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## Kempkers expands with Huxley acquisition

*Third generation handles purchase of new location*

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The 3rd generation of Kempker's True Value & Rental put their mark on the family brand just before the holidays when they expanded the family business by one, with the addition of a location in Huxley, Iowa.

Jason and Dustin Kempker handled the purchase of the fifth location under the Kempker's True Value &



Rental brand with the purchase of Hardware Hank's location owned by the same couple for the past 33 years.

Huxley is a small, growing community of about 3,500 people nestled between Ankeny and Ames just out-

side the Des Moines metroplex, but inside the Ames metropolitan area. It's located on Hwy. 69 just west of Interstate 35.

"This was the first time where mom and dad kind of stepped back and let the Dustin and Jason do the work," said Chuck Kempker owner and operator of Kempker's True Value & Rental, Inc. Chuck is a second generation hardware man, learning from his dad, Bob Kempker who started the business in 1969 in Fort Madison.

Since that time, the Kempkers have acquired locations in Mt. Pleasant, Burlington, and Grimes, in addi-

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### Variety Show

Aaron Copic, left, and Francisco Trejo, both seniors at Fort Madison High School, perform as part of a quartet at the annual FMHS Variety Show Sunday afternoon.

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### EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



## *I owe it all...to Donald Kaul*

Because of Donald Kaul, I'm a columnist today. Donald Kaul was a columnist for the Des Moines Register and Tribune back in the sixties and seventies. I was an English Major at Iowa State University, living in a roach infested apartment on Lincoln Way in Campus Town. My roommates and I would start the day off by skipping class, nursing hangovers, drinking coffee at the L-Way Cafe and discussing Kaul's column, "Over the Coffee." I told them then, "I can do this." They said, "Go ahead."

So I did. I wrote my first weekly column in Windsor, Colorado in the late eighties, early nineties. It was in the Windsor Beacon and occasionally the Greeley Tribune and Ft. Collins Coloradoan. It was called, "True Story."

When my family and I moved back to Iowa in the late nineties, I resurrected the column, this time called, "Empty Nest," because our kids were off to college. At first Empty Nest was only in the Mt. Pleasant News but eventually coverage expanded to twenty Iowa newspapers. The greatest compliment I have ever received is that I, "Write like Donald Kaul."

Kyle Munson had a nice eulogy to Donald Kaul in the January 14th edition of the Des Moines Sunday Regis-

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## Preliminary county budget \$1.5M short

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE - A short budget workshop on Friday resulted in some tough projections for the upcoming fiscal year budget.

According to Lee County Budget Director Cindy Renstrom, the county's preliminary budget for fiscal year 2018-19 shows a shortfall of just over \$1.5

million. The county is projected to carry a general fund balance of close to \$10 million at the end of the year, but current figures will have that carry over at just \$7 million as presented. However the CPC Mental Health Services fund the county carries is being required by the state to be spent down, so that department is showing a \$1.5 million shortfall for the spend down. The department is

headed by Rynne Wood.

Lee County Chairman Don Hunold told the board that was not the direction the county needed to go and all department heads needed to be at Tuesday's workshop following the board's regular meeting. He also outlined some possibilities for cutting the budget, but said the ideas were just discussion items and nothing he was ready to move forward on.

Some of the items Hunold suggested included a wage freeze for county employees, having employees pay more for their health coverage, having all county employees outside of the sheriff's department reduced to 35 hours per week, looking at increasing employee contributions to health insurance, a review

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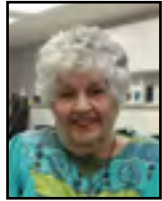
## OBITUARIES

### SALLY V. WALKER

Sally V. Walker, 85, of Keokuk, IA died Sunday, January 21, 2018 at the Montebello Health Care Center in Hamilton, IL.

She was born on December 21, 1932 in Dubuque, IA, the daughter of Harold and Dorothy Schargits Sharp. Sally graduated from Ramona High School in Ramona, CA with the Class of 1950.

She first married John Tolmosoff and to this union five children were born, Shirley, Debbie, Larry, Lisa and Cindy. They later divorced. On December 22, 1978, Sally was united in marriage to Dale Walker at First Christian Church in Kahoka, MO. He preceded her in death on April 15, 1999.



SMITH

Sally enjoyed working crossword puzzles, playing cribbage, pinochle and spades. She also was a diehard scrabble player and Words with Friends player. She was an avid reader and especially enjoyed crime fiction novels. She really enjoyed being a homemaker and cooking and baking for her family. Sally was a loving mother and grandmother and her grandchildren were her pride and joy.

