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Moss returns to FM with Brooks tribute

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON -

Playing in a tribute band

playing local clubs, and

for Fort Madison native

Moss, who plays profes-

sionally as Shawn Gerhard,

will be part of a two-per-

formance night Saturday

at Fort Madison's Riverfest

on Aug. 6, with Nashville

country star Buddy Jewell.

with a tribute band that

pop and country legend

before I did," Moss said

with a chuckle Monday.

He said he grew up in

music playing as a young-

ster and then started in a

eling southeast Iowa. His

ambitions got a bit bigger

and he moved to Nashville

band when he was 24 trav-

Garth Brooks.

solely covers the music of

"It's unfortunate for me,

but Garth made it to Garth

Moss travels the country

Shawn Moss, it's a full

blown career.

in 2001.

"We played a lot of shows around the local area, Fort Madison, Burlington, Mediapolis..those kinds of places and then has become more than just started thinking a bit bigger and expanded to clubs in Peoria and Bloomington," Moss said.

> He said the music business was hit and miss for him so he got into construction and started building homes in the Nashville area between 2001 and 2012 before getting back into music again.

"Tribute bands were on the rise so we got some rehearsal space and we had a showcase and started to hire some people. We started working with some booking agencies and we specifically did Garth Brooks tributes," he said.

"I love doing them, they pay well, and tributes are pretty big right now. Buyers are looking for acts where they can get a good price and get a good show." Moss said his memo-



Photo courtesy of www.tribute2garth.com

Fort Madison native Shawn Moss, who's made a name for himself in Nashville as part of one of the top Garth Brooks tribute bands, will be playing for his hometown on Saturday, August 6th as part of this year's Riverfest celebration.

ries of Riverfest of old are more of the carnival type memories, but he said he thought he remembered Marshall Tucker playing one year and other bigger name acts before the event faded away.

He said 2017 has been a great year for the band, which has actually played a few events in Iowa already including a gig at

Lake Okoboji at the Parks Marina and they also did an event in Independence Iowa at a winter festival as part of a fundraiser.

Family draws Moss back to the Fort Madison area about once a year and he said he likes what's going on in Fort Madison and said fans will get a chance to really feel Brooks' music in his show.

"I'm portraying him. I want people to feel like when they close their eyes they hear him, but also when they open them they see him as well. I love doing the tributes. It really is who I am," he said.

"They'll be able to sing right along with songs that Garth has done thousands and thousands of times." See MOSS, page 8

Board frets over repair funding **BY CHUCK** VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

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FORT MADISON - A bleak picture of funds available for school district maintenance and rehab is now at the forefront of future discussions with the school board.

The school district's maintenance director Kevin Moon gave a facilities update to the Fort Madison School District Board of Directors at Monday's regular meeting and said the \$500,000 that's budgeted for capital expenses annually isn't very much.

"There's a lot of square footage out there, and it really isn't that much money."

Moon said of the \$500,000, about a hun-

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GUEST COLUMN This Paul Harvey is still telling the rest of his story

Ginnie's father, the Rev Paul Harvey, just turned 90. Yes, he likes to joke about his name and says things like, "Now, for the rest of the story." But, boy, does he have a rest of the story." Not only did he reach the ripe old age of 90 with full mental capacities (and then some), but he is also diabetic, has congestive heart failure (CHF), has had heart bypass surgery, and has had, and fully recovered from, cancer, twice-bone cancer where he had six inches of bone removed from his arm, and prostate cancer. Any one of these conditions would probably do me in. But not the Rev Paul Harvey. His present good health and outstanding mental faculties are a testament to excellent health care, the love of his wife, Ruth, friends, congregation and family, and his faith and trust in God.



SWARM

Is he a walking miracle? Well, maybe. He doesn't believe the successful removal of cancerous bone from his

birthday celebration was held in Ozark, Missouri.

