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**MATCHING OFFER:** Anonymous donor offers to match donations up to \$5,000

## Donation revs up cemetery work

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Christmas came a little early for the Fort Madison Historic Preservation Commission.

The group has been rolling with some improvement to the City Cemetery in the 1400 block of Avenue H, and some momentum came at the end of last week when an anonymous donor offered a \$5,000 matching grant for all donations through Dec. 31.

“It has truly been a blessing,” said HPC President Chris Sorrentino.

“The cemetery project is a main focus for HPC right now. This will provide substantial help.”

The group has been working to identify all the graves in the cemetery, as well as repair fencing, clean up headstones and reset or even repair bro-



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

An anonymous donor has pledged to match all donations to the Fort Madison City Cemetery through Dec. 31 up to \$5,000.

ken pieces of monuments and headstones on the property.

According to a release from Fort Madison City Clerk Melinda Blind Monday morning, the matching donation came after the donor heard about the efforts underway.

The preservation commission began planning to make improvement to the cemetery, which holds the grave of Fort Madison founder General John Holly Knapp, since July.

Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld made getting the fencing along Av-

enue H repaired this year a priority for city staff.

“The city did a wonderful job with the fence and the commission really appreciates Mayor Mohrfeld and the city’s efforts in taking that on,” Sorren-

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### LEARNING PLANS

## Central Lee to change models

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON – The Central Lee School District announced late this afternoon that they will move to 100% face-to-face learning from Pre-K to 6th grade following the holiday.

However, 7th through 12th grade will be on a hybrid learning schedule, all beginning Monday, Nov. 30 Those students in 7th through 12th grade will attend school every other day based on groups they are placed in.

Central Lee Superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier said the main reason was the district believes it can maintain a safe learning environment with the POD system currently in effect.

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### DECEMBER 29th

## Auditor validates special election for FM council

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The Lee County Auditor’s office has certified a petition to force a special election for the Fort Madison City Council’s 2nd and 3rd wards.

The petition was submitted last week by 2nd Ward candidate Jerry Hamelton. Hamelton didn’t receive an appointment Tuesday for the seat after an interview with the council. The council appointed 2nd Ward resident and Fort Madison businessman Tom Schulz to fill the seat.

The City council also appointed Donna Amandus, among three candidates interviewed, to serve the 3rd

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## A helping hand

The Fort Madison Food Pantry was full of residents trying to make sure they had a Thanksgiving meal for their families. Hy-Vee donated 50 Thanksgiving meals to the pantry as part of a corporate wide donation event. Those meals were gone by 1:30 Monday.

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

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### WEATHER

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## For the Record/Local News

### For the Record

#### Fort Madison Police Report

11/18/20 – 11:07 a.m.

– Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1300 block of Avenue E.

11/18/20 – 2:31 p.m.

– Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1200 block of 38th Street.

11/18/20 – 8:50 p.m.

– Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 4600 block of Avenue J.

11/19/20 – 1:47 p.m. – Fort

Madison Police arrested Frederick Raymond Eugene Davis, 36, of Fort Madison in the 700 block of Avenue C, on a charge of child endangerment, and domestic assault while displaying a weapon. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.

11/19/20 – 7:08 p.m.

– Fort Madison Police

responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

11/19/20 – 7:56 p.m. –

Fort Madison Police cited Raymond Carle, 57, of Fort Madison in the 2600 block of Avenue L, on a charge of 5th degree theft. 11/20/20 10:35 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Kim Marie Rees, 52, of Fort Madison, in the 1300 block of Avenue I, on a charge of public intoxication. She was released on a promise to appear. 11/21/20 – 2:20 a.m.

– Fort Madison Police cited Anthony Christopher Michael Pennington, 18, of Fort Madison, in the 1700 block of Avenue H, on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. 11/21/20 – 2:20 a.m.

– Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1700 block of Avenue H. 11/21/20 – 12:50 p.m.

– Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2300 block of Avenue J.

11/21/20 – 8:59 p.m. –

Fort Madison Police cited Ashley Kay Philp, listed at homeless, at Fort Madison Community Hospital, on two active warrants and possession of a controlled substance. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/22/20 – 2:37 a.m. – Fort

Madison Police arrested Bradley Dwayne Carter, 37, of Keokuk, at Fort Madison Community Hospital on two warrants and a charge of possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/22/20 – 7:42 p.m. – Fort

Madison Police cited Josh Hayes, 32, of Fort Madison, in the 2800 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving while suspended.