She is survived by three daughters, Debbie Henson of Keokuk, Lisa Tolmosoff of Keokuk and Cindy Snyder (Terry) of Hamilton, one son, Larry Tolmosoff of Ramona, CA, two step-sons, Roger Walker and Alan Walker, four stepdaughters, Denise Bakkum, Gina Fox, Beth Niemi and LeAnn Hasness, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, several step-grandchildren and step- great-grandchildren and many sisters and brothers.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Shirley Tolmosoff and one grandson, Mike Harvey.

A graveside service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Neeper Cemetery in rural Kahoka MO.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 10 am – 1 pm at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with family meeting with friends at that time.

### CYNTHIA “CINDY” MARIE SMITH

Cynthia “Cindy” Marie Smith, 64, of Montrose, IA, died Saturday, January 20, 2018 at River Hills Village in Keokuk.

She was born on December 12, 1953 in Keokuk, IA, the daughter of Wendell Phillips and Irene Eck Smith.



SMITH

Cindy graduated from Central Lee High School with the Class of 1972. She received her Bachelor’s Degree from Iowa Wesleyan College in Mt. Pleasant, IA and her Master’s Degree from Western Illinois University in Macomb, IL.

She had been employed with the Marquette School District, Central Lee Schools and Keokuk Community Schools as a talented and gifted teacher for elementary and middle school students.

She was a member of the First Lutheran church in Keokuk. She was also a member of PEO, Delta Kappa Gamma and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Cindy enjoyed knitting, shopping, cooking and working in her flower gardens. She also enjoyed researching genealogy and was very proud of her Swedish heritage. Cindy loved to take road trips and had traveled to all fifty states.

She is survived by her mother, Irene Smith of Montrose, two first cousins, Sandy Storment (Dick) and Cathye Wehr all of Oregon, and many other cousins, friends acquaintances and students.

She was preceded in death by her father and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at the First Lutheran Church in Keokuk with Reverend Rodney Underwood officiating. Burial will be in the Montrose Cemetery.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Tuesday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with the family meeting with friends from 6 – 8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the First Lutheran Church in Keokuk or the Central Lee School Foundation.

On-line condolences may be sent to the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com)

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**WED 24 Jan** —————  
 Light Snow  
 High– 30.9° F | Low – 19.6° F

**THU 25 Jan** —————  
 Clear Skies  
 High – 30.4° F | Low – 29.0° F

**FRI 26 Jan** —————  
 Light Rain  
 High– 48.3° F | Low – 45.6° F

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## From the Front/Scene Around Town

# Third generation of hardware family takes reins in Huxley

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tion to the newest Huxley acquisition. That location opened under the Kempker's umbrella on Dec. 13.

"This is a smaller growing community and that business there was very well maintained by the family that owned it and the boys had been looking at for some time," Kempker said. "We've never put reigns on the kids so we said if they wanted to go for it we'd back 'em 100%."

Dustin said Jason had a friend in the area who knew the store was for sale and the two had been looking at it.

"All of a sudden it became real, but we had to let the dust settle on a few other things. We've all been in True Value together so it seemed like it could be pretty seamless for us," Dustin said.

"This has been a true, blue mom and pop hardware store for 35 years. They were both involved

in the business there every day so it has a good customer base."

Dustin said the town just built a Fareway Grocery similar to the Fort Madison Fareway Grocery and is in growth mode.

"There's a ton of growth and opportunity here. The towns right between Ankeny and Ames and that whole Des Moines metro area is right there, too."

He said the future of hardware is good because of neighborhood hardware stores like the ones in the Kempker family. Being able to withstand big box stores and the internet is demonstrated in the success of the neighborhood locations.

"It's hard to do hardware online. Shipping hardware just isn't easy. It hasn't caught on because people like that service aspect and want to be able to ask questions," he said.

Chuck Kempker agreed,

saying hardware has been able to withstand the larger discount stores and Amazon because of the personal service you get in the aisles of the local stores.

Jason Kempker said part of local hardware success in an Internet world is that you can't wait for days to have something shipped to fix a problem.

"It's the plumbing issues, the electrical issues. You can't wait two days on some of those problems," he said. "Some of those things need to be done right away and that's what we're here for. Especially the weather - in real cold years you have pipes that freeze. Everything in the hardware business right now, the Internet hasn't created an answer for."

