



# Pen City Current

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## State finds crack in city's sidewalk plan

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A \$1.5 million project to redo the sidewalks along the Main Street District on Avenue G took a stumble recently when the state officials said the south side of the avenue didn't qualify for the project.

The project is being made possible because of the city's waste water treatment plant overhaul. The city is allowed to use 10% of the cost of the project capped at \$1.5 million, for another sponsored project aimed at

further waste and storm water treatment.

The plan as originally presented would have put what are called "permeable pavers" from the curbs on Avenue G in the Main Street District six feet into the sidewalks. The other six feet to the buildings on the street would be concrete. Storm water would be absorbed into underground tanks and as those tanks filled another pipe would let the water stream out into the underground where it would be absorbed and move through the natural filtering of the soil toward the river.



VARLEY

City Manager David Varley said state officials said the south side of the street didn't qualify for the project.

"They're saying the north side treats x percent of water, but the south side treats a much smaller amount, because it's hooked up to lines that run to the river," Varley said Friday.

"So we came up with a plan B and have resubmitted it. We haven't heard back yet, but our goal is make the changes needed to make this happen. We included a couple inlets on the south side to pick up a higher

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### Beside The Point

Chuck Vandenberg,  
Pen City Current - Editor

## Slater's nomination has a bigger story

Sitting at a table Friday night at the Elliott Test Kitchen eating some of Kumar's fresh-smooshed guacamole with chips, some hors d'oeuvre meatballs, and finger sandwiches with about 60 members of the Fort Madison Education Association and members of the Fort Madison School Board - something hit me. ...This is weird.

I was talking with a fellow reporter as we waited for Fort Madison School's Superintendent Erin Slater to arrive. Slater, unbeknownst to her, was being recognized by teachers and the board for being selected by the Iowa State Education Association as a nominee for the Excellence in Education T.E.A.M. (Together Educator and Administrators Make it happen) Award.

Teacher Rachele Dravis concocted some substory about a state education official coming to update the district on this or that. Slater thought she was coming as the opening act with her stump speech on why the district needs a new elementary school. Talk about preaching to the choir.

The reporter I was talking with mentioned the disassembling of Chapter 20 last year, and how animosity runs at an all-time high in some districts right now. Chapter 20 stripped bargaining

power, other than wages, from the education associations at Iowa school districts. But there doesn't seem to be that animosity in this room. Not on this night. I asked the mad scientist if she thought it was weird that this district and the administration and school



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison Superintendent Erin Slater gets a hug from elementary teacher Rachele Dravis, who just read nomination forms that resulted in Slater being selected for the Iowa State Education Association's Together Educators and Administration Make it Happen award.

board seem to be getting along so well in the wake of the changes of 2017.

"It's not Erin's fault that law was changed. She still has a job to do." If you ever want a straight answer on something, ask my wife.

With talk from a lot of major media outlets of teachers bailing on Iowa schools to head for greener pastures, this district has stayed intact. Some states, I think Minnesota is one, are actively recruiting from Iowa. So what has this group so arm-locked and tramping down the road to greater things, when others are playing Red Rover?

Slater worked the room getting hug after hug after being charmingly gullible enough to think this packed house eating Kumar's food and drinking some of his wine, was there to hear a pitch on the bond referendum. She worked her way over to the media table and

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# Obituaries/Weather

## OBITUARIES

### WILLIAM H. KOELLNER

William H. Koellner, 82, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 5:23 p.m. on Friday, March 9, 2018 at the University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City. He was born on February 11, 1936 in Burlington, IA to Paul & Helen Krieger Koellner. He married Jane M. Pollmeier on August 30, 1958 in Fort Madison, IA. He was a hospital administrator for Sacred Heart Hospital & Fort Madison Community Hospital and hospitals in Bloomfield, IA, Bethany, MO & Scotland, SD. He was a member of Holy Family Parish, Knights of Columbus and the Fort Madison Rotary Club. He enjoyed gardening and yardwork.