11/23/20 – 2:20 a.m. – Fort

Madison Police arrested Alexander Xavier Luna,

32, of Fort Madison in the 2200 block of Avenue L, on a warrant for parole violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/23/20 – 2:20 a.m. – Fort

Madison Police arrested Brandon Michael Frazier, 27, in the 1400 block of Avenue M, on two warrants and possession of a controlled substance.

11/23/20 – 7:26 a.m.

– Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1600 block of Avenue G.

#### Lee County Sheriff's Report

11/19/20 – no re-

ported activity.

11/20/20 – 12:50 p.m.

– Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on near the intersection of 303rd Avenue and County Road X32. According to the report, the wheel on a vehicle driven by Joc-

elyn Marie Hornbaker, 39, of Fort Madison, fell off the vehicle forcing it into a ditch. No injuries or citations were reported.

#### Hancock County Sheriff's Report

11/16/20 – Thomas B My-

ers, age 45, of Nauvoo, IL was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. Myers remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.

11/17/20 – Gabriel C Dada-

nt, age 41, of Hamilton, IL was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery and Disorderly Conduct. Dada-

nt was released after post-

ing the required bond and given a future court date. 11/20/20 – Nicholas A Pull-

ins, age 25, of Carthage, IL was arrested and charged with Count 1 Unlawful Possession with Intent to Deliver Methamphetamine and Count 2 Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. Pullins remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.

11/21/20 – Steve A Lever-

ton, age 58, of Bowen, IL was arrested and charged with Violation of Order of Protection, Trespass, and Resisting or Obstructing a Peace Officer. Leverton remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his initial court appearance.

11/22/20 – Jared A Siefken,

age 24, of Niota, IL was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence. Siefken was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.

Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

#### Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

11/20/20 – Fort Madison

Firefighters responded to two medical calls.

11/21/20 – Fort Madison

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11/22/20 – Fort Madison

Firefighters responded to one medical calls.



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## From the Front

# District expecting challenging rest of year

### SCHOOLS - Continued from Page 1

“This afternoon, the administrative team met to review a variety of data to help us make a decision regarding the structure of school after Thanksgiving break,” Crozier said.

“The main reason for returning to 100% face to face learning at the elementary is we believe we can maintain a safe learning environment with the POD system in place and greatly reduced numbers at the elementary.”

He said each building will be sending out additional communication regarding hybrid/mitigation strategies for students on November 30.

Any additional modification will come through an announcement on Wednesday before the next week, to allow time for families to make arrangements.

He said the district will continue to monitor the following indicators regularly.

- The 14-day positivity rate of the county.

- Percentage of students absent due to illness. Students who are on quarantine are not part of this percentage unless they begin to show symptoms while out of school.

- Availability of staff for classroom and non-instructional departments.

- Determination if community spread is happening from student to student in classrooms.

“As always, we all need to do our part to slow the spread and ensure students can stay in school,” Crozier said.

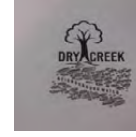
“Don’t send your child to school if they are sick. Don’t send your child to school if someone in your immediate family is being tested for COVID. Continue to wear a mask, wash your hands, and practice good hygiene skills.

“We anticipate the next three weeks to be challenging for everyone. We also know that your children’s learning is essential. Together, we can keep our community healthy and our children learning.”

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## Obituaries

### HAROLD E. WILSON

Harold E. Wilson, 91, of Alexandria, Missouri, passed away on Sunday, November 22, 2020, at Clark County Nursing Home in Kahoka, Missouri.

Harold was born on September 27, 1929, in North Liberty, Iowa, the son of George and Harriet (Heacock) Wilson. On October 30, 1948, he was united in marriage to Lois Varner in Keokuk, Iowa. She preceded him in death on January 27, 2018.



WILSON

Harold was a member of Anchor of Hope Church in Keokuk and worked at Hubinger and Roquette as a carpenter and mechanic for forty-five years, retiring in 1991. Known as the "Watermelon Man", Harold farmed and had a five-acre garden, and sold his produce at a stand outside his home. He was a talented singer and guitarist and played in the "Over the Hill Gang" at area nursing homes, bringing joy to the residents through the hymns they loved to play. Harold enjoyed leaving the cold Iowa months behind and wintered in Texas for many years.

