 1963 graduate of Harmony High School, Farmington, Iowa. He worked for the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant, International Harvester and retired from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Shimek State Forest. He was a member of the Farmington Rod and Gun Club. Foster enjoyed traveling, hunting, fishing, playing cards, going to auctions, gun sales, coin sales, and gardening. He loved attending his children's and grandchildren's sporting events and activities. Foster could often be seen cruising the streets of Farmington and out scouting wildlife in Shimek State Forest.

Friends may call after 12:00 p.m. Saturday, June 22, 2019, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington where the family will receive friends from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. that evening.

Funeral Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, June 23, 2019, at the Farmington United Methodist Church with Pastor Michael Elrod officiating.

MELVIN GENE HOLMAN

Melvin Gene Holman, 70 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died peacefully Saturday, June 15, 2019 at Great River Medical Center, West Burlington, Iowa. He was born March 6, 1949 at Fort Madison, a son of Ramona Juanita Holman. He married Valerie Adkins, and they had two sons, Shawn and Jason. They later divorced.

He was drafted into the US Army at age 17, and served in the Vietnam War. He loved fishing and was a commercial fisherman. He followed sports and was a CUBS fan. He liked mushroom hunting and reading.

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ELAINE KAY TRAMAN

Elaine Kay Traman, 73, of Keokuk, IA died Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at her home. Born on June 11, 1946 in Keokuk, Elaine was the daughter of Frank Boone and Minnie Taylor Boone.

Elaine retired from the Keokuk Area Hospital after twenty years. For the past seven years she worked at Cato Fashions in Keokuk. She was a member of the First Lutheran Church in Keokuk.

Elaine enjoyed her time working at Cato. She liked visiting her many friends, but above all she loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her son, Shawn (Angie) Traman of St. Charles, MO, her daughter Theresa (Chuck) Korschgen of West Point, IA, seven grandchildren, Kyla Traman of St. Charles, MO, the twins, Emily Korschgen of Paducah, KY, and Victoria Korschgen of Harrisburg, IL, a brother-n-law, Bob Long of West Point, IA and nieces, nephews, cousins and many, many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Maxine Winkler, Charlotte and reading.

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pay that and, until we do, they retain certain controls,”
Greenwald said he and Mayor Brad Randolph have
been working the phones to try and see if there is other
funding sources out there to offset the city’s cost. The
two did the same thing when they found money to off-
set a city shortfall in relocating the Amtrak Depot to it’s
original location in Riverview Park earlier this year.
“That’s the direction I’m going. This is just Am-
trak to me. Amtrak was a ‘no’ until it became a ‘yes’. I’m
going to these same the sources and when I run into a
source that says I don’t have any money. I say do me a
favor and start talking it up,” Greenwald said Wednes-
day.
“That’s what happened on the Amtrak deal. It wasn’t
necessarily the people we were calling, but the people
they are talking to,”
Greenwald told the council Tuesday that he would
rather see the funding go to a bond election, before the
council would vote no on working with Viking.
“Before I would say no to Viking, I would want to
present a bond to the voters and allow them to decide.
If I had a chance as a voter I would vote yes. But we
need to get this in front of the two voters, those that
would say ‘yes’ and those that would say ‘no’,” he said.
Randolph said the city should have an agreement in
place for the council to vote on at it’s next meeting.
America’s demands are much more manageable at
about $30,000. American has committed $15,000 to
the work and the rest will come from city funds and
resources.
Varley said he was concerned with the city signing
any agreement to work with Viking and the not having
the funding to follow through.
City Councilman Kevin Rink said he didn’t think the

