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## City gives abatement for Scotts incentive

*Tax break fulfills city's match requirement in state incentive*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A unanimous vote of the Fort Madison City Council sealed the deal on an incentive package for Scotts Miracle Gro's facility on the city's west side.

The city council voted 6-0 to approve a rebate of



VARLEY

three years on the city's portion of the property tax.

Varley said the city decided to go with the tax abatement to help meet the city's responsibility of an incentive package offered to the company.

The addition is expected to bring in at least 40 full time positions as well as some possible expanded seasonal positions.

On May 19, the Iowa Economic Development Authority, awarded Scotts \$91,612 in direct financial assistance and tax benefits from the state's High Quality Jobs program to help with the company's \$2.6 million

capital investment. The package required the city to match the \$91,612 and Varley said the abatement was an easier path to meet the requirements.

"We expect that to bring in about \$98,000 which would meet our obligation and go a little above and beyond. That way we wouldn't have to go through the expense and time of putting together a tax increment finance district," he said.

"It's a real straightforward deal and we're excited about and the state is, too. It should be a real good addition to the community."

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Tammy Duckstein, far left, and several co-workers button up the tent at Fareway Grocery prior to Wednesday's thunderstorms. The Bellino Fireworks outlet will be open before the weekend and through July 4 from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

## Fireworks vendor to open this weekend

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Well, you don't have to run out of town to find a bang for Fourth of July celebrations this year.

For the first time in many years, Fort Madison will have a fireworks vendor within city limits as Bellino Fireworks will have a tent on the Fareway Grocery property beginning this weekend through

the July 4th.

Tammy Duckstein is the operator for the retail outlet and said she hopes to have sales starting before the weekend and will be open from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

"This is the first time Bellino has been here because the Fareway location is new to Fort Madison. This is the first year I've operated a tent, too.

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## FM man nabbed in Missouri with two stolen vehicles

*More charges pending from Lee County Sheriff*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE - An 18-year-old Fort Madison man is in a Missouri jail after he was apprehended in Palmyra, Mo., for stealing a truck in La Grange and a jeep from Donnellson.

On Monday, the Lewis County, Mo., sheriff's office received a report of a stolen truck from the Beilstein Camper Sales parking lot in La Grange, Mo. The owner of the stolen truck attempted to chase the vehicle on US Hwy. 61 but was unable to catch the suspect.

A member of the Palmyra Police Department located the stolen vehicle at a gas station in Palmyra.

Upon investigation, Christopher E. Guzman, age 18, of Fort Madison was arrested for stealing a Ford F150. The sheriff's office also located a stolen 2014 Jeep Compass near Beilstein Camper Sales. The Jeep was stolen out of Donnellson. Stolen items from several Canton residents were located in the Jeep. There were also stolen items from the Lee County area as well. The sheriff's office continues to investigate this matter along with the Canton Police Department, the Lee County Sheriff's Office and



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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### SHIRLEY HULBOY

Shirley Hulboy, 82, of Keokuk, IA, died at River Hills Village in Keokuk on Tuesday, June 19, 2018.

Shirley was born in Chicago, IL, on July 23, 1935 to Leonard and Elizabeth Truax.



HULBOY

She attended nursing school at Presbyterian Hospital (now Rush-St. Luke's) in Chicago. Upon graduating, she struck out across the country, visiting the western states and Canada on her way to San Francisco, CA, for a nursing job at University of California Hospitals in Berkeley. There she met her future husband, Joseph Hulboy, and they were married in 1958. They later had two daughters. He preceded her in death on September 12, 2000.



Shirley loved music and had a beautiful contralto voice. She lived in many of the U.S. states over the course of her lifetime, and always enjoyed going to new places and meeting new people. Her sense of adventure and fun led her to visit numerous locations overseas, including Egypt, South Africa, Europe, Panama, and the Galapagos Islands. She was passionate about the environment and protecting this beautiful planet that God has given us.

Other than her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Shirley loved people most of all. She was a wonderful nurse, caring and compassionate. Even after she retired, she continued to care for the sick and homebound, both informally and through volunteer activities such as the Red Cross, Meals on Wheels, and the welcome desk at Keokuk Area Hospital. She had a gift for making everyone feel special and loved. Her warm smile and friendly, cheerful nature endeared her to everyone she met.

