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Old Fort looking for funding boost



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Site director Dr. Eugene Watkins said 2019 flooding hurt revenue despite the increase from cruise line traffic and funds are needed to help replace and repair outdated supplies and materials.

FRIENDS OF THE FORT: North Lee County Historical Society helping with fundraising

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The flooding of 2019 took a toll on the Old Fort as far as numbers, but the added American Cruise Lines traffic helped offset some of the loss.

Dr. Eugene Watkins, Site Manager of the Old Fort said a fundraising effort is currently underway through Friends of the Old Fort, which operates under the North Lee County Historical Society's 501c3 arm.

Watkins said funds are needed to help replace some of the interpretive items at the fort.

"At this point, the main part of the fundraising is to replace those things that are wearing out," Watkins said Wednesday afternoon.

"The fort is close to 30 years old and a lot of the equipment and clothing is just getting old and is need of replacement."

Other items that will have to replaced in the near future include firearms and trade goods that add to the factory display at the fort.

The historical society has set an immediate fundraising goal of \$10,000.

"Of course, we'd take more than that and can certainly use more than that, but at this point we're trying to raise enough money for replacement of things wearing out,

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GUEST AUTHOR





Larry stuck the yardstick under the laundromat washer and scraped around. He pulled out a soggy dollar bill, three quarters and some pennies. He went to the next washer and found nothing. At the third, he hit the jackpot—quarters, dimes, nickels and a five dollar bill! The money must have been under these machines for years. He went around to all the washers and dryers in the laundromat, plus the change machine, and had all total, over fifteen dollars! He had enough food money now for a week.

Larry was an orphan child, and not much cared for by the people who where supposed to care for him. He had no money, and accidentally discovered the change under the laundromat's machines when he went in late at night to get warm. He saw a dime under the edge of a washer, looked under it and, midst all the dust bunnies and grime, could see a handful of change. In the broom closet of the laundromat he found a yardstick and went to work.

It was an indelible lesson, one he carried into adulthood, even when he was fairly well off and didn't need to go scavenging for loose change. He carried a coat hanger in the trunk of his car and, if he stopped at an interstate rest stop, if no one was around, he would scrape under the machines to see what he could find—which was usually well worth the effort, to him, anyway. Once he even found a little purse full of Canadian bills.

A rest-stop attendant caught him once and told him that the money belonged to the state. "Fat chance," he told the attendant. When the attendant went to the pay phones to call the Highway Patrol, Larry skedaddled. After Larry was married, his wife had a fit when she saw what he was up to. "Why are you doing this, Larry?" she asked. "We have plenty of money." Larry had no explanation, but could not break himself of the habit. However, Larry's wife, knowing more than one way to skin a cat,

No injuries sustained in Friday Avenue L crash



BY PCC STAFF

and failed to negotiate the

FORT MADISON – No injuries were sustained when a red Jeep plowed through a garage on the newly constructed S Curve in the 3500 block of Avenue L Friday afternoon. According to Fort Madison Fire Chief Joey Herren, a woman, who's name was not available at press time, admitted to distracted driving turn and crashed into a garage on the south side of Avenue L, taking out the northwest corner of the garage and coming to rest half in and half out of the garage.

Rescue personnel were on hand to stabilize the building before removing the vehicle. Herren said the garage suffered roughly \$10,000 damage and the Jeep is likely totaled.

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Obituaries/Lee County News

VIOLA I. HUNOLD

Viola Irene Hunold, 86, of Houghton, Iowa, passed away at 6:03 a.m. Friday, January 10, 2020, at the Henry County Health Center in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Born September 29, 1933 in Fort Madison, Iowa, the daughter of Bernard and Eleanor (Kruegar) Menke. In 1952, she married Adrian Hunold. They later divorced. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include her three sons: Paul Hunold of Donnellson, Iowa, Mark



(Judy) Hunold of West Point, Iowa and Dale (Leasa) Hunold of Blossom, Texas; one daughter: Diane Hunold Shelman of Detroit, Texas; ten grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren; four sisters: Lorene Fedler of West Point, Iowa, LaVerne Jacobsmeier of Houghton, Iowa, Florence Thompson of Houghton, Iowa and Marilyn Meyerhoff of Mesa, Arizona; two sisters-in-law: Florence Menke of Salem, Iowa and Janet Holterhaus of West Point,

HUNOLD

Iowa. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son: Joseph Hunold; three brothers: Willis Menke, LeRoy Menke and Edwin Menke; two sisters-in-law: Nellie Menke and Dorita Menke.