KOELLNER

Bill is survived by: his wife: Jane Koellner of Fort Madison, IA; 2-sons: Tim (Pam) Koellner of O'Fallon, MO & Mark Koellner of Fort Madison, IA; 3-daughters: Ann (Tony) Pesnell of Tucson, AZ, Kelly (Ernie) Marsan of Huntington, CT & Sarah (Tony) Hughes of Urbandale, IA; 1-granddaughter: Hannah Hughes of Urbandale, IA; 7-step grandchildren; 10-step great grandchildren; 1-brother: Paul (Mary Ann) Koellner of Portage, MI; 2-sister in laws: Julia Koellner of Fort Madison, IA & Patti Koellner of South Bend, IN. He was preceded in death by: his parents, 1-granddaughter: Shelby Hughes, 1-step granddaughter: Falynn Lewis, 2-brothers: Pat & John.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2018 where the family will receive friends from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. with a Christian Wake Service to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday evening at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The family will also receive friends from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at Ss. Mary & Joseph Church with Rev. Mark P. Spring officiating. Burial will be held at Gethsemane Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established for Holy Trinity Catholic Schools or Holy Family Parish. Online condolences and a video tribute of Bill's life may be viewed at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

### FLOYD EDWARD HOHL

Floyd Edward Hohl, 93, of Donnellson, Iowa, passed away at 1:31 a.m. Friday, March 9, 2018 at The Madison in Fort Madison, Iowa.



HOHL

Born August 17, 1924 in Donnellson, Iowa the son of Edgar Martin and Vivian Carol (Gray) Hohl. On November 10, 1946 he married Betty Darlene Fleming in Primrose, Iowa. She preceded him in death on March 8, 2014.

Survivors include his three children: Thomas "T.K." (Beth) Hohl of Dripping Springs, Texas, Karen Sue (Ron) Mace of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Kevin (Judy) Hohl of Farmington, Iowa; eight grandchildren; fifteen great grandchildren and one brother: John Lee Hohl of Manassas, Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife: Betty and sister: Arleta Mae Rohdy.

Floyd was a 1942 graduate of Donnellson High School. He was a United States Navy Veteran having served in World War II and was a life-long farmer. Floyd was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Donnellson and the Donnellson American Legion for seventy-one years. He served on the Central Lee School Board for seventeen years, Rathbun Rural Water Board for twenty years, Lee County Farm Bureau, was Donnellson Saddle Club Charter member and was a member of the American Quarter Horse Association. In 1996 and 1997 he drove his team and wagon to Salt Lake City for the Mormon Trail Reenactment. Floyd enjoyed this family, farming, his horses, and having company stop by to visit.

His body has been entrusted to Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

Friends may call after 12:00 noon Monday, March 12, 2018 at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson where the family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Donnellson with Pastor Bob Molsberry officiating.

Burial will be at Evangelical Cemetery in Donnellson with full military rites presented by the Donnellson American Legion.

Memorials have been established in his memory.

Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at [www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com).



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<b>MON 12 Mar</b>	 Light Snow High – 38.5° F   Low – 24.7° F
<b>TUE 13 Mar</b>	 Clear Skies High – 33.7° F   Low – 23.6° F
<b>WED 14 Mar</b>	 Clear Skies High – 38.3° F   Low – 27.5° F
<b>THU 15 Mar</b>	 Clear Skies High – 54.1° F   Low – 53.5° F

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## Local News/Lottery Numbers

### CURRENT-LEE

# HTC TAPS 8th Annual Bunny Hop Event – March 31st, 2018



WEST POINT - HTC Bunny Hop 5K Run/Walk or 10K Run event. Saturday, March 31st beginning at the West Point Library. Registration begins at 8:00a.m. The race begins at 9 a.m. Pre-registration before March 23rd is \$20 & includes t-shirt. Registration on or after March 23rd is \$25. Drinks and light snacks will be provided for participants. Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place finishers in each age group. Registration forms can be found here or [www.holytrinitieschools.org](http://www.holytrinitieschools.org). [Click here](#) to download & print your registration form.

# Glo Crazy for Education run set for April 7



FORT MADISON - A 5K run/walk will be held on April 7 at Baxter Sports Complex beginning at 8 p.m. Proceeds from the event will go to the Elliott Test Kitchen in Fort Madison. The event is being put on by Fort Madison service clubs including Fort Madison Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary clubs as well as the Fort Madison High School key club. Registration can be done at [www.pencitycurrent.com/glo-crazy/](http://www.pencitycurrent.com/glo-crazy/).