With all the family together, it was time, of course, for a family meeting afterward. Just as in days of old, Paul held court. What were the plans for Ruth and himself? Ruth is in an assisted living facility, and Paul is still maintaining an independent apartment. He wants to be with his wife, naturally. He will wait until a "couples apartment" becomes available and then move in with Ruth. The kids will need to come together to help sort through a lifetime of accumulations. They all nod their heads in agreement.

arm and the bypass surgery were solely the result of human skill. He believes the Lord had something to do with

it, that there was still work for him to do.

He and his wife of 67 years, Ruth, had seven children. One child passed away from an enlarged heart, leaving six. Incredibly, all six children have a college education (on a pastor's salary) and all six children and most of their families made it to the 90th birthday reception for Paul and Ruth, who will also be 90 in November. The

And there are tons of stuff to go through. Their pastor father was also an accomplished photographer, model

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Obituaries/From the Front

07/15/17 - 3:46 a.m. - Lee

For the Record

Fort Madison **Police report**

07/13/17 - 5:19 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Clarissa Dawn Childress, 21, of Fort Madison for a charge of no insurance. 07/14/17 - 11:44 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2800 block of Avenue K. 07/14/17 - 11:49 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 2700 block of Avenue M. 07/14/17 - 12:01 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1100 block of Avenue I. 07/14/17 - 3:51 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue D. 07/14/17 - 5:43 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2900 block of Avenue K. 07/15/17 - 12:11 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue I. 07/15/17 - 5:31 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2300 block of Avenue L. 07/15/17 - 5:45 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1400 block of Avenue F. 07/15/17 - 7:38 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Emily Ann Kruse, 22, of Fort

Madison in the 4500 block of Avenue O, on a charge of disorderly conduct and interference with official acts. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held. 07/16/17 - 9:18 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Brandi Nicole Sumner, 28 of Detroit, Mich, on a warrant for failure to appear and violation of a no-contact order. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held. 07/15/17 - 10:40 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in progress in the 400 block of Avenue A. 07/16/17 - 8:03 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1100 block of Avenue F. 07/16/17 - 8:06 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 3400 block of Avenue N. 07/16/17 - 8:26 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 3700 block of Avenue L. 07/16/17 - 9:40 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of gas drive off in the 5000 block of Avenue O. 07/16/17 - 12:30 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1500 block of Avenue I. 07/16/17 - 1:01 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2300 block of Avenue C.

07/16/17 - 9:02 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 400 block of Avenue E. 07/16/17 - 9:31 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1700 block of Avenue E. 07/16/17 - 9:54 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 3200 block of Avenue I. 07/17/17 - 7:24 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2600 block of Avenue J.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

07/14/17 - 10:21 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on Hwy 27. A vehicle driven by Shaton Marie Dragshutz, 75, of Florissant, Mo., was northbound and left the roadway and struck mile marker 26 and came to rest in a field facing north. Dragshutz reported a minor injury and went to the hospital on her own. No citations were issued at the scene. 07/14/17 - 2:14 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Gilbert Allen Woodward, Jr., 31 of Keokuk, at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a charge of violation of a no-contact order. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.



County Sheriff's deputies arrested Bernard Eugene Boggs, 40 of Revere, Mo., in Keokuk, on a warrant for contempt of court-failure to pay fine/costs and charges of driving while licensed revoked and failure to obey a stop sign/yield right of way. He was released on bond. 07/15/17 - 4:34 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Melany Mikala Omiatek, 19, of Keokuk, in Keokuk, on charges of interferenced with official acts and providing a false identification. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released on recognizance. 07/15/17 - 12:41 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Courtney Allen Kellum, 33, of Keokuk in the 3500 block of Hwy 218 on a charge of OWI-1st offense. She was released on a promise to appear. 07/15/17 - 12:52 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Hwy 218 and 200th Street. A vehicle driven by Judith S. Gillogly of Carthage, Ill., struck a vehicle driven by Garry Hodge, 66, of Henry, Tenn. Gillogly was cited for failure to yield entering a through highway. Hodge suffered minor injuries and both vehicles had severe damage. 07/16/17 - 11:07 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on Hwy 61 at approx-

OBITUARIES

MILDRED GUENTHER

The Memorial Mass for Mildred Guenther, age 102 of Evergreen, CO and formerly of Ft. Madison will be held on Friday, July 21, 2017 at 10:30 AM at Ss. Mary & Joseph Church with Rev. Joseph Phung officiating. Burial will follow in Gethsemane Cemetery. King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory is in charge of the arrangements.