Shirley is survived by her daughters, Laura (John) Vance of Keokuk, and Diana Hulboy (Liz Feeney) of Philadelphia; her brother Lee (Marina) Truax of Farmington, NM; her grandchildren, Douglas (Sierra) Reed and Samantha Reed, both of Ft. Madison, IA; her great-granddaughter, Kynleigh Reed; her nephew, Scott (Arlene) Truax of Cary, NC; her niece, Elizabeth (John) Benz of Farmington, NM; her best friend since age 5, Sally Speredes, of Chicago; a loving church family; and many, many friends who were drawn to her warmth and love.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with Pastors Ken Barlow and Adam Johnson officiating.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m. Sunday with the family meeting with friends from 2 - 4 p.m. Burial will be in the Keokuk National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Bethany Baptist Church or The Nature Conservancy.

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

## OBITUARIES

### MICHAEL JOSEPH KROGMEIER

Michael Joseph Krogmeier, 66, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at his home. He was born on July 2, 1951 in Fort Madison, IA to Joseph M. & Hilda K. Meierotto Krogmeier. He farmed with his father for many years and after college, he did research for the University of Iowa and Iowa State University. He was an avid reader and loved to gain as much knowledge as he could.

Mike is survived by: his mother: Hilda Krogmeier of Fort Madison, IA and several aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A memorial mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 22, 2018 at Sacred Heart Church with Rev. Mark P. Spring officiating. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery. A memorial has been established in his memory. Online condolences to Mike's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

### CLARENCE "BABE" FRANKLIN GROSSMAN

Clarence "Babe" Franklin Grossman, 97 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at the West Point Care Center, West Point. He was born March 1, 1921 in Fort Madison, a son of Fred and Gladys (Gingrich) Grossman. On January 21, 1984, he married Albertine (Hirschler) Wilson. She preceded him in death.

Babe was a farmer and a lifelong resident of the area. He was a 50 year member of the IOOF in Wever, Iowa and the Fort Madison Eagles Club. He was the Washington Township Clerk for over 40 years and on the Denmark Fire Board for 35 years. He attended the Denmark Congregational United Church of Christ in Denmark.

He is survived by Randy (Tamara) Grossman, Nancy Anderson, Charles (Diana) Grossman; additional nieces, nephews, and cousins; one step-daughter, Sandra (Randy) Meierotto; three step-sons: Don (Jan) Wilson, Terry (D'Ete) Wilson, and Glenn (Penny) Wilson. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, two brothers, Floyd and Charles Grossman, one infant brother, Carl Grossman, one great nephew, Hoyt Grossman, and three step-sons, Marlin, Harvey, and Steve Wilson.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 - 11:00 am Saturday, June 23, 2018 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. An IOOF service will begin at 11:00 am, followed by a funeral service, both at the funeral home Saturday morning. Burial will be at the Denmark Cemetery, Denmark. A memorial has been established for the IOOF and the Denmark Cemetery, contributions may be made at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Online condolences to the Grossman Family may be made at, [www.barrmemorialchapel.com](http://www.barrmemorialchapel.com).

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## Local News/Area News

# Annual Rotary Picnic, City Band this Sunday

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - This Sunday the Fort Madison Rotarians will hold their annual picnic in Central Park.

The event is an annual fundraiser that helps support the City Band Summer Concert Series as well as park maintenance costs.

Grilled meats, side items and beverages will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. by Rotarians with a \$5 suggested free will donation. Root Beer floats will also be for sale by the FM PAW animal shelter.

Some seating is available, but lawn chairs are recommended. There will also be a raffle underway. Tickets will be available for \$10 or 6 for \$50 and prizes include: first prize - four tickets to a St. Louis Cardinal's game, subject to availability including a one night hotel stay, \$50 Casey's gift card and \$150 gift card to spend; 2nd prize - a tour of

Fort Madison Restaurants including gift cards to various restaurants; 3rd prize - A wine basket (2 to be raffled).

You do not need to be present to win raffle prizes.

The City Band will be doing their performance beginning at 7:30 p.m. with works such as: Clear Track Polka, Old Tent Meeting, Lassus Trombone, Begin the Beguine, And in the end it was Earth, The Washington Post March, Rainy Days and Mondays, Centennial March, and Men of Ohio by Henry Fillmore.

