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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Magician Rick Eugene sets up a switcharoo with a puzzle block at the Fort Madison Library Thursday night. Eugene entertained a full house at the library for close to an hour.

## PARTNERSHIP

# Kensington, YMCA team up on Parkinsons

Submitted article

FORT MADISON – Beginning Wednesday, March 4th, 2020 the Fort Madison Family YMCA and The Kensington Senior Living & Memory Care will offer a brand new exercise class and support group session designed specifically for individuals with any level of Parkinson's Disease.

Ryan Wilson, Director and Kathy Krogmeier, Assistant Director of the Fort Madison Family YMCA met with Victoria Matlock, The Kensington Senior Living Consultant to join forces and create a program to help benefit those within the community suffering from Parkinson's Disease.

Parkinson's disease is a progressive nervous system disorder that affects

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# FROGGY BOTTOM HITS FMAAA EXHIBIT

**WOODWORK:** Reception for Milton, Iowa couple Friday at FM art center

BY BRIAN RIGGS  
Fort Madison Area Arts Association

FORT MADISON – Jim and Sheryl McLain rule the roost at FMAAA feature gallery in the month of March. What a treat for our eyes as the married couple have distinctly differing styles as how they work the wood. They have Froggy Bottom Shop in Milton, Iowa. Meet them at a reception for the couple on March 6th from 5-7pm. Dupont is the sponsor for the exhibition.

Jim and Sheryl have been turning since 2009. Jim has always been handy with tools. He was looking for a direction after retirement and Sheryl soon caught interest in the process. Jim remarks that there is a learning curve to the lathe. It can be scary at first as the wood can buck on you and you are using sharp tools. It takes practice and precision to tame the lathe. Sheryl says, "Wood turning is our hobby, but is more like a passion in that we cannot stay away from it too long. Jim leans towards making larger pieces out of many segments of wood, whereas I enjoy using smaller material units of wood, then use dye, gilt waxes, and epoxy to add what I see in the wood. Sometimes we collaborate on a piece. I design it on paper. Jim comes up with measurements needed to make the shape. He then cuts, sands, and glues. I begin turning the piece and we add more wooden rings in stages until we reach



the size we are looking for."

The McLains talk wood types. Jim explains, "White oak and walnut are very dusty when turned. The easiest to turn is maple. Elm provides interesting features if it is rotten or warm eaten. It has to be epoxied first to preserve it. Koa

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## DRIVE SAFE

# FMPD urges safe St. Patrick's Day holiday planning

FORT MADISON – Green beer, leprechauns, and elusive pots of gold are all hallmarks of St. Patrick's Day, the long-awaited Irish holiday. Make sure you and your friends stay safe this St. Paddy's Day by remembering one important piece of advice: Buzed Driving Is Drunk Driving.

This means that if you plan to drink any alcoholic beverage, even a watered-down green beer, it's essential that you plan for a designated driver. In 2018 alone, 73 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes over the St. Paddy's Day holiday period from 6 p.m. March 16 to 5:59 a.m. March 18.

For this reason, Fort Madison Police Department is teaming up with the U.

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## WEATHER

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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### CARMEN M. PRADO

Carmen M. Prado, 94, of Ft. Madison passed away on Wednesday, March 04, 2020 at 12:16 PM at the Ft. Madison Community Hospital.



PRADO

She was born on August 14, 1925 in Ft. Madison to Salvador and Francisca Galvin Gonzales. On July 31, 1943 she married Thomas R. Prado, Sr. in Ft. Madison and he passed away on April 20, 2009. Carmen was a homemaker. She was a member of Sacred Heart Church. She enjoyed cooking, reading and crocheting. Carmen was an avid fan of Monday night wrestling and didn't ever miss it. Her greatest love of all was spending time with her family, especially holidays when everyone was together.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda Burgher and Frances "Kiki" Prado; one son, Michael Prado all of Ft. Madison; six grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren and one great great granddaughter; numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband; one daughter, Thomasina Prado; two sons, Ronald Prado and Tom Prado, Jr; two brothers, Salvador and Tony Gonzales; five sisters; Mary Murguia, Lupe Valadez, Rose Estrada, Tina Gallegos and Jesse Wilkerson.