# FM youth charged with trying to rob home with knife

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Detectives from the Lee County Sheriff's office have arrested a 15-year-old male juvenile from Fort Madison in connection with a Friday morning break-in in St. Paul.

According to Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber, the juvenile is being charged with burglary and assault and is currently in the Southeast Iowa Juvenile Detention Center awaiting a hearing.

Detectives Chad Donaldson and Clint Wray made the arrest and had the juvenile in custody shortly after 3 p.m. today.

Weber said the initial charges are forcible felonies, but declined to release the juvenile's name. He said the juvenile has a Fort Madison address, but lives out in the county.

The youth allegedly broke into the home in the 1400 block of 210th Avenue at about 1:42 a.m. and confronted the residents with a knife demanding money. A release from the sheriff's department says a struggle ensued where the homeowner was able to defend himself the home and disarm the intruder until he fled on foot to a truck that was waiting in the driveway.

"These guys picked the wrong house. The homeowners defended themselves rigorously," Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber said Friday.

Witnesses to the incident reported the vehicle could possibly be a single cab pickup with a decal in the rear window. The intruder was described as being approximately 5'10" to 6' tall and wearing a dark hoodie.

According to the report, the vehicle drove away immediately as though someone was waiting for the suspect in the getaway vehicle.

No medical attention was needed at the home. Law enforcement released information on the incident and were looking for help in securing the perpetrator and anyone in connection with the escape.



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Pick 4 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
Pick 4 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm



3/10  
23 24 41 43 44  
Star Ball: 3  
All Star Bonus: 3



3/9  
7 17 18 46 66  
Mega Ball: 22  
Megaplier: 4



3/10  
43 44 54 61 69  
Powerball: 22  
Power Play: 3



3/9 MID-DAY  
8 9 4  
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3/10 MID-DAY  
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## Sports/Local News

# Spring temperatures opening up area fishing holes

LEE COUNTY - The following is the weekly Iowa Department of Natural Resources fishing report for the week ending March 14.

### Big Hollow Lake

Some skim ice in the mornings. Lake is open otherwise.

### Lake Belva Deer

The lake is ice free. Not much angler activity.

### Lake Darling

The lake has been ice free for the last week. On the cold mornings, there is a little ice around the edges in the bays.

The boat docks are not in; be careful on the boat ramps, there is some ice on them from the waves coming in. Just a few anglers out, mostly to get the boats off the trailers.

### Lake Geode

Drained for renovation work scheduled for later this year. With the warmer weather, the bottom of the lake will thaw out and get soft again; use caution when walking around on the bottom of the lake.

Skunk River (Rose Hill to Coppock)  
The river has been ice free since early



last week. River level is running about 1/2 bank full. Have seen a couple of boats out on the river, but no reports on the fishing.

For more information on the fishing

at the above lakes and rivers, contact the Lake Darling Fisheries Office at 319-694-2430.

### Mississippi River Pool 19

Tailwater stage is 6.12 feet at Lock and Dam 18 above Burlington and is falling. We have not received any tailwater fishing reports for walleyes and saugers.

River stages have been falling the past few days. Water clarity is poor. Tailwater fishing for walleye and saugers has been slow. If you have questions on fishing Pools 16-19, contact the Fairport Fish Hatchery at 563-263-5062.

## FM Elks bring national comedy talent to FM Friday

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Elks Club will be hosting a Comedy Night Friday at the Elks Lodge featuring two national comedy acts.



MOSES

Jamie Fritz will be the opening act, followed by Mike Moses with the laughs beginning at 8:30 following dinner.



FRITZ

Dinner will be comprised of tacos and enchiladas and will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by calling the Elks Lodge at 319-372-3724.

## United Methodist put on Palm Sunday pit ham dinner

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Ft. Madison United Methodist Church will host their annual Ham Dinner on Palm Sunday, March 25th from 11:30am-1:00pm.

The menu will include: Pit Ham, party potatoes, corn, green beans, a variety of salads, a variety of desserts, rolls, lemonade, ice tea or coffee for a freewill offering. The Ft. Madison United Methodist Church is located at 9th St. And Ave. E.

A handicapped accessible elevator is located on 9th Street. There is also a door to the basement located in the alley. The dinner will be held in the church basement.

