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Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

## City planning for 2008 flood levels

*Current models show waters should crest at around 20 feet*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – With river levels expected to crest at just over 21 feet on Wednesday, city and county officials are preparing for flooding along the Mississippi River that could compare to 2008 levels.

Fort Madison Public Works Director Larry Driscoll wrote in an email to Pen City Current on Friday that he is preparing for a 21-foot river level. However, he indicated the city isn't at high risk looking at current flooding projections.

The National Weather Service flood monitoring out of the Quad Cities has the Burlington river flood crest at 20'1" on Tuesday, March 19 through March 20, before it starts to recede. That mark puts flooding in the "major flooding" category on the site. River levels are projected through Thursday and remain in the 'major' flooding category with forecasts at over 19 feet on Thursday.

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Burlington has a flood stage of 15 feet and is currently 16'-9" as of Saturday morning. The NWS also tracks flooding in Keokuk, but doesn't show a snapshot for Fort Madison.

Keokuk has a flood stage of 16 feet and is forecast to crest at 19'-7" on Tuesday, which is also considered "major" flooding by the NWS. As of 9 a.m. Saturday, the Mississippi was at 15'-2" in Keokuk.

Public Works Department employees tend to sand barriers around the Fort Madison Riverview Pavillion this week as flood waters are expected to surpass the 20-foot mark Tuesday. City officials are preparing for a level of 21 feet which would be similar flooding to 2008 levels. Photo courtesy of City of Fort Madison.

Driscoll wrote the city is currently sealing off property



DRISCOLL

## Everyone was Irish Saturday

The Inaugural St. Patrick's Day Parade was held along Avenue G on Saturday morning. The parade was kicked off by a bagpipe troupe presenting the American and Irish colors. At right, Weston Rhoer, 3, of Fort Madison gets into the spirit, while a family stands for the flag as the parade begins.



## Holtkamp named Holy Trinity's Teacher of the Year

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Fourteen-year veteran Holy Trinity Elementary teacher Teri Holtkamp knew about 10 seconds into Lucy Arevalo's nomination

that she was going to be the teacher of the year.

The award was presented as part of the Holy Trinity Catholic school system's annual Blue and Silver Celebration Saturday night to honor teachers and raise funds that contribute to, among other things,

the holiday bonuses for teachers.

Arevalo was called up by School Board President Steve Link to read the nomination that was summed up by Arevalo telling Holtkamp she was, "the best teacher I've ever had."

The Iowa Wesleyan

University graduate has been teaching for close to 20 years and said she was shaking after hearing her name in the young girl's nomination letter.

"I was absolutely shocked and didn't know what to

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# Obituaries/Health News

## OBITUARIES

### MARY MAXINE SIMON

Mary Maxine Simon, 66, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 3:55 p.m. on Friday, March 15, 2019 at Fort Madison Community Hospital. She was born on May 6, 1952 in Iowa City, IA to Jacob & Doris Mundorff Stephenson. She married Michael M. Simon on May 8, 1986 in Fort Madison, IA.



SIMON

She was of the Christian Faith and enjoyed socializing, playing pool and spending time with her family. She was a professional arm wrestler and took 5th place in the World Wrist Wrestling Championships.

Mary is survived by: her husband: Michael Simon of Fort Madison, IA; 3-children: James, Karma & LeeAnn; several grandchildren, brothers & sisters. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and no services are planned. Online condolences may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

### GRHS offers Parkinson's care update

WEST BURLINGTON – Parkinson's Update, a program for people with Parkinson's, their loved ones and others, is scheduled from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at Great River Health System's Wellness Plaza, 1401 W. Agency Rd., West Burlington.

The program will include information about treatments including deep-brain stimulation, medication and surgery, and research. It will end with a 30-minute demonstration of Great River Health Fitness' Delay the Disease exercise class for people with Parkinson's.

A Denmark, Iowa native, Royce Woodroffe, MD, will present the update. He is a fifth-year neurosurgery resident at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, and a member of the design team for an intradural spinal cord stimulator: Iowa Patch 2.0. Registration is required by Monday, April 1. Call 319-768-4191. The \$7 fee includes a box lunch.