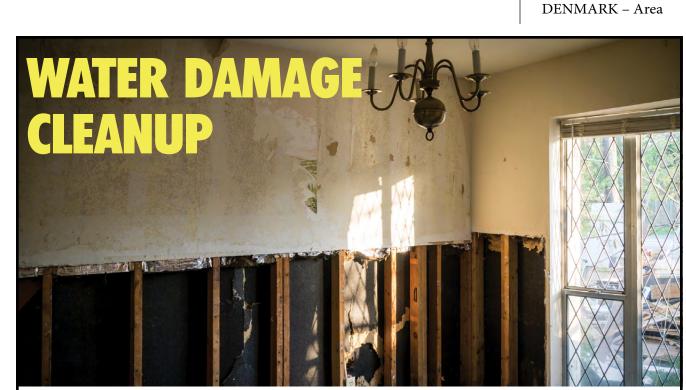
Viola was a graduate of St. James Catholic School. She was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, the Altar and Rosary Society of the church and the Mt. Pleasant Moose Club. She worked as a secretary of St. John's and St. James Catholic Churches. Viola enjoyed dancing, playing cards and dominoes, fishing and embroidering. Spending time with her family was of utmost importance to her.

Friends may call after 1:00 p.m., Monday, January 13, 2020, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Houghton, Iowa, where the family will receive friends from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. A Parish Rosary will be recited at 3:00 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service will be held at 6:00 p.m. that evening at the church.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at St. John's Catholic Church with Father Bruce DeRammelaere as Celebrant.

Burial will be at St. James Cemetery in St. Paul, Iowa.

In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established in her memory to St. John's Catholic Church or St. James Cemetery. Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.



Whether the source is a natural flood or a broken pipe, excess water in a building can leave severe amounts of damage,

JOAN L. WALKER

Joan Lee Stevenson Pumphrey Walker, 87, of Denmark, IA, passed away on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 7:45 AM at her home.

She was born on January 26, 1932 in Denmark to Milo and Inez Patten Stevenson. On April 12, 1954 she married Harold Pumphrey in Denmark and he passed away on November 16, 1993. She then married Randall Walker on January 6, 2005. She worked at GE, Motorola and also Beebe's Greenhouse. Joan was a member of Harmony Bible Church. She enjoyed quilting,garden-



ing, cooking and baking. Joan volunteered at the Great River Hospice House by making her delicious cookies for them for several years. Every week she would make a meal and take it to someone. She loved the Lord with all her heart. Joan had a heart of gold and was a friend to many. Her greatest love was spending time with her family.

WALKER

Survivors include her husband, Randall Walker of Denmark; two daughters, Peg Bozarth of Ft. Madison and Carol (Nate)

Gray of Bethany, MO; one son, Steve Pumphrey of Ft. Madison; eight grandchildren; four great grandchildren and one the way; three step children, Lance (Gina) Walker of Burlington, Jill (John) Fullenkamp of Danville and Lonn (Beth) Walker of Mt. Pleasant; six step grandchildren; six step grandchildren and one on the way; one sister, Jean Coxon of Longwood, FL; one brother, Richard Stevenson of Monroe City, MO; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband, Harold; her son, Chad; and a brother, Robert Stevenson.

The family will meet with friends from 1-3 PM on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral service will be held on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 11:00 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Pastor Matt Yaley officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Denmark Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for Denmark Fire & Rescue or the Denmark Cemetery Association. Online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

Carbon monoxide may have killed Denmark woman

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

law enforcement suspect carbon monoxide poisoning may have caused the death of a Denmark woman and sent her husband to the hospital early Thursday morning.

Denmark Fire & Rescue personnel along with Lee County EMS and the Lee County Sheriff's Dept. were called to the 1400 block of 295th Avenue just north of Hwy. 16 on the west side of Denmark where two adults were found in a home.

Rescue crews pulled the victims from the building at around 7:45 a.m. and began ventilat-

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ing the home. Joan Lee Stevenson Pumphrey Walker, 87, of Denmark died as a result of the incident. Her husband Randall Walker was taken to an area hospital. No condition report on him was available.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber said findings won't be confirmed until toxicology reports are returned.