Harold is survived by two sons: Merlin (Debbie) Wilson of Hamilton, Illinois, and Michael (Shari) Wilson of Keokuk, Iowa; his daughter Marlene (Do) Long of Keokuk; his daughter-in-law Patricia Wilson of Des Moines, Iowa; his brother Raymond (Gloria) Wilson of Fort Worth, Texas; seven grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Harold is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Lois, his son John E. Wilson, and his sister Doris Harrison.

Harold's life will be celebrated with a funeral service at 1 pm on Wednesday, November 25, 2020, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk, with burial to follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Keokuk. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 11 am to 1 pm on Wednesday directly before the service. Due to Covid-19 mandates, masks must be worn and social distancing must be practiced during the visitation and funeral service. Visitation will be limited to 15 people in the building at a time.

For those unable to attend, Harold's funeral service will be streamed via Facebook Live at the DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home Facebook page.

Memorials may be directed to Anchor of Hope Church in Keokuk.

Tributes and condolences may be left at [www.dejongsfuneralhome.com](http://www.dejongsfuneralhome.com).

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

#### Pen City Current obituary policy

The Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes.

### ROBERT A. SUTTON

Robert Allen "Bob" Sutton, 72 of Warsaw, IL died Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at the Illinois Veteran Home in Quincy, IL surrounded by his family.

He was born August 20, 1948 in LaHarpe, IL the son of Allen and Verna Louise Brown Sutton.



SUTTON

Bob proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps, where he earned two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star during his tour in Vietnam.

On July 15, 1983 he was united in marriage to Peggy Mahoney at the Assembly Church of God in Hamilton, IL. She survives.

Other survivors include one son, Scott Sutton of Amana, IA, two daughters, Darcie Knisley (Philip) of Keokuk and Shelly Schilson (Tom) of Keokuk, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

Bob had been employed by the Iowa Ordinance Plant for thirty-years, until his retirement.

He was a member of the VFW in Hamilton for many years.

Bob was an outdoorsman at heart and enjoyed fishing and watching the eagles. Even though Bob left a part of himself in Vietnam during the war, he never complained or let that stop him from doing anything in his life.

He is forever remembered for being a loving father, grandfather and friend.

A graveside service with military rites will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Hancock County Food Pantry and can be mailed to the Vigen Memorial Home, 1328 Concert St., Keokuk, IA 52632.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).



### RICHARD M. POULTER

Richard M. Poulter, 93, of Fort Madison, IA died at 3:10p.m. Saturday, November 21, 2020 at his home.

He was born April 11, 1927 in Quincy, IL, the son of Virgil and Hazel Booher Poulter. On June 8, 1951, he married Elsie Mae Lowman in Dallas City, IL.



POULTER

Richard served in the US Army from 1949 - 1956 and attained the rank of Sgt 1st Class. He worked for Union Electric for 37 1/2 years, retiring in 1990. He was a member of the LaHarpe Masonic Lodge and the Past Time Club of Fort Madison. Dick enjoyed playing cards, especially Euchre.

Surviving are his wife, two sons, Randy (Cindy) Poulter of Montrose, IA and Kendall (Ann) Poulter of Purcellville, VA, two grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, three step-great-grandchildren, two sisters, Shirley Lieurance and Bonnie Sue Kershner, both of Burlington, IA and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, nine brothers and four sisters.

A graveside service, with military rites, will be held at 10:30a.m. Saturday, November 28, 2020 at Harris Cemetery near Dallas City with Pastor Leslie Dalstra officiating. A memorial fund has been established for the Shriner's Hospital For Children or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City is assisting with arrangements. To sign the guestbook and leave a condolence, please visit Dick's obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com).



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In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, we will not publish an e-Edition Thursday, November 26 through Sunday, November 29. We'll resume publication on Monday, November 30. Breaking news will continue to be published on our website 24/7.

*We wish you a very warm & wonderful Thanksgiving.*

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# Sports

# HTC girls will mix experience, youth in 2020

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP  
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON – Holy Trinity’s girls basketball team was young last season, and the Crusaders won 13 games.