## OBITUARIES

### DELBERT H. BOHNENKAMP

Delbert H. Bohnenkamp, 83 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died at 1:10 pm Saturday, March 16, 2019 at the Van Buren County Hospital, Keosauqua, Iowa. He was born March 16, 1936 in Fort Madison, Iowa, a son of Aloys B. and Agnes (Pollmeier) Bohnenkamp. On May 10, 1959 he married Jeanette Casady in Fort Madison, Iowa.



BOHNENKAMP

Delbert was a lifelong resident of the area. He was a 1953 graduate of Catholic Central High School in Fort Madison. He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving during the Korean War, and he transferred to the reserves following his active military time. He managed Skerik Auto Parts for 32 years. He was a member of Holy Family Parish and served as an usher at Sacred Heart Church. During high school Delbert enjoyed square dancing, he and a group, led by Dr. Lyman, traveled to Texas and St. Louis where they competed and won in square dancing competitions. In the early 1960's he was active with the Jaycees. He coached Little League when his boys were young. He was a lifetime 60 year member of the BPOE, Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks. He like woodworking, building things and working in his yard. He was an avid Cubs fan and enjoyed watching the Iowa Hawkeyes.



He is survived by his wife, Jeanette Bohnenkamp of Fort Madison; two sons, David Bohnenkamp of Fort Madison and John Bohnenkamp of West Burlington, Iowa; one brother, Richard Bohnenkamp of Fort Madison; one sister, Joann Troja of Fort Madison; several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, several brothers and sisters-in-law, his father and mother-in-law, and two nieces.

His family will greet friends from 6:00 – 7:00 pm Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 am Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at Sacred Heart Church, Holy Family Parish, Fort Madison. Burial with full military rites will be at Keokuk National Cemetery, Keokuk, Iowa. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for Holy Family Parish and the University of Iowa Department of Otolaryngology Foundation – Cochlear Implant Clinic, contributions may be made at the Barr Memorial Chapel or at the church on the day of services. Online condolences to the Bohnenkamp Family may be made from the Barr Memorial Chapel, [www.barrmemorialchapel.com](http://www.barrmemorialchapel.com).

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## Lee County News/Local News

# Early voting open for school election issues

LEE COUNTY - Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor, announces that absentee ballots for the Special Fort Madison Community School District Bond Election to be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 are now available in the Auditor's Office.

You may vote in person at the Auditor's Office in the North Lee County Office Building, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison, IA, from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. through Monday, April 1st, when this office will remain open until 5:00 P.M.

Eligible voters wishing to vote early may complete THE IOWA OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FORM available from the Lee County Auditor or by downloading the form at <http://sos.iowa.gov>. The request for an absentee ballot may be hand delivered to the Auditor's office in Fort Madison or mailed to the Lee County Auditor, P.O. Box 190, Fort Madison, IA 52627. Requests must be received by 5:00 P.M., Friday, March 22nd.

Fort Madison School District polls open at 7:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM.

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ISP's Mike Barnes, far right, earned First Place Over-All with K9 "Justice" at the recently completed 2019 USPCA Dog Detector Trials held last week at the former Iowa State Penitentiary.

## ISP K9 handlers earn hardware

FORT MADISON - K9 Teams from all over Iowa recently converged on Fort Madison to certify in the 2019 USPCA Dog Detector Trials. In addition, 63 K9's and their handlers competed against each other in two main categories; narcotics searches of rooms and vehicles.

Numerous breeds of K9's were present: Belgian Malinious, German Shepards, Labradors as well as Golden Retrievers. ISP has utilized K9's since 1994, primarily utilizing the Belgian Malinious, but recently ISP Handler Michael Barnes, added a Golden Retriever. The Golden, named Zeus was recently certified in contraband, which consists of tobacco and electronics. Zeus is the first dog in the State of Iowa to be certified in those areas.

Iowa State Penitentiary's own Michael Barnes won

First Place Over-All with his dog Justice. ISP Handler Dustin Yager won 6th place over all with his K9 Maverick.

Other notable mentions from the Iowa Department of Corrections Teams:

10th Place Over All - Sgt. John Schumacher with K9 Storm from Newton Correctional Facility

2nd Place Vehicle Search - Sgt. Mike Brandt from Newton Correctional Facility

3rd Place Vehicle Search- Sgt. John Schumacher with K9 Storm from Newton Correctional Facility

In addition to individual certifications, K9's and the Handlers were able to assemble teams to compete. Sgt.'s Mike Brandt, John Schumacher Damon Van Bogart from Newton teamed up with Sgt. Asa Beauchamp from Mount Pleasant to win first place for their team.