"Our office suspects this is possibly carbon monoxide poisoning and our thoughts and prayers are with the family," Weber said Friday.

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For the Record/Obituaries

For the Record

Fort Madison **Police Report**

01/09/20 - 11:04 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1700 block of Avenue F. 01/09/20 - 12:40 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2100 block of Avenue H. 01/09/20 - 5:23 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1000 block of Avenue C. 01/09/20 - 7:22 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Heather Lucille Wright, 43, of Montrose in the 100 block of Formad Drive on a warrant for violation of probation. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 01/09/20 – 9:15 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Jessica Marie Moles, 21, of West Burlington, in the 2300 block of Avenue L. on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 01/09/20 – 9:59 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Derek Michael Dawson, 32,

of Burlington in the 3900 block of Bluff Road on a warrant out of Henry County. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 01/09/20 - 10:35 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Christopher Lee Andries, 23, of Donnellson, in the 1700 block of 35th Street, on a warrant for disorderly conduct and possession of controlled substance. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 01/09/20 - 11:59 p.m. -Fort Madison Police cited Payton Wrage Van Pelt, 24, of Fort Madison, in the 1300 block of 31st Street on a charge of driving while licensed revoked. She was released upon citation. 01/10/20 – 1:41 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Jerry Albert Vorhies, 67, of Fort Madison in the 1700 block of Avenue I, on a charge of 2nd-degree harassment. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 01/10/20 – 3:44 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1900 block of Avenue L.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

01/09/20 - no time listed - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Brandon Beau Shane Franklin, 29, of Burlington, at the Des Moines County line on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 01/09/20 – 4:24 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Corey Allen Roach, 27, of Hannibal, Mo., at the sheriff's office on a warrant for 2nd-degree theft. 01/09/20 – 11:30 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on 165th Street near Hwy. 16. According to reports, a vehicle driven by Scott Benjamin Blanchard, 39, of West Point, left the roadway and entered the right ditch colliding with a stop sign and street sign. Blanchard was cited for failure to maintain control. No injuries were reported. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

OBITUARIES

JOAN D. HAYS

Joan D. Hays, 88, of Keokuk, IA died Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at Unity-Point Health-Keokuk.

She was born December 7, 1931 in Waukegan, IL the daughter of Robert G. and Grace E. Wood Donnelly.

> Joan graduated from Waukegan Township High School in Waukegan, IL.



On June 6, 1975 she was united in marriage to Robert G. Hays in Hamilton, IL. He preceded her in death on October 16, 2011.

HAYS

She was a member of Bel Air Baptist Church in Keokuk. Joan had been employed at Armour Dial in Montrose, IA as a quality control secretary for many years, until her retirement.

Joan enjoyed crocheting and created beautiful gifts for her family and friends to enjoy.

She is survived by one daughter, Gayle Kil of Portage, MI, two sons, Kenneth Marshall of Overland Park, KS and David (Shelly) Marshall of Keokuk, two step-sons, Scott (Julie) Hays of Keokuk and Rex Hays of Overland Park, KS, one step-daughter, Lynn (Glenn) Carter of Montrose, IA, fourteen grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, one sister, Elizabeth Shuka of Ames, IA, one sister-in-law, Diane Donnelly of WI and many nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband, she was also preceded in death by her parents, one son, Stephen Marshall, one brother, Michael Donnelly, one son-in-law, Richard Kil and one brother-in-law, William Shuka.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, at Keokuk National Cemetery in Keokuk, IA with Pastor Mike McMillen officiating.

Memorials may be made to Bel Air Baptist Church or Shepherds Ministries in Union Grove, WI.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

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.



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Sports

HOLY TRINITY SPORTS Jason Thurman's 3 at buzzer in double OT sends game to third extension HTC survives triple overtime to win at CL

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

DONNELLSON – Holy Trinity Catholic's boys basketball team has seen it's share of tight game disappointments this year.

The Crusaders (4-6) lost the season-opener to Danville in overtime – lost to Notre Dame by one point with the ball at the end – and lost by two to Cardinal in overtime earlier this week. Those go the other way and the Crusaders are over .500.

But a Friday night early start at Central Lee may have been what the Crusad-

ers needed

to get back

Shooting 17

of 20 from

throw line

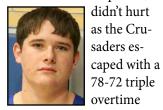
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J. THURMAN

from the fourth quarter on... and a buzzer beater 3-ball at the end of double overtime to force a third extra period,



V. THURMAN

"Super proud of the guys more than anything. What I told them in the locker room that what I was most impressed with was the bench engagement," Hellige said.

win.