Miles Morgan will be singing with the City Band this week performing As Time Goes By arranged by Warren Barker, Star Dust also arranged by Warren Barker. Mary Patten will be also singing with City Band performing Embraceable You by George and Ira Gershwin, and I Dreamed a Dream from Les Miserables.

# Kahoka man arrested in WP on sex charge

BY PCC STAFF

WEST POINT - The West Point Police Department reports the arrest of a Missouri man on a felony sexual abuse charge.

Brandon D. Lewis, 39, 980 West Cedar Street, Kahoka, MO, was arrested on Tuesday, June 19th, 2018 at the Lee County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Sexual Abuse second degree. Sexual Abuse second degree is a Class B Felony. If convicted, Lewis faces up to 25 years in a state correctional facility.



LEWIS

The arrest stems from an investigation by Officers with the West Point Police Department into allegations that Lewis had committed sexual abuse to a minor victim in the West Point area.

The Lee County Attorney's Office, Lee County Sheriff's Office, and the Department of Human Services assisted the West Point Police Department in the investigation.

All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

## For the Record

**Fort Madison Police report**  
 06/19/18 - 9:58 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 600 block of 7th Street.  
 06/19/18 - 11:00 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded cited Jennifer Lynn Leggett, 35, of Niota, Ill., at the police department on a charge of 5th degree theft. She was released upon citation.  
 06/19/18 - 4:33 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft on Tammy Lane.  
 06/19/18 - 7:54 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 600 block of Avenue H.  
 06/19/18 - 9:31 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded arrested Malik Hausan Trotter, 22, of Fort Madison

in the 3200 block of Avenue H on a warrants for failure to appear on charges of no insurance, driving under suspension, and failure to yield upon a left turn. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 06/20/18 - 12:59 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Heaven Brook Stacy, 24, of New London at the intersection of 23rd Street and Avenue A on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. She was released on her own recognizance.  
 06/20/18 - 12:59 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Zachary Ryan Parnell, 24, of Burlington on a charge of possession of a controlled substance -2nd offense. He was released

on his own recognizance.  
 06/20/18 - 1:57 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1300 block of Avenue G.

**Lee County Sheriff's report**  
 06/20/18 - 7:05 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Cody Lee Bennett, 20, of Wayland, Mo., at the Salem Stub in Salem on a charge of contempt of court for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

**Fort Madison Fire & Rescue**  
 06/19/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to six medical calls, one DOA, and one assist call.

# Guzman facing burglary, other charges in Lee County

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the Fort Madison Police Department. The Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Palmyra Police Department assisted with this investigation.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber said more charges are expected to be filed locally possibly today stemming from an investigation by Lee County Detective Clint Wray and the Lewis County sheriff's departments' detectives.

According to a release, Wray conducted an interview in Missouri, in which Guzman allegedly admitted to breaking into neighbor's home, eating some food and then taking a vehicle from the driveway and heading to Missouri where he was apprehended. A warrant was filed to extradite Guzman back to Iowa to face charges including 3rd-degree burglary and operation without owner's consent.

Guzman remains in the Lewis County Jail in lieu of a \$15,000 cash-only bond and is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

## IOWA LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS

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Pick 3 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
Pick 3 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm
Pick 4 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
Pick 4 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm



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**6/19 EVENING**  
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## Scene Around Town/Area News



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Jim Baier Ford is committed to the 2018 Light Up The Sky this 4th of July fireworks campaign. Pictured is Jamie Baier presenting their contribution to Tim Gobble, Fort Madison Partners Director. If interested in making a contribution, please contact the Partners office.

## IDOT to close 78 beginning July 9

MOUNT PLEASANT, Iowa – June 20, 2018 – Road construction work on Iowa 78 between Penn Avenue and Quaker Avenue near Winfield will require closing the roadway and bridge to traffic beginning at 7 a.m. Monday, July 9, until the second week of August, weather permitting, according to the Iowa Department of Transportation’s Mount Pleasant construction office.

During this project, motorists will be directed around the work zone using one of the following signed detour routes (see map).