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## Sports/Health News

# Barnes throws 50' for title at indoor meet

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

MT. VERNON - Fort Madison High School senior Elijah Barnes set a personal best throw in the shot put at 50.1 and took first-place in a 71 person field.

Barnes' throw was almost two full feet ahead West Burlington's Landon Greer at 48.03.5. Heath Hoenig took 47th place with a 37-foot throw and Alec Craft tossed the shot 34' for 64th place.

Other top finishers for the Hounds included sophomore Quentin Schneider who took 7th in the 400-meter run with a time of 56.06 and senior Alex Gully who took 20th in the 60-meter dash at 7.61 seconds. Freshman Calem MacLearn, with a time of 8.38 seconds, finished 52nd.

The 4x800 team of junior Dayne Cordray, Schneider,



BARNES

sophomore Matt Hellige, and freshman Garrett Hannum took 17th with a time of 9:13.64.

Gully took 22nd in the 200-meter run with a time of 25.28 and junior Trey Kuntz finished in 51st place with a mark of 27.62.

Junior Harley Pennamon finished 26th in the 400-meter dash at 60.06. Hellige earned 27th in the 400-meter run with a time of 5:08.76 and junior Miguel Trejo finished in 42nd with a time of 5:32.15.

In the relays, the boys 4x400 team of Schneider, Hannum, Cordray, and McClelland finished at 3:57.19 in 15th place overall.

The boys distance medley team of freshmen Shay Smith, Bryce Britton, Shakir McClelland, and senior Zander Schweiss took 24th with a time of 4:23.10.

On Tuesday at the Dickinson Indoor meet in Cedar Falls, Barnes threw 46'5" and senior Caleb Gehle threw 17'5" from the wheelchair.

The 4x200 relay team of Gully, Kuntz, junior Dominic Frantz, and MacLearn finished at 1:49.44, while the 4x800 team of Hellige, Cordray, Hannum, and Schneider finished at 9:22.11. Hannum had the fastest split at 2:17.

Alex Gully ran the 60-meter dash at 7.64, while Kuntz ran it in 8.14, and Schweiss at 8.2. Schneider ran the 400 at 55.9, Hannum in 57.2, and Matthew Meierotto at 1:01.09.

Gehle ran the 200-meter wheelchair at 1:04.04. Gully led the Hounds with a 25.71 in the regular 200. MacLearn was behind Gully at 27.18 and Frantz was just behind MacLearn at 27.44.

The boys travel to Iowa State on Tuesday for an indoor meet in Ames.

## Howardson leads FMHS girls at Mt. Vernon

BY PCC STAFF

MT. VERNON - Senior Sierra Howardson led a young group at the Fort Madison girls track team at the Washington Indoor meet Thursday at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon.

Howardson finished in 10th place in the 1500 meter run with a time of 5:25.93, :23 off the pace set by Cedar Rapids Washinton's Reagon Gorman. Howardson also ran the first leg of the girls 4x800-meter run which took 13th place. Freshman Lauren King ran the second leg followed by seniors Claire Mendez and Kamryn Bailey. The team finished with a mark of 11:05.14

Other place finishers for the Bloodhounds included senior Leigh Johnson with a throw of 30.05 in the shot-put good enough for 24th out of 68. Freshman Revna Lampe took 22nd in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 11.20. Senior Elizabeth Miller finished 45th at 12.59.

Freshman Nadia Boeding ran the 60-meter dash in 9.22 good enough for 39th place, while Madelyn Swigart finished at 9.71 for 47th place. Swigart also took 38th in the 400-meter dasy at 1:18.87. Freshman Kylie Cashman and sophomore Anna Kester finished the girls 200-meter dash in 38th and 39th just a second apart at 31.45 and 31.46.

Miller wrapped up the 1500-meter dash at 6:05.59 for 28th place.

The girls distance medley consisting of Bailey, freshman Taylor Barnes, Cashman, and freshman Lauren King, took 20th place with a mark of 5:15.89, while the 4x400 team of Mendez, Boeding, Barnes and Kester took 18th place at 4:52.15.

The girls travel to Ames Monday for an indoor meet at Iowa State University.

## Healthy lifestyle conference planned

BY PCC STAFF

BURLINGTON - The Southeast Iowa Regional Coalition for Lifestyle Enhancement (SIRCLE) continues their tradition of bringing a conference focused on health and wellness issues to the area. The 12th Annual Healthy Lifestyles Conference will take place on April 4th from 8:00am to 4:30pm at the Comfort Suites in Burlington.