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# Current-Lee/Education News

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FORT MADISON – The following is a list of events and happenings going on in Fort Madison as submitted to the Pen City Current.

### YMCA Little Tykes Spring Soccer

Registration is currently underway for the 2019 season, which runs March 26 – May 2. Registration deadline is March 10 for regular fees of \$20 for members, \$40 for non-members. Volunteer coaches are needed. Call the YMCA at 319-372-2403 for more information.

### ISU Extension Estate Planning

Iowa State University Outreach and Extension will hold an estate planning session on March 19th at 6 p.m. at the extension office in Donnellson. The session is \$20 per person and registration can be done by contact Whitney Weisinger at 319-835-5116. Deadline is March 15.

### Community Blood Drives

A blood drive will be held at Lincoln Elementary on Thursday, March 21, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Call the blood center at 800-747-5401 ext. 1281 to donate.

### Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

The Fort Madison High School Music Department will be presenting its annual Dinner Theater on March 22-23. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the show beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets available at Dana Bushong's at 805 Avenue G.

### Caregivers Connection

The Kensington hosts this monthly gathering to help educate attendees about all dementia types. Held at noon the 4th Tuesday of every month in The Kensington's private dining room, 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. Call 319-372-4233 to RSVP or for more information.

# Teachers honored at HTC's Blue and Silver banquet

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think. I don't even think I heard the rest of her speech," Holtkamp said after receiving a glass plaque and \$250.

She said the students, parents, and co-workers are what makes Holy Trinity a special place to work.

"I think it's just great how much our parents support us here every year," Holtkamp said. "This provides a good bonus for all the teachers here at Christmas time and I just want to thank everyone for that."

She said teaching has changed a lot in the past two decades with technology changing the education environment almost on a daily basis.

"We don't even hardly use textbooks anymore. When we need to look up the meaning of a word, you just look it up on your computer. You don't even use a dictionary," she said.

"It's certainly brought a different dimension to teaching. Everything is right at your fingertips."

The wife and mother of four said the teaching model has changed a lot since she got into the profession.

"It's no longer teacher-to-student, but now a student-to-student model in a collaborative environment," Holtkamp said. "We still have to teach state assessment goals, but the teaching role is changing."

Her children Kyle, Brant, Abby and Megan all attend or have attended Holy Trinity Catholic schools.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Teri Holtkamp, second from left, was presented the Holy Trinity Catholic Teacher of the Year award at Saturday's annual Blue and Silver Celebration. Holtkamp is with from left to right, HTC Principal Michael "Shamrock" Sheerin, nominator Lucy Arevalo, and board president Steve Link.


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# Silver Streak Invitational



The Hounds girls and boys track team competed in the Silver Streak Invitational Saturday in Monmouth. At far left, Raquel Schneider carries the baton on the back stretch of the 4x400 relay. At left, senior Shaymouhr Redd-Donald rises over the high jump bar. Complete results will be in Monday's E-edition.

Photos by Chuck Vandenberg



At left, HTC junior Matt Hellige runs with a pack in the 3200 meter run in Monmouth on Saturday. Above, Hayden Wolfe, center, runs in the second heat of the 3200 meter run. Hellige took 4th coming from 7th.

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MARCH 11, 2019**

Mayor Paul Walker called the properly noticed regular meeting of the City Council of the City of West Point to order in the Conference Room of the Public Library, 317 Fifth Street, West Point, Iowa 52656 on March 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. In addition to Mayor Walker, the following indicated Council Members were present: Joe Loving; Brian Meierotto; Will Stuekerjuergen; Dan Waters; and, Bruce Wellman. Absent: None. The ten-

tative agenda was approved by consensus. On motion opened public hearing on City Budget Estimate for FYE120. On motion closed public hearing on City Budget Estimate for FYE20. On motion adopted Resolution No. 763-19 adopting annual City Budget Estimate for FYE20. Upon invitation Deina Merschbrock representing Heifers, Hogs & Hens requested permission to utilize the City Square Park on April 13, 2019 which was approved by consensus. Upon invitation Police Officer Dustin Fullhart presented the Police Department report. Mayor reported on the following upcoming events: Bar Stool Open will be held on March 30, 2019; lagoon improvement project