Motorists traveling east on Iowa 78 will be detoured by traveling south on Oasis Avenue for 2 miles, east on Henry County Road H-28 for 2.5 miles, and then north on Henry County Road X-23 for 2 miles to reach the junction with Iowa 78

Motorists traveling west on Iowa 78 will be detoured south on Henry County Road X-23 for 2 miles, west on Henry County Road H-28 for 2.5 miles, then north on Oasis Avenue for 2 miles to reach the junction with Iowa 78.

The Iowa DOT reminds motorists to drive with caution, obey the posted speed limit and other signs in the work area, and be aware that traffic fines for moving violations are at least double in work zones. As in all work zones, drivers should stay alert, allow ample space between vehicles, and wear seat belts.

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## Sports/Classifieds

# HTC boys hold #9 New London to three runs in loss

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC STAFF

NEW LONDON - The Holy Trinity Crusaders continue to get great pitching, but couldn't get going at the plate in a 3-0 loss to 9th-ranked New London Tuesday night on the road.

Freshman Kadin Medland went three innings of scoreless baseball and gave up the first run unearned on a third-strike passed ball that scored the Tigers' Mason Porter with two outs in the bottom of the fourth.

Medland had given up a walk to Porter to open the inning, and then back-to-back singles to Darius Whaley and Keontae Luckett loaded the bases with just one out. Shae Summerfield popped into an infield fly at short and Jarvis Krieger fanned on three pitches which would have ended the inning, but the ball got passed HTC catcher Collin Thornton allowing Porter to score from third.

Whaley tried to stretch the issue from second and was thrown out at home to end the inning with New London holding a 1-0 lead.

In the bottom of the fourth, Jason Thurman reached on an error, but was caught at second on a fielder's choice when Reed Fehseke grounded to short. Thornton popped to third and Kyle Bredemeyer flew out to left field to strand Thurman at first.

In the fifth, with freshman Garrett Hannum throwing, the Tigers' Cooper Schulte popped out to second to start the inning and then McSorley flew out to center for two quick outs. Britt Noel reached on an infield error on the right side and advanced to third on Sam Loyd's single up the middle. Porter followed with a two RBI single to right scoring Noel and Loyd. Whaley flew out to short to end the inning and set the final score at 3-0.

Holy Trinity made it interesting in the top of the seventh when Thornton led off with a single to left, but

Bredemeyer hit into a double play to third to wipe the bases clean and Cole Thornton fanned to end the game.

"Our pitchers did a really good job tonight holding the #9 ranked Tigers to only 3 runs and 6 hits on the night, however we just couldn't get enough hits tonight," Schinstock said. "If you don't hit, you don't score runs."

Medland went three innings giving up just one hit and no runs. Hannum pitched two innings surrendering three runs - none earned on five hits and two strikeouts. Thurman came on in the bottom of the sixth with a man on and one out and cleaned things up without allowing a hit.

Fehseke and Collin Thornton had the only hits for the Crusaders who left six runners on base in the game. Noel went the distance for the Tigers striking out four and walking two in the shutout.

Holy Trinity has won two of their last three and travels to Louisa-Muscatine tonight, before hosting Notre Dame on Thursday at South Park.

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2. The property owner's responsibility will be to remove and dispose of the deteriorated sidewalk or excavate where new sidewalk would go, form the sidewalk to be poured, and place the concrete. This work can be done either by the property owner, renter, or your contractor. The City will not pay for Saturday delivery charges. Work cannot begin before July 1st.

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4. The sidewalk shall be constructed according to the sidewalk design specifications which can be acquired at the Fort Madison Public Works Department.

5. Each application will be evaluated based on its condition and how it improves the area for pedestrian traffic. Extra consideration will be given for connection to an existing sidewalk.

6. Applications for this program will be available on May 1st at 8:00 A.M. and will be accepted through June 22nd at 4:30 P.M. Each proposal will be evaluated

and you will be notified by July 2nd. The City will fund projects as funding is available. The replacement work cannot take place before July 1st and must be approved by the City prior to the commencement of the work.

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## From the Front/Weather

# After 10 years, City needs extension on Amtrak grants

**COUNCIL** - Continued from Page 1

The company plans to add a 4,400 square foot building to relocate and expand existing operations.

“Scott’s Miracle-Gro Company (SMG) manufactures, markets and sells branded products for lawn and garden care, and indoor and hydroponic gardening.

In an unrelated issue, the council heard that the city will have to apply for an extension for a state transportation grant for the Amtrak depot.