Religion, family, and hobbies keep Harvey active

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railroader, and musician, playing the mountain dulcimer. About the time he had to have the bone removed from his arm, he was just learning to play the dulcimer. After the surgery and replacement of bone by a steel rod, Paul could no longer hold the dulcimer in the manner to which he was accustomed. He made the adjustment, continued to practice, and now gives performances statewide.

Ordained at 18, Paul was a Baptist minister for 21 years and then was State Director of the Baptist Brotherhood Department for 17 years. Part of the Brotherhood Department included the Royal Ambassadors, which is a Baptist organization for boys similar to the Boy Scouts. Both as a pastor and with the Brotherhood, a camera was always in Paul's hands, and a darkroom in the family's basement. He was responsible for many of the photographs that went into "The Word and Way," a state Baptist newsletter. In fact, Paul was known to convert a motel bathroom into a darkroom when necessary to meet a photography deadline.

Paul's father was a carpenter and builder. So, using tools and building things with his hands came naturally to Paul. Early in their marriage, like a man with a plan,

Obituaries/Lottery Numbers

OBITUARIES

VIRGINIA L. BARKER

Virginia L. Barker, 89, of Fort Madison and formerly of Camdenton, MO,



passed away at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 16, 2017 at Fort Madison Community Hospital. She was born on January 28, 1928 in Des Moines, IA to Wayne & Louise Shover Johnston. She married George F.

BARKER

Wheeler in 1948 in Des Moines, IA. He preceded her in death on December 10, 1973. She then married John Wayne Barker on August 22, 1981 in Des Moines, IA. She retired from Northwestern Bell Telephone Company as a forecast engineer. She was very active in the Camdenton United Methodist Church in Camdenton, MO, was a member of the Brush & Pallet Club and Red Hats. She was a lifetime volunteer at Lake Regional Hospital in Osage Beach, MO.

Virginia is survived by: her husband: John W. Barker of Fort Madison, IA; 1-daughter in law: Linda Wheeler of Fort Madison, IA; 4-sons: Jerry Wheeler of St. Joseph, MO, Randall (Kris) Wheeler of Omaha, NE, Charles Barker of Le Mars, IA & Thomas (Julie) Wheeler of Talladega, AL; 2-daughters: Janna (Randy) Bittle of St. Clair, MO & Amy (Kurt) Wallace of Indianapolis, IN; 17-grandchildren; 16-great grandchildren; 1-brother: Jerome (Pat) Johnston of Camdenton, MO; 2-nieces & 1-nephew and many friends. She was preceded in death by: her parents, first husband and 1-son: George Wheeler.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory in Fort Madison, IA and a memorial service will be held at a later date in Camdenton, MO. Burial will be held at a later date in Resthaven Cemetery in West Des Moines, IA. A memorial has been established for the Camdenton United Methodist Church or the American Heart Association. Memorials may be sent to John Barker at 4937 River Valley Road, Fort Madison, IA 52627. Online condolences to Virginia's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

LEONARD JOSEPH "JOE" FRANTZ

Leonard Joseph "Joe" Frantz Jr, 94 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died at 9:00 am Friday, July 7, 2017 at the Fort Madison Community Hospital in Fort Madison. He was born December 23, 1922 in Aurora, Illinois, a son of Leonard Joseph Sr. and Florence Edith (Wright) Frantz.

His family moved to Fort Madison in 1929, and he was a 1941 graduate of Fort Madison High School. He attended the University of Iowa and earned his BS in Chemistry and MS in Organic Chemistry.