"This year we have some great speakers lined up, including the return of Dr. Ann," states Christin O'Brien, conference committee member. "For several years now conference attendees have mentioned that they would like to see her back, and we are thrilled we were able to make it work this year."

Dr. Ann Kulze first presented at the Healthy Lifestyles Conference in 2008. Dr. Ann will be a keynote presenter with The Happiness Diet, which relates to diet and brain health. She will then do the capstone with The Rest of the Story, which will focus on how lifestyle factors can add years to your life and life to your years. Dr. Ann is a best-selling author and physician in the areas of nutrition, healthy living, and disease prevention. She received her undergraduate degree in Food Science and Human Nutrition from Clemson University and her medical degree from the Medical University of South Carolina. She is the Founder and CEO of the wellness education firm, Just Wellness LLC.

The mid-day speaker will be Chris Espersen, MSPH, with the presentation Fields of Opportunities: Addressing Barriers to Food Security in Iowa. This presentation will address how to define the Social Determinants of Health (SDH), identify the impact of SDH on nutrition and healthy lifestyles, and discuss various interventions that address food insecurity. Espersen is the President of Espersen and Associates where she creates strategic plans, toolkits, coaching models, and presentations for public health and healthcare organizations to maximize

their patient engagement, population health and quality improvement outcomes.

The breakout sessions will feature two presentations and panel discussion: Lynda Murray, MA, RDN, and Bethany Porter, MBA, with There's No Such Thing as an "Innocent" Diet - Fad Diets be Damned; Morgan Hoenig with Local Food and Health; Emily Biddenstadt, Jamie Dengler, and Zach James with Difficulties in Living Healthy Lifestyles & Strategies to Improve Our Environment.

The conference is for health professionals, school personnel, community leaders, and the general public. Registrations received before March 28th are \$75 per person, and \$95 after the 28th. The student registration fee is \$25. There will be 6 contact hours of Continuing Education Credits available for nurses through Southeastern Community College (provider number 24) on the day of the conference. Registration includes lunch, beverage break, and conference materials.

New to the 2018 conference is online registration through Eventbrite at [www.healthy lifestylesconference.eventbrite.com](http://www.healthy lifestylesconference.eventbrite.com).

For more information on the conference or to receive a registration brochure please contact Christine O'Brien at (319) 753-0193 or at [christine.obrien@caofseia.org](mailto:christine.obrien@caofseia.org). Also, a brochure can also be downloaded at [www.leecountyhd.org](http://www.leecountyhd.org) in the "Special Events" section.

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The Great River Regional Waste Authority Is accepting bids for the mowing of its properties located at 2092 303rd ave in Fort Madison and 111 Carbide lane in Keokuk.

Bids must be received by April 2nd by 4:00 p.m.

It is recommended that all bidders look at the properties before submitting their bids.

Bids shall be for mowing services, weed eating every week (Unless not recommended by GRRWA) and also spraying weeds if needed.

Bids need to be sent to: Great River Regional Waste Authority, 2092 303rd Ave. Fort Madison Iowa 52627 and to the Attention of: Wade Hamm.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**Lee County Conservation Board Meeting Agenda March 13, 2018 6:00 p.m. Lee County Conservation Center 2652 Highway 61**

### Montrose, IA 52639

1. Call to order
2. Approval of minutes from February 13, 2018
3. Public Input

This is the time of the meeting that a citizen may address the Board on any matters pertaining to the Lee County Conservation Board. The Board cannot take formal action at the meeting on matters not included on the regular agenda, but may ask the staff to research the matter or have the matter placed on a subsequent agenda.

4. Approval of Bills
  5. Approval of Financial Report
  6. Approve Campground Host Contracts
  7. Review/Approve Step Increase from Class V Step 2 at \$18.08 to Class V Step 3 \$18.59 for Assistant Naturalist
  8. LCCB Bylaws
  9. Staff Reports
  10. Board Member Comments
  11. Adjournment
- Next regular meeting will be April 10, 2018

Hearing and vision assistance available upon request. Citizens are welcome to all LCCB meetings.