“We’re going to make history because we’ll be the first group in the state to ask the state to approve an extension of the grant received for the Amtrak depot because it’s coming up on the 10-year anniversary and the 10-year rule,” Varley said tongue in cheek. “If you don’t use it within 10 years you have to ask for it again and they’ve never had to do

that before.”

Councilman Bob Morawitz asked what would happen if the state didn’t grant an extension.

“We’ll have to come up with \$600,000 ourselves. It’s not a good option,” Varley said.

However, he said the city’s been working with the state and he doesn’t see any difficulty getting it approved.

“They just made a comment that they’ve never had to pull out the forms and paperwork to do this before. We have to renew it every six months anyway, but this is the first time they’ve had to do the 10-year rule. And that’s what we’re up against now,” Varley said.

Mayor Brad Randolph said he didn’t see there being an issue.

“I think the state recognizes that the

city has been diligently moving toward this project and it’s circumstances beyond our control, so I don’t envision an issue with it,” he said.

In other action, the council;

- voted 6-0 to award a construction contract to Norris Asphalt Paving Co, of Ottumwa to complete a Rodeo Park Trail extension. The cost of the project is \$74,629 with 25% coming from the city and the rest through a state TAP grant. The project will begin after the Tri State Rodeo has concluded in September and should last about three weeks.

- voted 6-0 to adopt a resolution setting solid waste fees for individuals living outside the city limits but within a quarter-mile, using the new containers. Those residents will pay \$17.50 per 65-gallon cart and \$19.50 per 90-gallon cart. Those residents within the quarter-mile may use the city’s solid waste

collection services at the Public Works director’s discretion.

- voted 6-0 to file an application for a state recreational grant to help with costs of the PORTs Connecting Fort Madison! Phase III.

- voted 6-0 to reappoint Matt Morrison to the city’s revolving fund loan committee, and Rebecca Bowker and Dave Soppe to the Fort Madison Housing Authority.

- voted 6-0 to move forward with the 3rd Street combined sewer overflow separation project in the amount of \$95,300. The project will be a rehab and maintenance of the sewer located on 3rd Street from Avenue G to Avenue F.

- voted 6-0 to approve a bid of WL Miller Company of Hamilton in the amount of \$1.67 per square foot for the 2018 Country Club Road Asphalt project.

# State, county fireworks season runs through July 8

**BLAST** - Continued from Page 1

I also have one in West Burlington right across from Wal-Mart in Dollar General.”

Crews were on hand getting the sides of the tent down around the interior fencing Wednesday afternoon as stormy skies descended on the town. The tent was still empty of fireworks, but signs were up and bunting was ready to be wrapped around the tables.

Duckstein is hoping for brisk sales in her first year with the company.

“I’m hoping this will

be as big of a year as last year from what they’ve told us,” she said. “The name is out there, so we’re hoping for a very good year. We’re local. They can walk here.

We’re right by the store and we take cash or credit cards on site.”

Duckstein said due to the long hours she is still looking for some hourly help. She said the outlet will have specials on a daily basis including several buy 1 get 3 free tables. She said those items regularly sell quickly,

but Bellino tracks sales inventory on an ongoing basis so supplies are replenished automatically.

“We’ll have plenty of fireworks on hand throughout the two weeks of operation,” she said. “The most important thing is that no one gets hurt and everyone has a safe holiday.”

She said there are also Bellino tents at the Harley Davidson dealership and the old Hy-Vee location in Burlington. More information can be found at the Bellino Fireworks

website at [www.bellino-fireworks.com](http://www.bellino-fireworks.com).

According to state and county codes, fireworks cannot be sold past July 8. Temporary or tent structures could begin selling on June 13. Tents and temporary structure sales began June 13, with permanent structures able to sell in the state starting June 1. All sales end July 8

Both state and county codes dictate that fireworks can be used on private property from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. June 1 through July 8 and again from Dec. 10 through Jan. 3.

According to Lee County code 5-9-9:

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(2) Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. on December 31 and 12:30 a.m. on the immediately following day.

(3) Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on the Saturdays and Sundays immediately preceding and following December 31.

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**SAT 23 Jun** Light Rain  
High – 77.8° F | Low – 70.7° F

**SUN 24 Jun** Heavy Intensity Rain  
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