He is survived by one sister, Barbara Mauck of Martinsburg, West Virginia; nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother Thomas Frantz, and one sister Marjorie Jean (Senf) Overton.

His body has been cremated. Private burial will be at a later date at Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison. Barr Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.



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PUBLIC NOTICE FORT MADISON **COMMUNITY SCHOOL** DISTRICT **BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING** July 17 2017 6:00 P.M. AGENDA

I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum II. Recognition of guests III. Reading of Foundation documents IV. Monthly communications A. Curriculum Corner -Summer School Update B. Superintendent Goal Report V. Approve the agenda VI. Consent Agenda A. Minutes 1. June 19, 2017, regular meeting 2. July 6, 2017, special meeting/work session B. Financial reports 1. June Balance Sheet Exhibit VIB1 June Balance Sheet 2. June Revenue Summary Sheet Exhibit VIB2 June Revenue Summary Report 3. Expenditure Report Exhibit VIB3 Expenditure Report

4. June Student

Activity Report Exhibit VIB4 June Student Activity Report C. Accounts payable 1. June General Account June General Account Board Bills for Approval 2. July General July Gen-Account eral Account Board Bills for Approval 3. Activity Account Activity Account Board Bills for Approval 4. Nutrition Account Nutrition Account Board Bills for Approval D. Consider personnel resignations 1. E. Consider employment of personnel 1. Jeff Estrada, Bus garage assistant 2. Dawn Schulte, Middle School Family and Consumer Science teacher 3. Kristin Arnold, High School Nurse 4. Kim May, Richardson Kindergarten Teacher F. Consider contract modifications 1. G. Certified Employee Attendance H. Consider leave of absence I. Consider open enrollment requests J. Other reports

1.

Director moved and director

seconded the documents submitted in the consent section of the agenda be approved and/or filed as submitted. VII. Action Items A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services - Kim Harmon 1.

B. Superintendent -Erin Slater 1. Consider approval of salary lists a. FMEA Salary and Teacher Salary Supple-**FMEA** ment List Salary and TSS List b. FMEA Supplemental Letters of Assignment and Extracurricular Salary List Supplemental Salary List Extra-Curricular Salary List c. Teacher Leadership Compensation and Other Stipends TLC and Other Stipends 2. Approve participation in the IASB Safety Group Insurance Program IASB Safety Group Insurance Program Sum-

mary 3. Consider approval of Insurance renewal premium invoices Two Rivers Insurance Invoices

4. Consider personnel matters

C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager - Sandy Elmore

1. Consider approval of the agreement to modify Superintendent's Contract 2. Consider approval of the Abstract of Votes for Bond Referendum Abstract of Votes

VIII. Discussion Items A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services - Kim Harmon 1. B. Superintendent -Erin Slater 1. Board Attendance report for the 2016-2017 School Year Board Attendance -Tim Wondra Board Member Attendance - Carol Ross 2. Discuss recognizing 25 year employees 3. Policy for 1st Reading a. 210.2 - Board Meeting Procedure

4. Facilities Update -Kevin Moon C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager - Sandy Elmore

1 IX. Comments from the audience X. Legislative update

XI. Announcements

All district employee meeting, High School MPR, August 18, 8:00 a.m. Next regular meeting, August 21, 2017, 6:00 p.m. Work Session, September 11, 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting, Sep-

tember 18, 6:00 p.m. XII. Adjourn

PUBLIC NOTICE FORT MADISON CITY **COUNCIL REGULAR** MEETING **TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2017,** 5:30 P.M. **City Council Chambers**, **City Hall** AGENDA INVOCATION ROLL CALL VISITORS AND AP-PEARANCE REQUESTS At this time individuals may address the City Council on any matters of City business. Please go to the podium and state your name and address for the record. PLEASE NOTE: This is not an opportunity to discuss issues with the Council or to get information. In accordance with Open Meetings law, the Council cannot take action on any complaint or suggestion or respond to any allegations. AGENDA

MOVED and SECOND-ED to approve the agenda,

as written.