Hospice Mystery Ride set for July

WEST BURLINGTON - Plans are underway for the 15th annual Mystery Ride, a fundraiser for Great River Hospice in West Burlington and Lee County Health Depart-
ment-Hospice in Fort Madison. This year’s event will be held on Saturday, July 20th starting at Noon at Doris’ Tavern, 733 S. Roosevelt St., Burlington,
Iowa. Motorcycles and aut-
mobiles may participate in this event.
Participants can register and pay the $10 ABATE member/$12 nonmem-
ber entry fee from 10:00 a.m.
until Noon start time of the day of the ride. The route will be given on
ride day. Participants will
search for hidden objects
along the way to complete the “mystery” portion of the ride.
While supplies last, t-shirts are available for $20 apiece at Great River Hospice, 1306 S. Washing-
ton Road, West Burling-
ton. Limited quantities of
t-shirts will be available at
Doris’ Tavern the morning of the July 20th. Advance
purchase is recommended.
The ride will end at the
Fraternal Order of Eagles,
2727 Mt. Pleasant Street,
Burlington by 6 pm. The
public is invited to the
Eagles Club for a fundrais-
ing dinner and live auction
at 6:15 p.m. All proceeds
raised benefit both Great
River Hospice and Lee
County Health Depart-
ment-Hospice.
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tion, is a not-for-profit
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clists. Lee County Health
Department-Hospice and
Great River Hospice are
also not-for-profit organi-
zations. The money raised
at the mystery ride will
help to provide hospice
services for the uninsured
or underinsured residents
in southeast Iowa and
West Central Illinois.
For more information on the Mystery Ride, contact ABATE member Randy Halin, 319-572-
5733. For more infor-
mation on Great River Hospice, please call Missy
Allen at 319-768-3352. For
more information on Lee County Health Depart-
ment-Hospice, contact Jeri
Giebelhausen at 319-372-
5225.

Rotary sponsors Sunday’s City Band in the park

FORT MADISON - This Sunday, June
23rd, the P. Madison City Band will be
in concert at 7:30 pm in Central Park (in
case of weather the concert will be held
in the Methodist Church at 9th and E). This
week you will want to bring a picnic or a
lawn chair and enjoy the one hour concert.
The band would like to thank the Fort
Madison Rotary Club for sponsoring this
week’s concert which will be featuring:
Rhythm of the Winds by Frank Erickson;
Legacy by James Swearingen; Blue Tango
by Leroy Anderson; Clear Track Polka ar-
ranged by Alfred Reed; Sandpaper Ballet
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by Mark Troxell; The NC-4 March by FE
Bigelow; On the Square by Frank Pan-
ella; and special guest at the concert is
Mr. Taylor Stoddard singing Blue Moon
arranged by Warren Barker and Ms. Mary
Patten singing Embraceable You and As
Time Goes By arranged by Warren Barker.
Each concert is supported by community
sponsors; if you would like to be contrib-
utor to a long standing tradition in Ft.
Madison please contact the city office for
more information. Bring a picnic, a lawn
chair or enjoy the concert from one of the
provided benches at 7:30 pm; let the kids
enjoy the playground while listening to
the City Band. Hope you can attend.

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This week you will want to bring a picnic
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FEMA extends aid eligibility

DES MOINES—Gov. Kim Reynolds today received word that additional damage caused by the severe weather and flooding that began March 12, 2019, will be eligible for federal disaster assistance.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has granted Iowa’s request to reopen and extend the incident period for the Presidential Disaster Declaration that was granted for Iowa by President Trump on March 23. The incident period, which defines the period of time during which damage occurred is eligible for federal assistance, had previously been March 12-May 16. That incident period has now been extended to June 15.

“With this extension of the disaster’s incident period, assistance will be available for more Iowans and communities to help them recover from this spring’s destructive flooding and storms,” said Reynolds. “The damage didn't stop on May 16, and neither has the need for our citizens and towns that need so much help to rebuild and recover.”

Iowa requested the incident period be reopened and extended as the result of heavy rains that began May 17 that caused additional major flooding along the Missouri River, where the failed levee system afforded no level of flood protection, and also the Mississippi River.

Iowa’s incident had been closed May 16 when projections from the National Weather Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pointed to slowly receding flood levels throughout the watersheds of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers. However, additional heavy rains caused river levels to increase and flooding to progressively worsen.

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Special Needs Prom

A Special Needs Prom has been set for June 28th from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at First Christian Church 3476 Main Street in Keokuk. The evening will include a promenade, dinner and dancing with events sponsored by area businesses.

Downtown Summer Market

Fort Madison businesses will be hosting a Downtown Summer Market from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. June 13, July 11, and Aug. 15 along Avenue G. For more information contact Darla at 319-371-8385 or by email at darlarae71@yahoo.com.

Weekend at the Bees

Lee County Weekend at Community Field in Burlington will be held on Friday through Sunday June 21-23. Pre-ordered tickets are just $4 each when buying 10-plus tickets. Pre-order must be done by June 14. Sponsors can become a fireworks sponsor for $400 and get 50 tickets to the game and ad in the program.