"Our bench was totally in the game. Even the kids not in the game were in the game. Just a huge team win for us."



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

HTC senior Matt Hellige tries to post up on Central Lee's David Vance in Friday night's OT thriller at Central Lee. Hellige finished with 14 points on the night. Below, Vasin Thurman battles Vance inside.

The proverbial pendulum swung a wide arc Friday with both teams holding leads as high as seven points.

The Crusaders ran out to a quick 8-0 lead, but Central Lee came firing back with some three pointers to take a 19-16 lead in the second quarter when Evan Pohren converted for the Hawks.

Central Lee would stretch the lead to 31-24 on a bucket by senior TJ Stutes, but HTC's Vasin Thurman and Chandler Rung would score five unanswered in the final 41 seconds to make to 29-31 at the half.

HTC would take the lead in the early going of the third period when senior Matt Hellige rebounded a missed Vasin Thurman shot inside and put it back for a 35-34 Crusaders advantage. Central Lee would go on an 8-3 run as HTC went 1-for-



7 from the field the rest of the quarter and trailed 42-38 at the end of three.

With 5:05 left in regulation Rung hit a 3 from the left wing and then was fouled on the next trip down from 3-point range. The senior calmly sank all three with the Central Lee student section giving him the business to give the Crusaders a 47-43 lead with just over four minutes left in the 4th.

Central Lee would cut the

lead to one when Bronson Sargent was fouled on a bucket and completed the 3-point play. Hellige would score on HTC's next possession for a 51-48 lead with 1:53 left. But Stutes would hit another of the 20 combined 3-pointers on the night in the next possession to knot the game at 51.

Neither team would score again in the final period. The Crusaders' Quentin Schneider missed the front end of a bonus with :09 left. Central Lee got the rebound and called time out. Out of the break, Sargeant took the inbound pass with loose HTC pressure and fired up a 3-pointer that went off right at the buzzer.

The first OT session was controlled by the Hawks. HTC had one lead at 54-52 on a Blake Crabtree 3-ball, but Logan Kramer, who hadn't played since the season-opener countered with a 3-pointer at the other end.

With less than a minute left in OT, HTC trailed 58-59 after a Vasin Thurman bucket. HTC fouled Derek Denning, but the senior missed the back-end of the bonus for a 60-58 lead before Vasin Thurman scored inside with :15 left to knot it at 60. Central Lee worked the perimeter a little long and had to force up a shot that went wide right.

HTC trailed again through most of the second OT session but another three pointer from Rung cut the lead to 67-66 with about 10 seconds left. The Crusaders again fouled Denning on the inbound to stop the clock and the Hawk hit both free throws for a 69-66 lead.

Central Lee called time out to set up the defense and came out in a 2-2-1 zone press and tried to trap Crabtree on the inbounds. The senior slipped through the trap and found a wide open Jason Thurman hanging out in the right corner. With 3 ticks left, Thurman's shot hit the back of the iron, bounced straight up, the buzzer sounded and the ball dropped through to force a 3rd OT.

"That last play we just wanted to get guys spaced out, and their press kind of got some of their guys away from the arc," Hellige said.

Thurman said the plan was to try and get the Hawks to move forward on the ball and free up some space behind.

"We wanted Quentin bringing the ball up the court and engage them and I just sat in the corner and they left me there," Thurman said.

"I knew when I saw it go up in the air off the rim I knew it was going in."

Hellige said Thurman was hot in practice during the week and was fine with him having the ball in that situation.

HTC wouldn't score a bucket in the third period, but would go 9-of-10 from the free throw line and would hold Central Lee also to just free throws. With the ball game in the balance the Hawks went 3-of-7 from the line while HTC converted 9-10.

Jason Thurman would connect on four straight free throws in the final seconds to put the game out

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of reach 78-72.

"We were a little flat over Christmas, but they've really picked up the intensity in practice. We felt like we should've got the win Tuesday and that slipped away from us so this is a nice win," Hellige said.

Vasin Thurman led the Crusaders with 22 points on the night. Rung had 16 and Hellige and Crabtree each had 14 points. Jason Thurman finished with eight points and Schneider had four.