Friends may call after 2 PM on Friday, March 6, 2020 at King-Lynk Funeral Home where a rosary will be recited at 3:30 PM. The family will then meet with friends from 4-6 PM at the funeral home. The Funeral Mass will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at Sacred Heart Church with Rev. Joseph Phung officiating. Burial will be on Monday, March 9, 2020 at A memorial has been established in her memory and online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

## OBITUARIES

### LOIS "RETA" STEELE

Lois "Reta" Steele, 78, of Keokuk, IA died Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at River Hills Village in Keokuk. Reta was born on October 12, 1941 in rural Clark County MO, the daughter of James E. and Lois Pauline Long Egley. She was united in marriage to Charles S. Steele on January 18, 1964 in Reno, NV. He preceded her in death on July 1, 2000.



STEELE

In August 1959 she entered St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing in Quincy, IL. During her senior year of training she joined the Army Nurses Corps. In March of 1963 she was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant and stationed at Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco, CA for a total of three years of service.

She had been employed at Keokuk Area Hospital for thirty-five years until her retirement in 2001.

Reta attended the Carlson College of Massage Therapy in Anamosa, IA and became a licensed massage therapist.

She loved to square dance and was a member of a square dance club in each of the tri state areas. Reta was a skilled seamstress and made her square dance costumes and also made lap robes for disabled veterans.

She is survived by two sons, James Steele (Denise) of Alexandria, MO and Joseph Steele of Boone, IA two daughters, Bertha Yarbrough (Eric) of LaGrange, MO and Leona Kepler of Bradenton, FL, one step-son, Leland Steele of Keokuk, six grandchildren, Levi Mason, Michael Mason, Mary Beth Kepler, Jamie Lee Steele C.J. Steele and Noah



Yarbrough, six step-grandchildren, Tim Yarbrough, Chris Steele, Valerie Steele, Sierra Cockrell, Kourtni Cockrell, Kenadi Cockrell, two step-great-grandchildren, Chase and Alyssa Steele, two sisters-in-law, Sandra Briggs (Robert) and Mildred Wagner all of Keokuk and family friend, Linda Clarke of St. Peters, MO and several nieces, nephews and other extended family.

Besides her husband she was also preceded in death by her parents, one granddaughter, Alexandria Powell, step-granddaughter, Tish Yarbrough, two sisters, Dorothy Roberts and Linda Roberts and sisters-in-law, Esther Thorn, Elizabeth Stedman, Lois Taylor, brothers-in-law, Richard Steele and Russell Steele, Jr.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Reverend David Brownfield, Ph.D. officiating. Burial with military rites will be in the Oakhill Cemetery in St. Francisville, MO.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home with family meeting with friends from 6-8 p.m. A prayer service will be held at 5:30 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the English River Outfitters in Washington, IA, 2564 305th Street, Washington, IA, 52353.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

#### Pen City Current obituary policy

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## For the Record

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#### Fort Madison Police Report

02/24/20 – 8:02 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Nicholas Ryan Queen, 41, of Burlington, in the 2800 block of Avenue L, on a warrant for driving under suspension. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

02/25/20 – 12:07 a.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Larry G. Burtlow, 60, of Fort Madison, in the 3400 block of Avenue L, on a charge of driving under suspension. He was released upon citation.

02/25/20 – 1:09 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2100 block of Avenue F.

02/25/20 – 2:07 a.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Eric E. Fortune, Jr., 32, of Fort Madison, in the 2700 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving while barred. He was released after citation.

02/25/20 – 3:16 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2000 block of Avenue B.

02/25/20 – 3:41 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 4500 block of Avenue O.

02/25/20 – 5:22 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1100 block of Avenue G.

02/26/20 – 10:25 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1100 block of 48th Street.

02/26/20 – 10:51 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2700 block of Avenue N.

02/26/20 – 2:39 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2500 block of Henry Ladyn Drive, reported at the police department.

02/26/20 – 4:53 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue H.

02/26/20 – 10:06 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2300 block of Avenue E.

02/27/20 – 5:31 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2300 block of Avenue E.

02/26/20 – 3:33 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Jessie Marie Smith-Maddox, 43, of Fort Madison in the 2300 block of Avenue N, on three counts of trespass. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

02/26/20 – 5:00 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Micheal Roa, 60, of Fort Madison, in the 1000 block of Avenue E, on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was released on

a promise to appear.

02/26/20 – 10:29 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Matthew Jay Wells, 19, of Fort Madison, in the 2300 block of Avenue M, on a charges of willfull injury, domestic abuse assault, serious assault, criminal trespass and interfering with official acts. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

02/27/20 – 5:31 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2300 block of Avenue E.