**Regular Meeting Agenda**  
**DATE: TUESDAY, March 13, 2018**  
**MEETING CONVENING TIME: 9:00 A.M.**  
**LOCATION: 2530 255th Street, Montrose, IA 52639**  
**AGENDA**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approve Agenda
- Consider Approval of Tuesday, March 6, 2018 Board Minutes
- Consider Approval of Claims
- Public Input
- Consider Approval of Unpaid Leave for Sheriff's Office Employee
- Review Bids and Consider Awarding Bid for Semi Tractor for Secondary Roads
- Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolution
- Consider Approval of Resolution Setting Public Hearing to Enter into Non Current Debt to Purchase Pictometry GIS Photography, Software and Services
- Personnel Actions:
  - A. Step Increase-Health

Department Reports:  
 A. Manure Management Annual Update for Kruse Bros. LTD in Marion Township  
 B. Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected  
 C. Manure Management Annual Update for Pomberg Farms in Pleasant Ridge Township  
 Commission or Committee Reports  
 Adjourn

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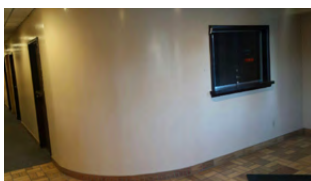
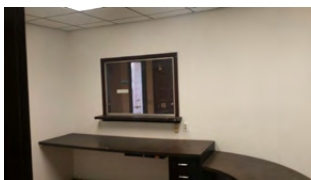
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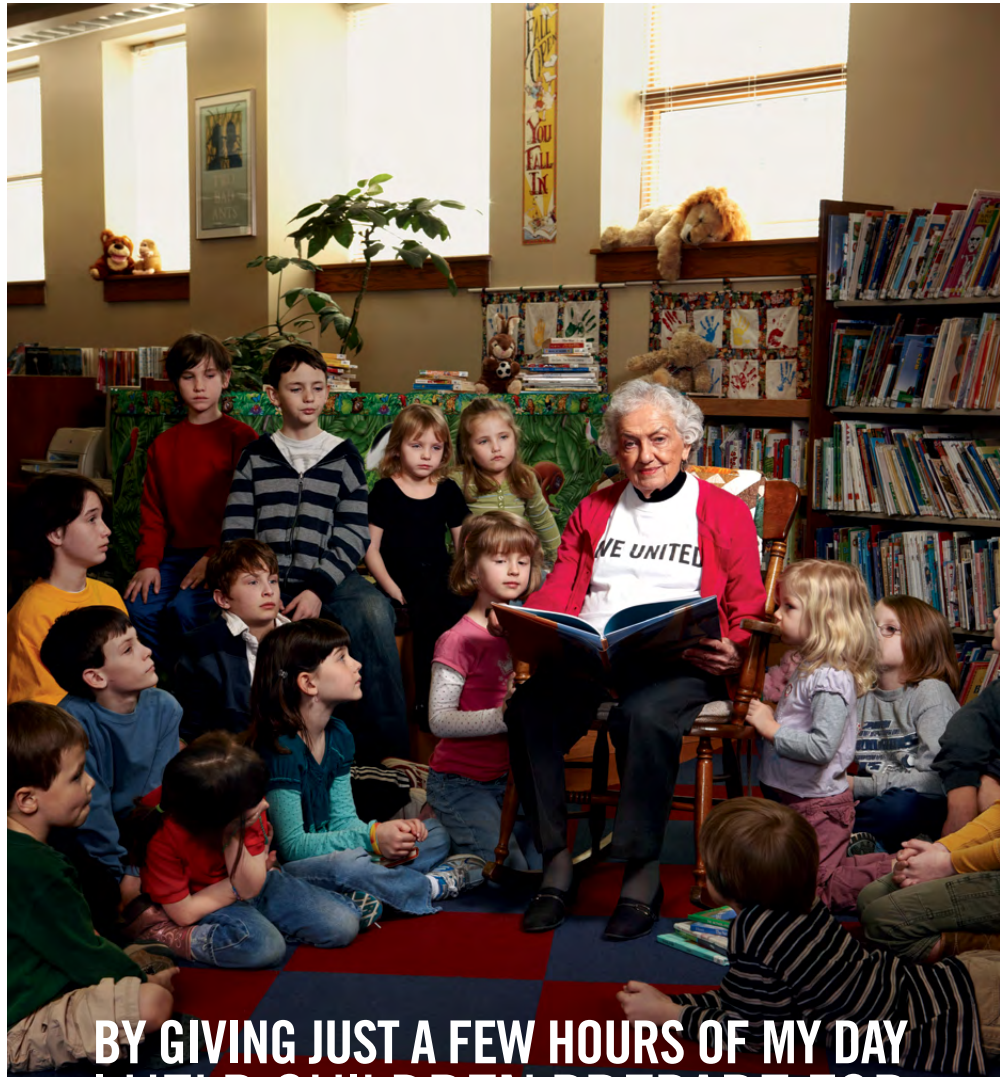