For Central Lee (1-8), Stutes, Sargent and Kramer each had 16, Denning scored 13, Dylan Stuecker had nine and Pohren finished with two.



Classifieds/Public Notices



PUBLIC NOTICES

EXPENDITURES

12/31/2019

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 1/7/2020

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Bowker, Morawitz, Rink, Andrews, Miller and Lair present. Council Member Cangas was absent.

On motion, Council approved the agenda. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 12/17/2019, New Liquor License for Garner Foods, 2236 Avenue L, effective January 8, 2020; Liquor License Renewal: Palms Supper Club, 4920 Avenue O, effective 2/1/2020; Liquor License Renewal: Dollar General, 429 Avenue H, effective 2/10/2020; Liquor License Renewal: River Rocks Bar and Grill, 709 Avenue H, effective 1/28/2020; and Payroll: December 20, 2019 and January 3, 2020.

Ryan Wilson from the YMCA gave an update on the Y's activities. Fire

12, B-1 Business District, Limited Retail, Section 3, Permitted Uses, to change the definition of Schools/Educational Facilities.

On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-01, accepting PIP 2018-04, Rodeo Park Recreational Trail as complete. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-02, setting Public Hearing for 1/21/2020, at 5:30 P.M., on the transfer of property located at 3421 Avenue L to the Lee County Board of Supervisors.

On motion, Council approved Claims. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's appointment of Bruce Hardy to the Southeast Iowa Regional Economic and Port Authority, filling an unexpired term, term expiring, December 31, 2023. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a Professional Services Agreement with HR Green for design and construction segments of three segments of the PORT Rodeo Park (FMCH) Connector Trail.

Mohrfeld appointed Council members as liaisons to boards and commission and Rink as May-

General	\$71,234.72	General	\$51,220.30
Special Revenue	510,593.42	Special Revenue	97,587.82
Road Use	94,341.03	Road Use	38,734.49
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General	\$179,414.10	General	\$190,580.11
Special Revenue	10,603.14	Special Revenue	4,154.76
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Water	30,409.95	Water	27,666.26
Sewer	40,021.76	Sewer	37,897.80
Solid Waste	12,468.29	Solid Waste	11,425.25
Airport	489.04	Airport	464.81
Storm Water	3,557.54	Storm Water	3,647.39
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Reporter/Stringer

Chief Joey Herren reported on the Fire Department's activities.

On motion, Council approved the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 1, Administration, Chapter 7, Mayor, Section 6, Duties, to allow Council to designate another City Official to sign Iowa Department of Transportation contracts. On motion, Council approved Ordinance D-58, amending Title 10, Zoning, Chapter 4, General Provisions, Section 5 Supplementary District Regulations, by adding fence regulations on reverse corner lots, and Chapter

or Pro Tem for 2020. He announced the creation of several new assignments for Council members, including Miller as the City's "Property Activist", Rink for all health and wellness matters, Bowker as the "Sustainability Coach", Andrews as the Events and Activities' liaison and Morawitz to work with the Neighborhood Watches. At 6:54 P.M., the meeting adjourned until January 21, 2020, at 5:30 P.M. /s/ Matt A. Mohrfeld,

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

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MENKE PROFESSION-ALAUTO PARTS, BAT-TERY/DEPOSIT ... 389.67 MES-MUNICIPAL EMER-GENCY SERV, CLOTH-ING ALLOWANCE..58.00 **MID-IOWA SOLID** WASTE EQUIPMENT, **TUBES/EXTENSIONS** MID-WEST ORGANIZED CRIME, MEMBERSHIP FEE.....150.00 MIDLAND SCIENTIFIC INC., REPLACEMENT BULBS......435.23 MIDWEST SAFETY COUNSELORS, AMMO-NIA.....271.13 MIGUEL LANDEROS, NUISANCE 904.84 MISSISSIPPI VALLEY EMB, UNIFORM 20.00 MOHRFELD ELECTRIC, **REPLACED DISCON-**NECT.....2,594.12 MWCNC, SEWER POLE NORRIS ASPHALT

PAVING, RODEO PARK PANTHER UNIFORMS INC, UNIFORM 951.50 **POEPPING STONE &** BACH, PROF FEE -PORT TRAIL III.. 1,233.62 QUILL CORPORATION, STAPLES/PENS..... 39.45 RAINBO OIL COMPANY, OIL/HYRAULIC..1,015.78 RATHBUN REG'L WA-