He said the rental part of the business is the probably the biggest opportunity for the Huxley location because former

owners Steve and Ann Quick didn't offer that business.

"This will be our core hardware and rental business. It's an 8,000 square foot facility and we definitely look to see the rental business being something we can grow."

Jason attended Iowa State University in Ames

and said traveling up and down Hwy. 69 going to campus he always had in the back of his mind, that "nice little hardware store in Huxley".

"If Grimes didn't work out, I always thought that would be a nice addition, but fast forward after the Grimes acquisition and the Quicks were still look-

ing to sell," he said.

He said his parents handled the negotiations for the Grimes store, but he was involved in the discussions and observed how that process works.

"I think it went great," he said. "We did the discovery and negotiations and all the fun stuff that comes with that."



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Nakia Ross, left with microphone, sings to a sullen Devan Parker at Sunday's Variety Show at the Fort Madison High School.

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**Sports**

# Steffensmeier knocks off No. 2 (or No. 1) wrestler

*Named Co-Outstanding Wrestler at Ed Winger Classic*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

URBANDALE - A Bloodhound wrestler was named Co-Outstanding wrestler at the Ed Winger Classic in Urbandale after taking down one of the top wrestlers in the state at 152 lbs. Senior Harlan Steffensmeier reached the championship match against Grant Stotts, of West Des Moines Valley on Saturday, and depending on which ranking publication you prefer, Stotts was either No. 1 or No 2 in the state. Steffensmeier won the match 5-4 after a late take down in the final period. [IAwrestle.com](http://IAwrestle.com) had Stotts as the top-ranked wrestler at 152 lbs, but the Predicament had him ranked behind Cayd Lara of Fort Dodge at No. 2. Steffensmeier was ranked 4th in both publications.

"It was a barn burner," Head Coach Ryan Smith said Saturday night. "Harlan got taken down and escaped in



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison wrestler Harlan Steffensmeier, shown in here in earlier action this season at Fort Madison, was named Co-Outstanding Wrestler at the Ed Winger Classic by taking the title at 152 lbs. knocking off state champion Grant Stotts of West Des Moines Valley.

“

*This helps him for sure. We saw (Cayd) Lara last week and had a close match with him and with the win today, it validates (Harlan) as a contender.”*

-Ryan Smith  
FMHS Head Coach



SMITH

the first, then he got a take down at the end of the first period and it was tied at 4-4. There weren't any take downs in the second period, but in the third period Harlan got another take down and was able to ride him out.”

“That guy was rated No 1 or No. 2 in the state depending on where you look, but he's a tough dude. He won state as a sophomore.” Smith said he couldn't remember the last time a Fort Madison wrestler was named outstanding or co-out-

standing wrestler and said he was going to have to look at the books and see when the last time Fort Madison had a champion at the Urbandale meet.

With just three weeks remaining before the run to state begins, Smith said this should give Steffensmeier more confidence going into regional and state action.

“This helps him for sure. We saw Lara last week and had a close match with him and with the win today, it validates that he's a contender,” Smith said. “There's still

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## Sports/From the Front

# Steffensmeiers, Settles place at Urbandale meet

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some work to be done, of course.”

Steffensmeier, now 34-2, on the season got to the championship match with a :19 pin the first round and two technical falls at 15-0 and 16-0 working through the bracket.

At 126 lbs, Ryan Steffensmeier (21-14) took 2nd place after being pinned in the finals by Kayden Kauzlarich of Centerville at 3:39. Steffensmeier won by decision and then had a pin over Peter Erickson of Johnston in :20 in the quarterfinals before winning by a close 7-6 decision over Keaton Speicher of Iowa City West to reach the finals.

“It’s good for him to get back on a winning track,” Smith said. “He’s wrestled a tough schedule and has more losses than we would have liked but he gutted out some close matches to get himself into the finals.”

Aaron Steffensmeier (31-11) took 5th place at the meet at 145 lbs. He advanced with a pin in round 1 of the tourney, then was pinned by North Scott’s Collin Lewis. Steffensmeier recorded another pin in the consolation bracket round 2, but lost a tough 3-1 decision in round 3 to Brock Parker of Waukee. He ran up against Lewis again in the 5th place match, but Lewis had to take a medical



STEFFENSMEIER forfeit giving Steffensmeier the win.

Danen Settles took 7th place at 220 lbs with a win over Tanner Teem of Urbandale 9-3 in the seventh place match on the consolation side.