02/27/20 – 12:43 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

02/27/20 – 3:58 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Ian Eid, 24, of Fort Madison in the 800 block of Avenue G, on a warrant for probation violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

02/27/20 – 7:02 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Jill Deronde, 35, of Fort Madison in the 300 block of Avenue G, on a charge of serious assault. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

02/27/20 – 7:18 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2000 block of Avenue D.

02/27/20 – 8:17 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1900 block of Avenue E.

#### Lee County Sheriff's Report

02/25/20 – 8:51 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Derek Dale Bolton, 25, of Hamilton, at the sheriff's office on warrants for voluntary absence from custody and a judgment entry. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

02/25/20 – 11:19 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kimberly Jo Huss, 43, of Wever, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for violation of probation and a judgment entry.

02/25/20 – 12:20 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Adrian Raul Garcia, 42, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for driving while barred. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

02/25/20 – 2:13 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Brandon Beau Shane Franklin, 30, of Burlington, at the Des Moines County Jail on a warrant for failure to appear. He was held in custody.

02/25/30 – 3:52 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Drew Edward Garretson, 35, of Salem, in the 3700 block of Main

St. in Keokuk, on a warrant for violation of parole. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

02/25/20 – 9:24 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Ashley Renee Lawson, 32, of Keokuk, in the 800 block of Bank Street on warrants for drug trafficking, voluntary absence from custody and a judgment hold. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

02/26/20 – 5:06 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jeremiah Lewis Jack

Jordan, 37, of Denmark, on Hwy. 61 south, on a warrant for violation of a no-contact order and a charge of possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

02/26/20 – 6:00 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kevin Lynn Tripp, Jr., 33, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for a judgment hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

02/27/20 – 10:02 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested a 17-year-old male ju-

venile from Burlington at the Juvenile Detention Center on charges of assaulting a law enforcement officer, participating in a riot, interference with corrections – assault and assault with injury to a law enforcement officer.

02/27/20 – 2:43 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested a 17-year-old female juvenile from Bettendorf at the Juvenile Detention Center on charges of participating in a riot and interference with corrections officials. She

was held for juvenile court.

02/27/20 – 4:40 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested a 15-year-old male juvenile from Burlington at the Juvenile Detention Center on charges of 2nd-degree criminal mischief, interference with correctional officers with injury, participating in a riot, and two counts of assault with injury to law enforcement officer. He was held for juvenile court.

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**From the Front/Classifieds**

**Exercise, focus group part of new partnership**

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movement. Symptoms start gradually, sometimes starting with a barely noticeable tremor in just one hand. Tremors are common, but the disorder also commonly causes stiffness or slowing of movement.

The program will consist of a 30 to 40 minute exercise class followed by a focus group where participants of the program will have the opportunity to come together, socialize, share experiences, and support each other. The exercise portion of the program will be lead by Fort Madison Family YMCA's certified instructor and assistant director, Kathy Krogmeier. Exercises will focus on increasing participant's strength, power, flexibility and speed. And to help improve range of motion, balance and posture.

The focus group portion will be lead by The Kensington's Mindi Garcia, RN-BSN and Cindy Greer, Memory Care Manager.

"Our overall goal is to help individuals who suffer the symptoms of Parkinson's disease gain physical, cognitive, and emotional skills to improve day-to-day functionality and enhance their quality of life".

Classes will be held at the Fort Madison Family YMCA at 220 26th St. Fort Madison at 10:30am every Wednesday. This class is absolutely free for all participants with PD. First class will be held on Wednesday, March 4th.

To learn more about this program or if you have any questions please contact Kathy Krogmeier at 319.372.2403 or email [Kathy.krogmeier@fortmadison.org](mailto:Kathy.krogmeier@fortmadison.org).

**Highway fatalities rise on St. Patty's Day**

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S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to spread the message about the dangers of drunk driving. Because even one drink can be one too many.

"We want our community to enjoy St. Patrick's Day, and we expect drivers to take responsibility for their actions," "If you've been drinking, make the right choice to find a sober driver to get you, and your friends, home safely. Before you put your keys in the ignition, remind yourself: Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving. If you feel a buzz, you are in no shape to drive."

According to NHTSA's Fatality Analysis Reporting System, 36,560 people were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2018, and 29% (10,511) of those fatalities occurred in crashes during which a driver had a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) over the legal limit of .08. In 2018 alone, 73 people (39% of all crash fatalities) were killed in drunk-driving crashes over the St. Patrick's Day holiday period. The early hours of March 18, 2018, didn't fare much better.