Farmer’s Market

Farmer’s Markets at the Fort Madison Depot will start Monday June 3 and run every Monday through Sept. 30 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Old Santa Fe Depot. Every second Monday is Kid’s Day at the Market.

Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course

Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course will be offering junior and women’s beginning clinics on Thursdays during the Month of June with the junior golf from 10 to 12 p.m. and the women’s class from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. $50 entry fee for both clinics. Contact Ryan at 319-528-6214 for additional details or email at rmcullian@sheaffergolf.com.

Kensington events

The Kensington is offering Senior’s Only Community Bingo on the second Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. The event is free for seniors and cash prizes are awarded. Caregivers Connection is held the 4th Tuesday of every month at noon. Call 319-372-4233 to reserve your seat.

Riverfest 2019

Fort Madison’s annual summer music festival and carnival hits the Fort Madison riverfront Aug. 1-4 with national rock music acts, family-friendly events and shows, carnivals, vendors, games, food and non-profit charitable events all weekend long.

Old Settler’s Concerts

The Old Settler’s Park “Music in the Park” kicks off on June 21 with “Amarillo” and the Pen City Cruis’er’s Car Show. The Fort Madison Lion’s Club will be serving dinner.

Rotary Picnic in the Park

The annual Picnic in the Park fundraiser to help raise money for the upkeep of Central Park is Sunday, June 23 in Central Park.

FEMA doesn't often reopen and extend an incident period for a Presidential Disaster Declaration,” said Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) Director Joyce Flynn. “This speaks to the magnitude of this disaster and the enormous need that exists for continued assistance. I thank our FEMA partners for working with us on this extension.”

HSEM will continue to work with impacted counties and FEMA to identify damage to infrastructure and determine eligibility for funding under the Public Assistance Program, and if the amount of damage to homes and businesses warrants assistance under the Individual Assistance Program.

Currently, 71 counties are eligible to apply for funding through the Public Assistance Program. These counties are: Adair, Adams, Allamakee, Audubon, Boone, Bremer, Buchanan, Buena Vista, Butler, Calhoun, Carroll, Cass, Cherokee, Clay, Clayton, Clinton, Crawford, Dallas, Decatur, Des Moines, Dickinson, Emmet, Fayette, Franklin, Fremont, Greene, Guthrie, Humboldt, Ida, Iowa, Jasper, Jackson, Jones, Kossuth, Lee, Lousia, Lyon, Madison, Mahaska, Marshall, Mills, Mitchell, Monona, Montgomery, Muscatine, O’Brien, Osceola, Page, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Polk, Pottawattamie, Ringgold, Sac, Scott, Shelby, Sioux, Tama, Union, Webster, Winnebago, Winneshiek, Woodbury, Worth, and Wright.

Residents and businesses in nine counties are currently eligible to apply for federal Individual Assistance: Fremont, Harrison, Louisa, Mills, Monona, Pottawattamie, Scott, Shelby, and Woodbury.

The Fort Madison Kiwanis Back to School Fair will be held earlier this year, on July 27 from 10 - 12 @ the Fort Madison High School.

Forms are available for registration at The Fort Madison Food Pantry.

Students in grades K - 8th may register for a free back pack with most grade level school supplies, and tennis shoes.

Haircuts will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

A change this year is that limited informational booths will be in attendance so participants will not have to visit a certain number of booths like in the past. If you are interested in participating to share what your organization does in our community, please contact Denise Fraise. Information Booth Chair @ dfraise@mchs.i.

As always we are looking for donations to help support our efforts. Our partnership with Payless shoes has ended with the closing of their stores. We are trying to secure a new partnership in the area, however, anticipate a higher cost per shoe. If you are interested in donating please, contact Shirley Hoenig, Fundraising Chair @ shhoenig73@gmail.com.

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space astile in between the hostas in the shade garden around two sides of the garden.

Artist in the Garden: Pastel artist Lori Illner Greene will accentuate the setting.