TER ASSOC, WATER **ROBERT N. JOHNSON**

III, MONTHLY SUBSIDY1,383.60 SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY, L.L.C., REPLACEMENT SERVICE MASTER, PA-VILION CLEAN UP SHOTTENKIRK SUPER-STORE, OIL CHANGES

STANARD & ASSOCI-ATES INC, TESTING

.....71.00 STAPLES, CREDIT PLAN TAPE/LABELS/CC PAPER......125.27 STATE HYGIENIC LAB -**RICK, FLUORIDE TEST-**ING 19.50 STERLING CODIFIERS INC., YEARLY HOSTING CODE 500.00 **TESTAMERICA INC.,** PRETREATMENT TITAN MACHINERY, INC., EDGER/BOLT/NUT TRANS-IOWA EQUIP-MENT, STRIP BROOM TRUCK REPAIR INC., **INVERTER WIRE**

TYLER TECHNOLO-GIES, MONTHLY SUP-PORT......252.50

TIES.....79.67 UMB BANK, N.A. TRUST, FEES750.00 UPS, SHIPPING 59.38 VISU-SEWER, INC, IN-STALL LINER .. 32,680.00 VRADENBURG, DAVE, VANDALISM @ CEN-TRAL PARK 400.00 WALMAN OPTICAL, SHIPPING - W GROENE WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED, BISULFITE/ ZINC 16,921.29 WEST BURLINGTON HYDRAULICS, FILTERS/ PUMPS......22.01 TOTAL 176,914.49 GENERAL 32,245.01 SPECIAL REVENUES2,313.02 ROAD USE 21,562.74 CAPITAL PROJECTS WATER 54,463.81 WASTEWATER SOLID WASTE .. 3,224.78 AIRPORT......43.69 STORM WATER 83.69 **MANUALS - 12.2019** ALLIANT ENERGY,

ULINE, STEEL CABLE

ELECTRIC...... 32,208.66 **B&B PROPANE, PRO-**PANE 1,059.08 CENTURY LINK, PHONE61.90 **DES MOINES REGIS-**

PUBLIC WORKS DIR EASYPERMIT POST-AGE, POSTAGE METER **REFILL/WATER**2,435.17 **HY-VEE ACCOUNTS** RECEIVABLE, TRAINING **EXPENSES & JANITORI-**AL 145.12 LIBERTY UTILITIES, HEATING......519.70 MID AMERICAN ENER-GY CO., HEATING MIGUEL LANDEROS, NUISANCE ABATEMENT1,439.37 MOHRFELD ELECTRIC, INSTALL NEW RUNWAY LIGHT CONTROL PETTY CASH - MELINDA BLIND, FUEL; TRAVEL REIMB; POSTAGE; ETC RATHBUN REG'L WA-TER ASSOC, WATER **ROBERT N. JOHNSON III, MONTHLY SUBSIDY** U.S. CELLULAR, SMART VERIZON WIRELESS, **HOTSPOTS - POLICE** WELLMARK BC/BS, HEALTH INS PREMIUM

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USAGE.....9,532.82 TOTAL 146,843.80 GENERAL 13,288.19 SPECIAL REVENUE ROAD USE 17,171.75 CAPITAL PROJECTS WATER 5,568.18 WASTEWATER SOLID WASTE .. 2,008.28 AIRPORT......3,579.80 GRAND TOTAL

LIBRARY CLAIMS 12/2019

ACCUCUT, ALBUM/ CARDS.....247.50 AMAZON.COM, SHELF BAKER & TAYLOR, SHELF MATERIAL CULLEN PEST CON-TROL, QUARTERLY DEMCO, PAPER 99.71 FARM & HOME PUB-LISHERS, AD RENEWAL GALE, SHELF MATERIAL74.72 IOWA HISTORY JOUR-NAL, 1 YEAR SUB-SCRIPTION 18.95 IOWA LIBRARY ASSOC., **MEMBERSHIP 2020**