Between midnight and 5:59 a.m. over the St. Patrick's Day holiday period in 2018, more than three out of five (62%) crash fatalities involved a drunk driver. In fact, from 2014 to 2018, 249 lives were lost due in drunk-driving crashes. Drivers should also keep an eye out for pedestrians who have had too much to drink. Walking while intoxicated can also be deadly, as lack of attention to their surroundings could put pedestrians at risk of getting hit by a vehicle.

"Drunk drivers are often a problem on our nation's roads, but we especially hate to see them out on holidays. People need to know that they can go out for a night of fun and return home safely. Don't be the reason someone - including yourself - doesn't get home. Don't let St. Patrick's Day become an anniversary of a tragic night."

Drunk driving isn't the only risk on the road: Drug-impaired driving is also an increasing problem, for men and for women alike. If drivers are impaired by any substance - alcohol or other drugs - they should not get behind the wheel of a vehicle. It is illegal in all states to drive impaired by alcohol or drugs. Remember: Driving while impaired is illegal, period. The bottom line is this: If You Feel Different, You Drive Different. It's that simple.

Drinking and driving should never be combined. It's essential to plan a sober ride in advance if the holiday celebration will include alcohol. The alternative could change your life, not to mention the lives of your passengers, of pedestrians, or of other drivers and passengers nearby.

This holiday season, Fort Madison Police Department and NHTSA urge drivers to designate a sober driver before heading out for the evening. If you plan on drinking, plan on not driving.

**Party with a Plan**

First and foremost: Plan ahead. Be honest with yourself: You know whether you'll be drinking. If you plan to drink, plan for a sober driver to take you home. Is it your turn to be the designated driver? Take that role seriously - your friends are relying on you.

Remember that it is never okay to drink and drive. Even if you've had only one alcoholic beverage, designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation or a ride service to get home safely.

If available, use your community's sober ride program.

If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact the Fort Madison Police Department.

Have a friend who is about to drink and drive? Take the keys away and make arrangements to get your friend home safely.

If you are buzzed, do not drive. Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving. For more information, visit [www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov](http://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov).

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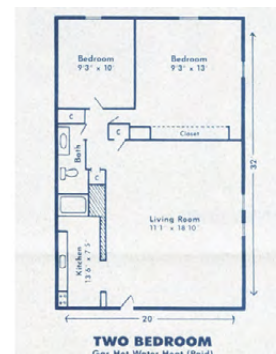
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## Sports/From the Front

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Central Lee boys lose finale

Aden Ross and Dante Merschman each had 3 pointers in the Hawks 31-14 loss to Danville Tuesday night. Kayden Ames, Riley Stuecker, Ryan Wilbert and Zach Marwill each had two in the loss. In the 7th grade game, Brayden Wyrick led Central Lee with 14 in a 43-16 loss to the Bears. Owen Krogmeier scored three in the 5th quarter.

#### HTC boys down Central Lee

Ryan Wilbert scored seven to lead Central Lee's 8th grade boys team past Holy Trinity Catholic 25-21 on Feb. 20. Dante Merschman scored six in the loss. In the 7th grade game, Holy Trinity won 27-22. Brayden Wyrick led Central Lee with 10 points, while Chase Johnson added six.

#### Central Lee boys fall to New London

Cory Jones had five points to lead the Hawks in the 33-18 loss on Feb. 24 at New London. Grant Myhre had four for Central Lee. In the 7th grade game Brayden Wyrick scored 23 and Chase Johnson had 10 as the Hawks rolled to a 37-22 win.

#### Notre Dame knocks off CL boys

Riley Stuecker had six points and Landan Lowenberg had four in Central Lee's 52-33 loss to Burlington Notre Dame at home. Aiden Ross and Ryan Wilbert also had four points for the Hawks in the loss. In the 7th grade game, Brayden Wyrick scored 16 and Chase Johnson had 11 in a 40-28 win.

#### Hounds 8th graders end year with win

Carson Rashid scored nine points in a balanced scoring attack as Fort Madison's 8th graders ended the season with a 43-36 'A' game win over Mt. Pleasant

Thursday night on the road.

Cade Denning scored eight, Leif Boeding had seven, and Nathan Bowen scored six in the win. Hunter Cresswell pulled down eight rebounds in the win. In the 'B' game, Jamarkus Kline and Oliver Santiago scored four apiece in a 16-12 win.