It’s another year of youth, but coach Tony Johnson knows what to expect.

“There will be some growing pains throughout the year, but we’ll be fine,” Johnson said. “It’s going to be the same — building for the future, but trying to win as many games as possible now.”

Holy Trinity has two starters back — senior Bailey Hellweg and junior Kassi Randolph — from last season’s 13-10 team (9-7 SEI Superconference South Division) that reached the Class 1A regional quarterfinals.



HELLWEG

“I think it’s going to be the same (type of season),” Johnson said. “The younger kids are hungry. They all played volleyball, so they know how to handle the pressure of playing varsity sports. Like I said, there will be growing pains, but we’ll see what happens.”



RAUENBUEHLER

It will be a season of expected unpredictability because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and Johnson realizes that.

“Honestly, I’m happy we’ve gotten in a couple of weeks (of practice),” he said. “Everything is day-to-day. We just cherish each day. I tell the girls, let’s get as much done as we can every day. I expected week-to-week when we started, now it may be a day-to-day thing.”



RANDOLPH

“We wear masks at practice. They hate it, but as I said, if you want to play basketball, this is what you have to do.”

Hellweg and Maria Rauenbuehler will be the only seniors in the starting lineup when the Crusaders open the season on Tuesday against New London. Junior Raquel Schneider, sophomore Brooke Mueller and freshman Mary Kate Bendlage round out the lineup.

“So we’ll be young,” Johnson said. “But the younger ones who will play a lot got some experience last year.”

Randolph is the team’s leading returning scorer (5 ppg) and rebounder (4.3 rpg) from last season.

“I know what I’m going to get from her every night from her,” Johnson said. “She’s so consistent.”

Hellweg was second on the team with 23 3-pointers. “She started almost every game,” Johnson said. “She’s a great shooter last year. When she’s open, she’s going to make those shots.”

Rauenbuehler played in 22 games last season and



PCC File photo

HTC’s Bailey Hellweg (22) brings the ball up last year against Notre Dame. Hellweg will be looked on to provide leadership this year as the Crusaders open play Tuesday at New London.

was one of the team’s better defenders, finishing with 26 steals.

“She’s coming in with a lot of confidence,” Johnson said. “You can really see it in how she’s played in practice.”

Mueller and Schneider also played 22 games last season, combining for eight starts. Johnson is confident having Bendlage in the lineup for her first varsity start.

“The biggest thing with her is she’s played AAU basketball,” Johnson said of the 5-foot-9 forward.

“She’s athletic as can be. I know there will be growing pains with her. But she’s athletic enough, and smart enough, that I think she will be able to handle it.”

Reagan Holvoet, another 5-9 freshman, will see key minutes in the frontcourt as well.

“We’ll be young down low, but in the long run it will benefit everybody,” Johnson said.

Ali Robu and Jordan Mueller are the other seniors on the roster. Abby Holtkamp joins Randolph and Schneider as juniors. Kayla Box and Mary Hellige are sophomores. Natalie Randolph is a freshman.

“We’re going to take our young-people lumps this year,” Johnson said. “But we have a great future ahead. This is a good group.”

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
Notice to Bidders  
Iowa Department of  
Natural Resources  
NEW CONSTRUCTION  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sealed bids will be received by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources by email, at [procurement@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:procurement@dnr.iowa.gov) until 11:00 am, December 10, 2020 for the public improvement projects listed below, at which time they will be opened publicly. In an effort to mitigate the spread and effects of the COVID-19, the Department of Natural Resources will ONLY be accepting proposals submitted via email for these projects. No bids shall be accepted by FAX, mail or hand-delivery. After the bid opening, information concerning bid results may be obtained by visiting the Department's website at [www.iowadnr.gov](http://www.iowadnr.gov).

Note: The bid opening for this project will be held by conference call only. No facilities will be available for an in-person meeting. Interested parties may call in to the following number to listen to the bid opening:

Conference call number: +1 (401) 526-8304  
PIN: 125 170 801#

In order to improve sound quality, please mute your phone by pressing \*6. If you have questions, you can unmute your phone by pressing \*6.

While bids are due by 11:00 am CST on December 10, 2020, the bid opening teleconference will not begin until 11:45 am to allow staff ample time to print bids before reading them aloud.

