

LOCAL NEWS

School Board approves working with master plan partners

By Jennifer Nichols

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ATLANTIC – The Atlantic School Board approved Wednesday to continue working with SVPA Architects on an as needed basis related to possible master plan projects as well as Ahlers and Cooney to help the possible bond vote and sales tax bond if needed to pay for projects. Estimated costs of the master plan projects are in the \$40 million range, and top priority projects include making Washington Elementary fit the space needs of students including remodeling and adding space, and the addition of a field house near the high school.

If school officials moved forward with a bond vote, they would ask for up to \$27 million, and they would fund the remaining \$13 million funds would come from the district and state sales tax revenue. Bond measures require a minimum of 60% support to pass. Atlantic CSD's current property tax levy is \$12.52 per \$1,000 of taxable property value. That rate ranks sixth among the nine pub-

lic school districts in the Hawkeye Ten Conference and is lower than rates in neighboring districts serving Nodaway Valley, Riverside, and Griswold.

A survey for Atlantic School District residents related to the master plan projects is available online at https:// dgsurveys.com/r/AtlanticCSD2025 or paper copies are also available at the district's central office at 1406 SW 7th Street in Atlantic. The survey will be available to fill out through July 13, and officials say it is anonymous and takes about 10 minutes to fill out.

Today's Obituaries

- Floyd Knop, 96
- Carol Marie Plowman, 80
- Patricia Winchel, 78

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Weather Forecast



Saturday Partly sunny with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning, then sunny in the afternoon. Some thunderstorms may produce heavy rainfall in the morning. Humid with highs

around 80. North winds 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent.

Saturday Night Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 60s. Northwest winds around 5 mph in the evening, becoming light and variable.

Sunday Sunny with highs in the lower 80s. South winds 5 to 10 mph.



Sunday Night Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s.

Monday Sunny. Highs in the upper 80s.

Monday Night Partly cloudy in the evening, then

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becoming mostly cloudy. Lows around 70.



Tuesday Partly sunny. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 80s. Chance of rain 30

percent.

Tuesday Night Showers likely with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Chance of rain 60 percent.



Wednesday



Mostly cloudy in the morning, then becoming partly sunny. A chance of showers. A slight chance of thunderstorms in the morning, then a chance of thunderstorms in the after-

noon. Highs in the upper 70s. Chance of rain 50 percent.







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(photo courtesy of Rob Stamp)

Storms on Thursday caused damage around the area including to this truck owned by Rob Stamp.

By Jennifer Nichols NT Staff Writer

CASS COUNTY – The storm that came through Cass County Thursday night caused a lot of tree damage, and made several roads impassable, according to Cass County Emergency Management Coordinator Mike Kennon.

"As far as last night, you know, we were looking at the radar before it hit and you know, we're thinking, maybe we're talking about a rain event, more than anything else until we started getting reports of power outages and trees down. We had a dozen, maybe more, impassable roads," Kennon said. "A lot of times when we have wind, some limbs are down and there might be, you know, a place where it's worse, impassable maybe. But this time there were just multiple places. Tenth Street had three or four places, impassable. I mean, big, huge limbs down on roadways. Birch Street had multiple places."

Kennon said since working as coordinator he didn't recall having a storm where so many big trees were getting knocked over.

"I mean, we've had lots of wind events," Kennon said. " You know, in the time I've been (coordinator) I don't recall, you know, this (many)big, big trees with big limbs (causing damage)."

AMU General Manager Steve Tjepekes said about 200 customers lost power at different times during the storm, and crews were going out about 11:30 p.m. to midnight to restore the power. He said a lot of the power loss was due to trees or lightning, and only a handful of people didn't have power as of Friday morning, however, most of those were due to needing an electrician to do some work before power could be restored.

LOCAL NEWS

Trump plans to tour Texas flood damage as the scope of the disaster tests his pledge to shutter FEMA

President Donald Trump is visiting Texas to assess catastrophic flooding that has killed at least 120 people

By SEAN MURPHY and WILL WEISSERT — Associated Press

KERRVILLE, Texas (AP)

- President Donald Trump on Friday toured the devastation from catastrophic flooding in Texas and lauded local officials amid mounting criticism that they failed to warn residents fast enough that a deadly wall of water was coming their way.

"The search for the missing continues. The people that are doing it are unbelievable," Trump told first responders and other state and local officials gathered at an emergency operations center in an expo hall in Kerrville.

"You couldn't get better people, and they're doing the job like I don't think anybody else could, frankly," Trump said.

The president said his administration "is doing everything it can to help Texas" and insisted that "we've got some good people" running the Federal Emer-

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