On Feb. 13 Rashid poured in 19 points and grabbed five rebounds as Fort Madison downed Burlington 45-43. in the 'A' game. Leif Boeding had eight points and Ben Ramatowski had six. In the 'B' game, Burlington rolled to a 42-15 win with Oliver Santiago and Jamarkus Kline each had four for the Bloodhounds. Burlington also won the 'C' game 14-4.

On Feb. 18, Rashid and Boeding each scored eight in a 49-27 loss to Keokuk in the 'A' game. Nathan Bowen had six points in the loss. Keokuk also won the 'B' game 30-19 with Kline scoring nine to lead FM. Santiago had seven rebounds in the game. Keokuk completed the sweep taking the 'C' contest 5-2.

On Feb. 20, Rashid scored 15 and Hunter Cresswell scored 11 as Fort Madison downed Fairfield on the road. Ramatowski had eight rebounds to lead the Hounds to a 37-24 win in the 'A' game. In the 'B' game, Jayden Gonsalves had 10 and Santiago had eight points in a 29-14 win. Fairfield won the 'C' game 12-5.

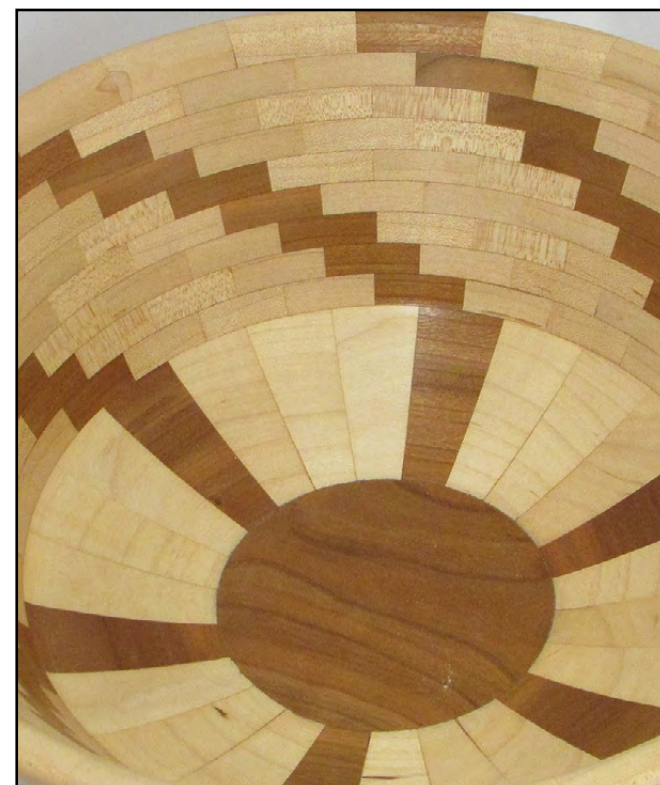
## FMAAA still on extended hours

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wood is from Hawaii and only the dead trees are sold at \$100 per board foot. The texture is ultra-rich." Jim admits that Sheryl is the better wood turner. Sheryl relays, "You kind of get a feel for it. I cannot stress enough how sharp you must keep your tools. You get what you pay for on tools and cheaper does you no favors."

Viewers will admire the segmented design pieces that incorporate differing types of wood. Strips of wood types are cut to 1 1/2 inches thick and plane up to same thickness. Mitre on table saw is set to 15% and segments are angled and tapered on both sides. Then all are glued together with Lightbond 3. When you glue up the ring can get the colors you want and stack the rings to make the design.

The work is something special. Stop in at FMAAA this month still on expanded hours in short term of: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesdays/Thursdays from 12 a.m -7 p.m. A beautiful collaborative vessel with leather and turquoise will be available at Expressions Art Auction April 4th at Quality Inn. You know what they say, "The couple that lathes together, stays together." Come see what this tandem couple from Van Buren county have been turning out at Froggy Bottom Shop.



# 2020 To Do List Save Our Planet

*Thank you to all our customers who worked to reduce their environmental footprint last year. We look forward to helping you continue your efforts and to educating our communities on more ways to help this year.*

### Here are just a few ways you can help:

- Don't put plastic bags in recycling bins
- Rinse & clean all food jars & cans before recycling
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- Place all recyclables loose in bins
- Don't recycle wrapping paper
- Properly dispose of all electronics and household hazardous waste



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