The Hounds took 8th place in the 21-team tournament.

Complete results of the tournament are below.

106 lbs -Elton Kruse (11-16) place is un-

known and scored 6.00 team points.  
 Champ. Round 1 - Hans Von Rabenau (Iowa City West) 17-10 won by decision over Elton Kruse (Fort Madison) 11-16 (Dec 7-2)

Cons. Round 1 - Elton Kruse (Fort Madison) 11-16 won by fall over Dakota Arends (Dallas Center-Grimes) 4-15 (Fall 0:57)

Cons. Round 2 - Elton Kruse (Fort Madison) 11-16 won by fall over Nate Bell (Des Moines Lincoln) 16-15 (Fall 1:49)

Cons. Round 3 - Rheiner Stahlbaum (Johnston) 20-11 won by fall over Elton Kruse (Fort Madison) 11-16 (Fall 0:23)

120 lbs - Dayne Cordray (19-13) place is unknown and scored 0.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Dayne Cordray (Fort Madison) 19-13 received a bye ( ) (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Thomas Edwards (Johnston) 26-10 won by decision over Dayne Cordray (Fort Madison) 19-13 (Dec 8-3)

Cons. Round 2 - Jackson Barth (Cedar Falls) 17-14 won by major decision over Dayne Cordray (Fort Madison) 19-13 (MD 11-0)

Cons. Round 3 - Carson Lawrence (West Des Moines) 4-4 won by decision over Dayne Cordray (Fort Madison) 19-13 (Dec 5-3)

126 lbs - Ryan Steffensmeier (18-13) placed 2nd and scored 20.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Ryan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 18-13 won by decision over Noah Micka (West Des Moines) 14-17 (Dec 5-4)

Quarterfinal - Ryan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 18-13 won by fall over Peter Erickson (Johnston) 10-12 (Fall 0:20)

Semifinal - Ryan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 18-13 won by decision over Keaton Speicher (Iowa City West) 20-22 (Dec 7-6)

1st Place Match - Kayden Kauzlarich (Centerville) 32-5 won by fall over Ryan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 18-13 (Fall 3:39)

132 lbs - Nathan Steffensmeier (10-19) place is unknown and scored 3.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Leo Blawou (Des Moines Lincoln) 22-15 won by major decision over Nathan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 10-19 (MD 13-4)

Cons. Round 1 - Nathan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 10-19 won by fall over Vinnie Lopez (Dowling Catholic) 3-7 (Fall 3:51)

Cons. Round 2 - Rylan Hughbanks (Bettendorf) 18-20 won by tech fall over Nathan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 10-19 (TF-1.5 4:00 (16-0))

145 lbs - Aaron Steffensmeier (28-9) placed 5th and scored 14.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Aaron Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 28-9 won by fall

over Seneca Calhoun (Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson) 19-23 (Fall 1:31)

Quarterfinal - Collin Lewis (North Scott) 28-5 won by fall over Aaron Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 28-9 (Fall 1:12)

Cons. Round 2 - Aaron Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 28-9 won by fall over John Harris (Des Moines Lincoln) 16-14 (Fall 5:09)

Cons. Round 3 - Brock Parker (Waukee) 32-8 won by decision over Aaron Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 28-9 (Dec 3-1)

5th Place Match - Aaron Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 28-9 won by medical forfeit over Collin Lewis (North Scott) 28-5 (M. For.)

152 lbs - Harlan Steffensmeier (31-2) placed 1st and scored 27.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Harlan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 31-2 won by fall over Adam O’Connor (Adel-DeSoto-Minburn) 2-8 (Fall 0:19)

Quarterfinal - Harlan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 31-2 won by tech fall over Hayden Friedrichsen (Urbandale) 26-8 (TF-1.5 4:12 (16-0))

Semifinal - Harlan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 31-2 won by tech fall over Jordan Renshaw (Glenwood) 26-12 (TF-1.5 5:00 (15-0))

1st Place Match - Harlan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 31-2 won by decision over Grant Stotts (West Des Moines) 17-1 (Dec 5-4)

220 lbs - Danen Settles (22-12) placed 7th and scored 7.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Danen Settles (Fort Madison) 22-12 won by decision over Jake Morrison (Waukee) 15-9 (Dec 10-3)

Quarterfinal - Greg Hagan (Dowling Catholic) 29-1 won by fall over Danen Settles (Fort Madison) 22-12 (Fall 2:32)

Cons. Round 2 - Beau Lombardi (West Des Moines) 25-7 won by fall over Danen Settles (Fort Madison) 22-12 (Fall 3:13)