CONSENT AGENDA MOVED and SECOND-ED to approve:

• Minutes of July 5, 2017; • Mayor's reappointment of Duane Denning to the Civil Service Commission, term expiring April 1, 2021; and

• Payment of Claims. PUBLIC HEARING Concerning Not to Exceed \$2,700,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes

3a. MOVED and SEC-ONDED to close the public hearing.

3b. MOVED and SEC-ONDED to adopt a resolution instituting proceedings to take additional action for the authorization of a Loan and Disbursement Agreement and the issuance of Not to Exceed \$2,700,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

4. MOVED and SEC-ONDED to adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the State of Iowa for Transportation Safety Improvement Program (TSIP) funds for traffic control devices at the intersections of Highway 2 and 20th Street and Highway 2 and 24th Street. 5. MOVED and SEC-



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ONDED to adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of an application for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Resource Enhancement and Protection Program (REAP) funds for construction of PORT Trail Phase III, from 48th Street to Fort Madison Community Hospital.

OTHER

6. MOVED and SEC-ONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on an Agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation to allow the use of Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds for Public Improvement Project 2017-03, Rodeo Park Trail Rehabilitation.

7. MOVED and SEC-ONDED to approve the Mayor's and Clerk's signatures on a contract for the purchase of property located at 1801-1805 Avenue L in the amount of \$18,000. DISCUSSION ITEMS -

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

PRESENTATIONS BY LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ADJOURNMENT 8. MOVED and SECONDED to adjourn until Tuesday, August 1, 2017, at 5:30 P.M.

> PUBLIC NOTICE Lee County, Iowa Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Agenda

DATE: WEDNESDAY, July 18, 2017 MEETING CONVENING TIME: 9:00 A.M. LOCATION: Correctional Center, 2530 255th St., Montrose, IA 52639 AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance Approve Agenda Consider Approval of Tuesday, July 11, 2017 Board Minutes Consider Approval of

Claims Public Input Consider Approval of IDOT Agreement for Traffic Safety Improvement Program Funding for Project #FM-TSF-CP56(100)--5B-56 for Lee County X23 Consider Approval of IDOT Agreement for Federal-aid "Highway Safety Improvement Program-Secondary" Project for Project #FM-TSF-C056(99)--5B-56 for Lee County 140

Consider Approval of FY2018 Lee County Budget Amendment and Set Public Hearing Consider Approval of Resolution Appointing Lee County Medical Examiner

Consider Approval to Replace Full-time Records Clerk in Recorder's Office

Personnel Actions: A. New Hire - Sheriffs Office

Reports:

A. Lee County Commission of Veterans Affairs Minutes

B. Manure Management Annual Update for Holtkamp Ag, Franklin Township C. Sheriffs Report of Fees Collected Commission or Committee Reports Adjourn

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Moss gained popularity when Brooks retired

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Occasionally, Moss will get Dave Gant, who was Garth Brooks keyboard player, to tour with him. He said one of his greatest memories is starting, the chart-topper "The Dance", and looking over and seeing Brooks' keyboard player on the song playing for him.

"That guy helped Garth get his start," Moss said. "That was pretty awesome to look over and see him playing for me."

He said Fort Madison will get a show that will mirror Brooks' shows for anyone who's seen him live or on screen.

"When they come to see the ultimate Garth Brooks Tribute, they'll walk away thinking they've seen Garth Brooks himself. It's a production arena show. Very energetic. Portraying Garth is a difficult feat for some, but that's who I am. I get intertwined with a crowd."

Tribute bands are growing in popularity and Moss says Garth Brooks tribute bands are in even more demand because Brooks initially retired during his prime in 2001. Moss said Brooks left at the peak of his career and left people clamoring for more of the high energy shows.

"He left people wanting more. So for me, coming back out there and keeping his music alive, helps those people that want more Garth Brooks. There are 40- and 50-yearolds out there that were in their 20s and 30s when he was popular and they want to hear more even today," Moss said.