bid letting will occur April 4, 2019 followed by a public hearing to be held April 8, 2019; and, RAGBRAI will be held July 21-27, 2019. Mayor reported meeting date and time for meetings of Library Board; the upcoming Municipal Utility Board; and, next regular Council Meeting of April 8, 2019. On motion approved liquor license application for Brad's Pad with no outdoor service. On motion approved liquor license application for Sonny's Super Market. On motion approved City Clerk to attend user group meeting and IMFOA Conference in Des Moines from April 10 - 12, 2019. On motion approved right-of-way application from Iowa Communications Network

for fiber optic cable work. On motion minutes of prior regular Council Meeting of February 11, 2019 were approved as presented. On motion Treasurer's Report for February 2019 was approved as presented. On motion warrants payable for March 2019 were approved as presented. On motion meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m., March 11, 2019.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES OF THE  
WEST POINT UTILITY  
SYSTEM  
WEST POINT, IOWA  
March 12th, 2019**

The West Point Municipal Utility System Board of Trustees met in regular session at, West Point City Hall, West Point, Iowa 52656 on March 12th, 2019. Board Chairman Randy Welding presided and called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Board Member Brian Schmitz was present. Board Member Ted Vonderhaar was absent. Tentative agenda was approved by consensus. Status of delinquent accounts was discussed and considered by Board Members in detail. Field operations report, as prepared by Utility Superintendent, was discussed by Board Members in detail. Board Chairman was reported on the following: The next regular Utility System Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, April 9th, 2019 at West Point City Hall 5:30 p.m. and is open to the public. On motion, minutes of prior regular meeting of February 11th, 2019 was approved. On motion, approved warrants payable for March 11th 2019 as presented. On motion, meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m., March 12th, 2019.

**EXPENDITURES FOR  
MAY 2018**  
3rd GENERATION ELEC-  
TRIC - TRENCHING  
..... 150.00

ABOLT, RON - REBATE  
..... 100.00  
ALTEC INDUSTRIES INC  
- TORSION BAR..... 380.37  
DAILY DEMOCRAT- LE-  
GAL PUBLICATION  
..... 43.51  
DELTA DENTAL - INSUR-  
ANCE..... 135.96  
EFTPS - FED/FICA TAX  
..... 4,356.67  
FLETCHER-REINHARDT  
- SUPPLIES ..... 3,781.70  
FLOYDS EZWAY - TRASH  
PICK UP ..... 120.00  
HOLTKAMP AUTOMO-  
TIVE - F350 REPAIRS  
..... 543.68  
HUFFMAN WELDING  
& MACHINE - STEEL,  
LIGHT BAR ..... 395.28  
IMFOA - DUES ..... 25.00  
IOWA ASSOCIATION OF  
MUNIC UTIL - WORK-  
SHOP ..... 450.00  
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF  
REVENUE - PROPERTY  
TAXES ..... 21.69  
IPERS -RETIREMENT  
..... 2,621.27  
J&M - OUTAGE MEAL  
..... 3.95  
MMTG - DUES ..... 265.00  
MCFARLAND - SUPPLIES  
40.44  
MASTERCARD - TEST-  
ING, SUPPLIES ..... 212.09  
MEDIACOM - TELE /  
INTERNET ..... 175.86  
MENKE AUTO PARTS -  
OIL ..... 15.80  
PAUL'S PLUMBING  
& HEATING - RELAY,  
LABOR ..... 119.88  
PETTY CASH - TRUCK  
WASHES..... 20.00  
RATHBUN REGIONAL  
WATER - WATER PUR-  
CHASE ..... 5,428.00  
RESALE POWER GROUP  
OF IOWA - ELECTRIC  
PURCHASE  
..... 62,337.90  
RICHOH USA - COPIER /  
LEASE ..... 132.12  
SKARSHAUG TESTING  
LAB - TESTING..... 296.25  
SUN LIFE FINANCIAL  
..... 105.37  
SUN LIFE FINANCIAL  
..... 97.74  
TASCO - PAGER..... 122.95  
TREASURER STATE OF  
IOWA - TAXES .... 3,900.04  
USA BLUE BOOK -  
RATCHET, DIEHEAD  
..... 259.61  
US POSTAL SERVICE  
..... 292.98  
UPS - DELIVERY ..... 20.50  
VAN METER - BALLASTS  
203.86  
WELLMARK BC/BS OF  
IOWA - INSURANCE  
..... 2,182.83  
WEST POINT LUMBER -  
SUPPLIES..... 228.19  
WEST POINT UTILITIES -  
UTILITY CHARGES  
..... 1,787.36  
WEX BANK - GASOLINE  
..... 596.02  
WINDSTREAM - TELE-  
PHONE ..... 79.73  
/s/ Randy Welding, Chair-  
man  
Attest: Dawn M. Holtkamp,  
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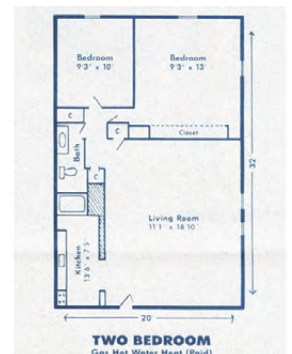
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## From the Front/Weather