Project documents, including drawings, specifications, proposal forms, and addenda items for the project are available at Beeline and Blue, at 2507 Ingersoll Ave, Des Moines IA 50312. Please visit [www.beelineandblue.com](http://www.beelineandblue.com) or contact (515) 244-1611 for more information. Alternatively, Bid Documents can be viewed or printed online at <https://programs.iowadnr.gov/engreal/projectlist.asp>

The Department shall comply with all public improvement procurement laws, as outlined in the plans and specifications and including but not limited to: Iowa Code chapter 26 related to public construction bidding; Iowa

Code chapter 73 related to preferences; Iowa Code chapter 573 related to labor and materials on public improvements; rules promulgated by the Department of Administrative Services – General Services Enterprise as they may apply; rules promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources and the Natural Resources Commission, as they may apply; and any federal statutes, rules and/or executive orders that may be associated depending on funding sources. Bidders shall comply with these laws to be considered and are encouraged to be familiar with public improvement procurement requirements and the bidding documents before submitting a bid.

Each bidder shall accompany the bid with a scanned copy of the bid security as defined in Iowa code section 26.8. Additionally, bid securities in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or money order must also be mailed to the Department at the Wallace State Office Building, 502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319. The bid security must be in an amount set forth in the bidding documents and made payable to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Failure to execute a contract for the proposed work and file an acceptable Performance Bond in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price and a certificate of liability insurance within thirty (30) days of the date of the award of the contract will be just and sufficient cause for the rescinding of the award and the forfeiture of the bid security.

**VAN BUREN COUNTY  
PROJECT NO.  
20-06-89-02**

Lake Sugema WMA Jetty and Shoreline Repairs  
Proposal Guarantee: \$6,250.00  
Completion Date: 05/14/2021  
Bid Letting Date: 12/10/2020

Project Description: This project consists of repairing wind and wave erosion to 10 fishing jetties and 950 feet of shoreline at 5 sites by placing revetment on the side slopes, crushed rock surfacing on the

tops of the jetties, and other incidental work as required by the DNR Field Engineer.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
PROJECT NO.  
21-02-35-01**

Beeds Lake State Park Dam Pipe Grouting  
Proposal Guarantee: \$4,000.00

Completion Date: 04/30/2021  
Bid Letting Date: 12/10/2020

Project Description: This project will coffer dam a portion of Beed's Lake to draw water below the fish pond pipe, which has been found to be leaking down stream of the dam. This cast iron pipe will be televised by the contractor to see where the leak is occurring. After drawing down the coffer dam area, the contractor shall remove the existing valve in the dam control vault, bolt/weld new cap plates on both ends of the pipe, put a birds mouth on both ends and fill the pipe section with non-shrink grout.

**HENRY COUNTY  
PROJECT NO.  
21-06-44-01**

Geode State Park Geode Booster Pump Building  
Proposal Guarantee: \$6,250.00

Completion Date: 05/14/2021  
Bid Letting Date: 12/10/2020

Project Description: This project consists of installing a pre-fabricated concrete building along with the booster pump and pressure tanks and other miscellaneous work associated with the project.

**LUCAS COUNTY  
PROJECT NO.  
21-05-59-01**

Stephens State Forest Lucas Unit Road Maintenance  
Proposal Guarantee: \$12,500.00

Completion Date: 08/30/2021  
Bid Letting Date: 12/10/2020

Project Description: This project consists of granular roadway maintenance - ditch cleaning, channel excavation, culvert removal/installation, blading/shaping of roadway, spreading new rock and the installation of revetment and erosion

stone.

**MARION COUNTY  
PROJECT NO.  
20-05-63-01**

Bennington Ramp/Ridge Bridge Road Maintenance  
Proposal Guarantee: \$12,500.00

Completion Date: 08/30/2021  
Bid Letting Date: 12/10/2020

Project Description: This project consists of granular roadway maintenance - ditch cleaning, channel excavation, culvert removal/installation, blading/shaping of roadway, spreading new rock and the installation of revetment and erosion stone.