J&S ELECTRONIC BUSI-NESS, INK......205.00 KANOPY, INC., VIDEOS4.00 MEDIACOM, PHONE240.71 MID AMERICAN ENER-GY CO., HEAT 300.66 **ORIENTAL TRADING** COMPANY, SUPPLIES PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE, SHELF MATE-RIAL......85.50 PETERS HEATING & AIR COND, REPLACED BELT PETTY CASH - SARAH CLENDIN, SNACKS/ QUILL CORPORATION, HOTMELT TAPE...283.25 **RECORDED BOOKS** LLC, SHELF MATERIAL67.49 SERVICE MASTER OF FORT MA, JANITORIAL SERVICE......905.10 SHOWCASES, CD/DVD ALBUM67.61 UNITED STATES POST-AL SERV, POSTAGE FUNDS 1,000.006,332.90 GENERAL5,687.10 SPECIAL REVENUE645.80 TOTAL6,332.90

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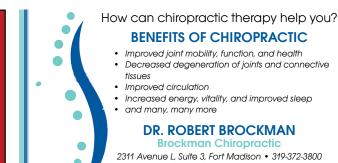






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From the Front



Cruise line passengers help offset flood losses

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but we will also need to start looking at getting materials for additional repairs." Watkins said the flooding kept numbers down in the early part of the season, but the cruise lines helped the fort rebound as far as attendance. He hopes that future years and the possibility of adding Viking Cruise Lines docking either in Fort Madison or nearby could result in more passengers being bused to the Fort.

"The boats have been an extremely positive addition," Watkins said.

"The more of those we see, the better off we'll be doing. I don't know that we're in dire straits or anything right now but we're moving along as the facility has always done."

He said the Old Fort was never planned to be a money maker, but to help bring people into the city to spend money in other places as well.

"We're lucky to break event year after year. The real value is the money that is being spent all over town when these people come in," he said.

"The flood last year really messed things up for us in general for the year. We didn't even get opened until late July and then we had lots of repairs to do."

Some of those repairs include fixing a wall that has fallen down. Watkins said the facility has the timbers to replace the walls, but they are in need of someone with equipment to come down and lift the wall so the timbers can be replaced.

"We don't have that equipment. We have the materials but we're hoping someone would donate some time and machinery to help us get that repaired as well."

The Old Fort typically has attendance ranging from 4,000 to 5,000 during a three month season in the summer and fall. He said if cruise line traffic continues and improves it could double those figures.

The North Lee County Historical Society launched the fundraising drive in December. A release from the society said funds allocated from the city have been exhausted. The society announced the fundraiser on Facebook indicated \$10,000 was needed and has had some response from inside and outside the city, but additional funds are still needed.

^{(As} Fort Madison business, industry and individuals have donated thousands of dollars to the PORT trails, Central Park bandstand and other causes the Society feels we need to support Fort Madison's Number 1 tourist attraction in the same spirit," the release indicated.

"We need the funds now as the uniforms must be special made from suppliers and may not be purchased at retailers but ordering now may insure delivery by tourist season."

Donations can be made via mail to: NLCHS – Friends Committee, PO Bo 285, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627 or drop your donations by the museum in the old ATSF Depot at foot of 10th Street in Fort Madison, which is open 7 days a week.

Treasure hunter now hunts for fun

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thought she'd try something. She bought Larry a metal detector for his birthday.

Larry was excited. He read the directions, put the machine together, and went to the local park. His very first day of "detecting," he found a Lincoln penny and a class ring. He was hooked.

Over the years, he's found over \$3,900 in coins—he meticulously keeps track of everything, recording his findings in a ledger—including an 1887-S American five dollar gold coin, eight gold rings, many sterling silver rings, and several 14K gold class rings. Like a sleuth, he tracks down the owners of the class rings and returns them, if he can, giving him a satisfied feeling. The five dollar gold piece he had set in gold, put on a gold chain, and gave to his wife for her birthday. After all, she was the one who got him started on "detecting."

To his wife's satisfaction, Larry no longer carries a coat hanger in the trunk of his car.

Some days, he goes out in the morning, "detects" for a couple of hours, goes home for lunch, then returns in the afternoon. No one gives him grief for "detecting" because there may be one or two other people out there in the park or beach doing the same thing. Under backyard clothes lines, or where clothes lines used to be, are the hot spots. Larry always gets permission before he goes onto someone's property. They may want a slice of the action. For the hours spent, and the value accumulated, Larry knows he isn't even earning minimum wage, but he doesn't care. It's free money.

One man asked him if his machine could detect dollar bills. "Only if it's a silver certificate," he told the man.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him a <u>curtswarm@yahoo.com</u>, or visit his website at <u>www.emptynest-words-photos-and-frames.com</u>