"There are all kinds of tribute bands - (Tim) Mc-Graw, (Kenny) Chesney. I think the reason being is that people like going to hear these people. Most of the top people are good at what they do. You actually get pulled into

the real thing. People get that when they go to the shows. People just get to take it all in again."

To get more information on Moss, fans can visit his website at www. tribute2garth.com. Or they can visit his Facebook page at https://www. facebook.com/shawn. gerhard.7?fref=search

Moss and Jewell are part of a full lineup of musical entertainment planned for Riverfest 2017.

Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters will highlight Thursday's entertainment from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Friday starts with Bluzillion on the Main stage from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Ozone Ramblers will take over at 8 p.m. and play until 11 p.m. while a teen dance is going on from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. Then the Natu Band takes over entertaining from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday.

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Saturday features Trystan Grisham from 6:30 to 8 p.m. followed by Buddy Jewell from 8 to 9:30 p.m., and then Moss' show from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m.. The Natu Band will wrap things up from 11:30 to 2 a.m. Sunday.

The Ozone Ramblers come back for a pro-jam session from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday.

The four-day event runs from Aug. 3 to Aug. 6 and also features many tournaments including Kan-Jam, bags, volleyball, and a 5k Run. Other events include pickelball demonstrations, a motorcycle stunt show, a kayak/canoe float down the Mississippi River, and the traditional carnival.

A full schedule of events, presale of tickets for the entertainment and carnival, as well as tournament registrations can be found online at <u>www.</u> riverfestfm.com.

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dred thousand goes to roofing and enveloping the buildings every year. He said the buildings are not new and they require a lot of care to keep the water out and heat and cool in. He said another fifty to a hundred thousand is spent each year on other property issues like concrete and fencing.

"After you take those things out annually, we end up with about \$300,000 to \$400,000 to work with," Moon said.

"The third phase of the air conditioning at the high school will be roughly \$3/4 a million and the only way to do that is to save for a few years. The 3rd phase is the last phase to air condition all the core classrooms. The plan was to get that done while building the new elementary we would never have to let out for heat. That didn't work out."

Officials have estimated that renovating the current elementary schools would cost the district \$30 million. Moon said to do that the district would have to save for 60 years and that won't work.

"It can't happen, so I don't know where we're going to go with facilities."

Moon did say there were some funds available from the new middle school bond due to the bid for the work coming in very low.

That project came in very low and saved some money. It was a very good bid. We can use that money, but it was also going to be used for the bond issue. So it's robbing Peter to pay Paul.

School district Business Manager Sandy Elmore said the money would come from refinancing the remainder of the bond.

Board member Dianne Hope said a discussion on the future funding of improvements should take place shortly but shouldn't be done at that board meeting.

"That's something we're gonna have to sit down and discuss, but we can't do that right here, right now. Having done this in industries, it's not that much money," Hope said.

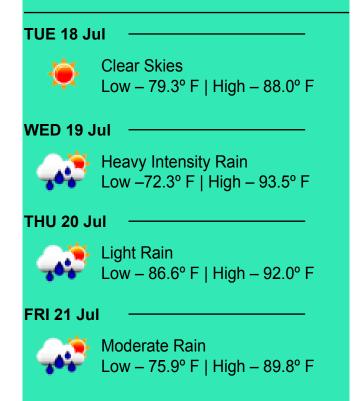
Moon also updated the district on summer projects. He told the board the high school track has been stripped away and the new surface is in place. The only thing left on that project is for the next company to come in and line it, which he said should be done in the very near future.

The roofing project at the high school is nearing completion. The old roofing has been torn off and replaced, now the district is just waiting for the recoating of the replacement to be done next week, pending weather.

Phase 2 of the high school air conditioning project is being held up on the delivery of new windows. Moon said the windows are critical to everything else in the project and said he feared that the project would push up against the start of school.

He also said Phase II of the P.O.R.T. trail is also set to begin next week and should be completed before school starts. That part of the trail will run along the southern property line of the middle school and connect with

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