# Temps will have biggest impact on area flooding

**FLOODING** - Continued from Page 1



Courtesy photo

City workers evaluate sand barriers installed recently at the Riverview Park Pavilion to hold back Mississippi River flooding that is expected at the beginning of the week. City officials are preparing for 21-foot floodwaters, but said the risk is not high with current forecasts.

along the riverfront.

“We have sealed off the city owned building at Riverview and Monday we will be dropping off sand bags for the Old Museum location along Avenue H and 10th street. We will also be setting up material at the Waste Water Treatment Plant,” he said.

“At this time and projected level we are not at much risk. The ground is wet and spring is just getting here and I think the river will be high much of the spring season. But we’ll be ready for flooding up to or around the 2008 level.

Steve Cirinna, the Lee County Emergency Management Agency Coordinator, said the forecast flood crest for Burlington raised a foot from 19’-4” Thursday night to a 20’-4” forecast Friday morning, which was a surprise to him.

He said a Wednesday conference call with the NWS indicated that crests shouldn’t get over 20 feet with projected weather models, but things can change.

“As long as we don’t have any rain or heavy snow melt, which they weren’t seeing on Wednesday, it shouldn’t get above 20 feet,”

Cirinna said Friday.

“I don’t think it’s a major issue right now. It will bring in some high water, but I think the problem is going to be fluctuating temps up north. If they remain colder that should ease the snow melt,” he said.

“But they must have seen something Friday morning that indicated possible more snow melt because we don’t see any rain.”

Cirinna said if the temperatures warm up quickly in the north, that’s when problems could start.

“If that pack melts all at once, obviously we’re going to have a lot of water that could match or exceed 2008 or even 1993 numbers. It will be dependent on what that snow pack does up north at end of March and the first part of April. With water as high as it is now, it wouldn’t have time to get back down.”

He said if there is anything good about this type of snow melt flooding, it’s that the officials can see it coming.

“Everybody is making preparations now, so we’re not going to get caught with our hands in our pockets,” Cirinna said. “If there’s anything good about this type of flood-

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-Steve Cirinna, LCEMA coordinator

ing, it’s that we can see it coming. In 1993 and to an extent 2008, we were surprised due to the rain.”

Sand resources are limited, however, Cirinna said. He said he’s let all the governmental agencies know that sand available through the Army Corp. of Engineers is limited due to other issues in the country.

“That’s the other issue for us right now. I’ve given sand bags to cities and the county to protect critical infrastructure,” he said. “I get that from the Army Corp. We request it from the state and they go to the Corp. But it’s limited, so I’m letting people know they should start looking for it now.”

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SUN 17 Mar



Light Snow  
High- 40.2° F | Low - 28.6° F

MON 18 Mar



Clear  
High- 38.4° F | Low - 28.7° F

TUE 19 Mar



Clear  
High- 43.7° F | Low - 31.6° F

WED 20 Mar



Clear  
High- 47.0° F | Low - 32.1° F

THU 21 Mar



Clear  
High- 50.9° F | Low - 33.6° F

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