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## From the Front

# City officials still hope to get project done in 2018

**PROJECT** - Continued from Page 1

percent of storm water to get it to the tanks for the slow release, and get the whole project qualified.”

Varley said the city and HR Green Associates of Cedar Rapids, who's helping the city get approval for the project, think the numbers are high enough now.

“Everyone else says we're good to go, but if it's still not enough to qualify the project, we'll find a way around it. I think they'll get back with us soon. Our plan is to get started and we should be able to get it completed this year.”

Varley said the \$1.5 million is grant money and comes from the interest paid on the waste treatment plant. However, there may be a slight increase in the cost. Preliminary estimates on the original plan were \$1.8 million.

“The cost might be slightly higher, because of the cost of concrete or curbing, but we're trying to keep it under that amount,” he said.

The project comes as the city is set to begin redoing U.S. Hwy 61 or Avenue H, from 2nd to 6th streets this spring and summer. Incremental phases will take place in the following two years to eventually redo the entire thoroughfare through 20th Street. The city also has plans to redo Avenue G downtown and separate the storm and waste water lines under timelines from the Environmental Protection Agency.

# District improving in spite of Chapter 20

**HONOR** - Continued from Page 1

answered that question jam-packed with confidence, and a barely noticeable hint of emotion.

“It's a huge honor and I have so much respect for everyone in this district. Everyone that puts our kids first... everyone,” she said.

“We have made a distinct effort to sit around the table and collaborate. That comes from everybody. We want to promote that we work together and that it's just for the betterment of our students. So we have a common goal. Chapter 20 did not change the collaborative spirit of this district.”

Board member Gayla Young, who's a teacher in the Danville district, said Fort Madison is kind of charting its own path in the wake of the sweeping changes of the law.

“With all the changes with Chapter 20, I know of so many districts where the administration and the board and the teachers are at odds. Erin was able to take Chapter 20 and guide us through it.”

“They don't feel this mentality of ‘us against them’ and they know she's got everyone's best interest at heart. She wants to do what's best for kids, but also what's best for the staff. I think one of the great things right now is her transpar-



ency. There's no hidden agenda here. We're putting it out there, and probably to me, that's one of the biggest things we have going right now.”

Sitting through many hours of school board meetings, I see the status quo is not good enough...not even close. For certain, everything's not perfect. But we're in a growth mode here. If not in enrollment, most assuredly in our approach to students and their daily needs in and out of school. There's a majority sense of fostering improvement, and dare I say, friendships with the employees of the district. Slater is extremely visible and engaged in the community. And the nomination forms of teachers in the district speak volumes to the future they see.

She's trying to get a state-of-the-art preK-3 elementary school built to impact students first and foremost, and the community as a whole. She's steering a ship that was

launched before her time...on some pretty rocky seas. With the help of a great crew of advocates, the district almost landed that ship last year. It really is in the best interest to bring that ship home this year.

“What sets her apart is that we were behind in best practices that weren't researched or implemented as a district,” said Dravis, reading from the nomination forms that secured the state selection for Slater.

“She came in when our educational community seemed to be falling behind in many ways. Our district is now working towards where highly effective districts already are. We are proud of where we are headed and looking forward to the changes to enhance the learning environments of all.”

“This is an honor. Gosh... I'm speechless,” Slater said. “Everybody here is a team and nobody does it alone. I feel very lucky to have landed here. We picked a great place... it's a great match, and I can't imagine not working with each and every one of you,” Slater told the room.

“I don't know I deserve this. I'm just flattered and honored.”

The ISEA awards dinner will be held July 30 at Altoona Prairie Meadows Center.

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