Jordan & Kaity Price: 21 Richards Drive
These folks have held sway for 6 years at Richards Drive, with only lilies-of-the-valley in play prior. Kaity is serious about her planting, keeping a garden art journal for the last 5 years. She follows many plant groups on-line and trades plants via the net like baseball cards. “Plants are my thing. I am obsessed with yard art and like to spend time looking for the best deal. I am really into flamingos. When I look for plants, I look for oddballs and color combinations.” Her newest entry is a cinderblock stenciled plant stair well in the corner of one end of the backyard. The arbor in the center of the back was there wedding alter threaded with Trumpet Vine.

Artists in the Garden: Kaity pops her top with metallic pop-can flowers. Steve Helling will bear the weight with his sturdy benches and other wares.

Gregg & Beverly Brockman: 2787 River Hills
Their is one of the first homes built in the second edition development of River Hills in the 1970’s. Gregg built the house and all of the architectural elements over time, in fact he is man of many skills. You will glance award winning stained glass, beautiful baskets, and an uncanny resemblance to Shoeless the Rodeo Clown. He began the multi-platform gazebo in 2016 with his go to octagon shape formation, as he loves to build with angles. bev was born on the 4th of July; thus, the major red, white, and blue theme to her shade garden. Over 20 individual floral beds and 65 container pots adorn this property. The corkscrew willow is a newer project and she just started the pond this year. Her go to for plants are perennials, but many varieties she likes to eat, trying some googi berries this year. Her sidewalks are curved as she leads to her pond is a newer project and she just started the succulents this year. She has her veggie garden with varieties she likes to eat, trying some googi berries this year. Her go-to for plants are perennials, but many container pots adorn the space as well. The corkscrew willow if a favorite for many at Kelly's outdoor oasis.

Artist in the Garden: Plein air painter Carlene Atwater will hold court and pick her spots. FMAAA ALWAYS THANKS THE GARDENERS ON THE TOUR AND OUR EVENT SPONSOR THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY. ALSO KUDOS TO OUR HOSTESSES, BUSINESSES SELLING ADVANCE TICKETS, ARTIC GLACIER, CARLENE ATWATER, DAILY DEMOCRAT FOR POSTER PRINTING, AND THE ARTISTS FOR ADDING ICING TO AN ALREADY HEARTY CAKE. ENJOY 2019 FMAAA ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR!!!

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Letter from family has board puzzled

Before going back into the closed session, Board President Dr. Tim Wondra said the board has a lot of information to go through.

“We’re just scratching the surface and trying to figure out where we’re going to go and how this is going to progress,” Wondra said “As you can see tonight, we brought down the district’s attorney to guide us through this process.”

The board received a letter via email on Sunday from an email address that appears to be a Slater family email account, but was unsigned. The email came from an “S.S.” Her husband’s name is Scott Slater.

The letter was in response to a Pen City Current editorial questioning Dr. Slater’s opinion of the shared programs with area schools. The editorial also pointed to behavior of her husband caught on video Saturday at a basketball camp in Quincy, where Mr. Slater was seen confronting Wilson and calling him “vindictive.” The rest of the video is slightly audible.

The letter indicated that Dr. Slater would not be extending her contract, but Wondra said the validity of the letter is up in the air.

“We haven’t gotten that far yet. At this point we don’t even know who for sure wrote it,” he said.

He said the incident is a setback from the positive gains the district has been making and adds strain to the district’s relationship with the community.

“We work very, very hard to build that relationship. It's unfortunate that for every 20 positive things we do, one negative thing outweighs that 20 times and overshadows all the positive stuff that happens and… it goes on.”

Wondra said he didn’t know when the contract would be back in front of the board. He said he didn’t think anything would get worked out at the Wednesday night continuation of the closed session.

“T have no idea. It depends on how these next closed sessions go and how far tonight goes. I have no idea when another one would be scheduled yet.”

Slater started with the district just prior to the start of the 2016-17 school year and will be entering the fourth year of what Wondra said were two-year rolling contracts, which are standard for most superintendents.

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DENMARK - The Denmark Historical Society's book, The Story of Denmark Township, contains more than 125 stories and 150 photos illustrating Denmark's surprisingly vital and entertaining people, industry, events, and development. From a sea of rolling prairie grass in 1836 grew a prominent village of hardworking pioneers who valued church, education, business, and community.

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The Story of Denmark Township can be purchased for $20 at the Denmark Branch of Farmers Savings Bank, or it can ordered and shipped for $25 through the Denmark Historical Society, PO Box 64, Denmark, IA, 52624.