**SAC COUNTY PROJECT  
NO. 21-01-81-02**

Black Hawk Marsh Game Road Maintenance  
Proposal Guarantee: \$12,500.00

Completion Date: 08/30/2021  
Bid Letting Date: 12/10/2020

Project Description: This project consists of granular roadway maintenance - culvert installation, clearing/grubbing, blading/shaping and spreading new rock.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
PROCEEDINGS  
FORT MADISON  
CITY COUNCIL  
11/10/2020**

The Fort Madison City Council met in special session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Bowker, Rink, Andrews, Lair, and Cargas present.

This meeting was held electronically (pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8) due to social distancing issues because of COVID-19.

On motion, Council approved the agenda.

On Motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-65, setting public hearing on a proposed ordinance repealing the current natural gas

franchise, granting a new franchise to MidAmerican Energy, and imposing a franchise fee

At 5:35 P.M., the meeting adjourned until November 17, 2020, at 5:30 P.M.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

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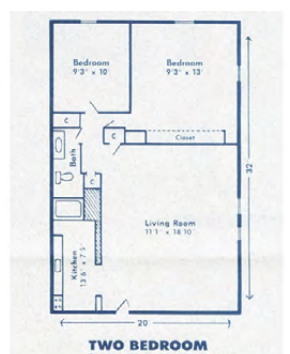
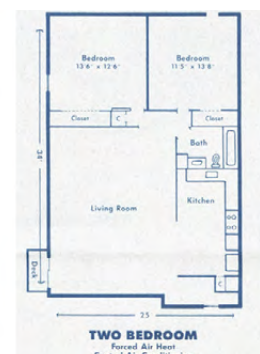
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From the front

# Cemetery donations matched through Dec. 31

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tino said.

He said a big portion of the proceeds will go to cleaning the stones and replacing or straightening toppling or crumbling headstones and monuments.

He said research has turned up a non-abrasive cleaner that costs about \$45 per gallon, but doesn't harm the stones or the environment.

Since July volunteers have cleaned up several family lots and have begun replatting the cemetery to find out how many plots and graves are part of the original cemetery.

Sorrentino said another purchase down the road will be new tour friendly signage that outlines the history and where marked graves are located.

"We do ultimately want to have tours in there and make it easier to get through the cemetery," he said.

Developer Michael Mohrfeld is building new homes along the south side of the cemetery, which Sorrentino said will just add to the value of the cemetery site. Mohrfeld also recently tore out an abandoned mobile home park two blocks south of the cemetery.

The 3.6 acre cemetery holds close to 1,500 burials, including the remains of some of Fort Madison's most important founding figures, as well as prominent military figures from the Civil War.

The Commission plans to begin the application process to place the cemetery on the National Register of Historic Places.

To make a donation, contact the Fort Madison City Clerk, at City Hall or call (319) 372-7700, ext. 206. All donations should be made to the "Friends of the Fort Madison Historic Preservation Commission" and can be made by check or credit card. All checks should note "City Cemetery" on the memo line of the check.

# Candidate petitions due to City Hall by Dec. 4

**ELECTION** - Continued from Page 1

Ward.

Due to state special election rules, because Hamelton submitted a verified petition for the 2nd Ward, the 3rd Ward automatically gets put on the ballot as well because the appointment to the council only lasts until the next city election.

According to Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise, the election will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 29. That date falls within the 90-day rule that is required following the vacancy being created. That vacancy occurred when former councilman Bob Morawitz died on Sept. 30.

Anyone interested in seeking election to either of the offices must file an Affidavit of Candidacy and a Nomination Petition with 10 signatures of eligible electors from the ward of the candidate.

These forms can be found on the Iowa Secretary of State's Office website. <http://sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/candidates/nompetnonpartisan.pdf> <http://sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/candidates/affidavit.pdf> and must be complete and filed with the Fort Madison City Clerk by 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 4th.

Nomination Petitions and Candidate Affidavits for the special elections are also available at the Fort Madison City Clerk's Office, 811 Avenue E.

Fort Madison City Hall is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with the exception of the Thanksgiving holiday on November 26 and 27. City Hall will be open until 5 p.m. on Friday, December 4 to accept Nomination Petitions.

A candidate must be 18 years of age when his or her Nomination Petition is filed and eligible to vote. Candidates must live in the ward they intend to represent. Persons signing the petitions must also live in the ward.

It is recommended that candidates obtain more than the required number of signatures on their petitions. This will guard against possible unacceptable signatures causing the petitions to be invalid.

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