Cons. Round 3 - Danen Settles (Fort Madison) 22-12 won by fall over Matt Parker (Southeast Polk) 13-15 (Fall 4:20)

7th Place Match - Danen Settles (Fort Madison) 22-12 won by decision over Tanner Teem (Urbandale) 26-11 (Dec 9-3)

285 - Dalton Mabeus (6-9) place is unknown and scored 3.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Nathan McDonald (Waukee) 35-2 won by fall over Dalton Mabeus (Fort Madison) 6-9 (Fall 1:46)

Cons. Round 1 - Dalton Mabeus (Fort Madison) 6-9 won by fall over Mamadee Tullay (Des Moines Lincoln) 17-12 (Fall 0:51)

Cons. Round 2 - Aaron Martinez (Southeast Polk) 16-7 won by fall over Dalton Mabeus (Fort Madison) 6-9 (Fall 3:05)

## County Department heads asked to trim back 2018-19 budgets

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of all major projects, and the possibility of stopping driver’s licenses services in Lee County.

Renstrom said the county isn’t mandated to provide driver’s license services.

Denise Fraise, the county auditor told Hunold if there

was going to be a reduction in hours, it should be done for all departments. Fraise had recommended in her budget that all employees work 40 hour work weeks, Most employees in the county treasurers, recorders, and auditor’s

office work 35 hours a week currently.

“I’m gonna stop you right there,” Fraise said. “If you do that, I think your other departments should be doing that too then. Just to be fair to all the employees in the offices.”

Hunold said he wasn’t saying that was out of the question.

“From a service point, that’s going to be kind of tough. But I don’t want anything off the table yet.”

Matt Pflug said the county could look at those options, but insurance premiums is something he’d

like to keep where they are.

“Our goal has always been to offer a competitive insurance plan which we have,” he said. “I guess you could always have the discussion of should they being paying more out of their pocket. I think if we can continue to do it, that would be fine.”

“If we can continue to do it,” Ron Fedler said. “If we have the funds to continue to do it.”

Right now county employees pay \$95 per month for their share of a single policy.

“Looking at the new fund balance going on the re-estimated budget we show that were spending \$2.99 million more than we’re bringing in, but you take out Ryanne’s, she needs to get her fund balance down, so we don’t want to mess

with hers.”

“We’re not going to solve this today,” Hunold said. “Tuesday we’ll invite them all in to a workshop and tell them this is where we’re at. Go back and do some more work and come back and see us again and then we’ll take a look at where we’re at and if we still have a ways to go, we’ll look at the other options.”

Supervisor Gary Folluo said all department heads need to go back and see where they can cut.

“We need to tell them to take last year’s budget and put pencil to paper and see how close they can get to that budget,” Folluo said.

The Board of Supervisors will meet again on Tuesday morning with a workshop to follow where the budget issue will be discussed with all department heads.



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### PUBLIC NOTICES

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

**DATE: TUESDAY,**  
**January 23, 2018**  
**MEETING**  
**CONVENING TIME:**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
**LOCATION:**  
**2530 255th Street,**  
**Montrose, IA 52639**  
**AGENDA**

Pledge of Allegiance  
Approve Agenda  
Approve Tuesday, January  
16, 2018 Board Minutes  
Consider Approval of  
Claims  
Public Input  
Lee County EMS Annual  
Report  
Canvass of Saturday,  
January 20, 2018 Green Bar  
Drainage District Election  
Consider Approval to Re-  
place Part-time Correctional  
Officer  
Consider Approval of Tax  
Abatements (5)  
Reports:  
A. Semi Annual Settle-  
ment of the Board of  
Supervisors  
B. Manure Management  
Annual Update-Pomberg  
Farms, Pleasant Ridge  
Township  
Commission or Commit-  
tee Reports  
Adjourn

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**PROCEEDINGS**  
**FORT MADISON**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**1/16/2018**

The Fort Madison City  
Council met in adjourned  
session at 5:30 P.M. on  
Tuesday, January 16, 2018,  
at City Hall, 811 Avenue E.  
Mayor Randolph presided  
with Council Members  
Greenwald, Morawitz, Rink,  
Andrews, Seidel and Lair.  
Council Member Cangas  
was absent.

On motion, Council  
approved the agenda as writ-  
ten. On motion, Council ap-  
proved the Consent Agenda:  
Minutes of 1/2/2018; Liquor  
License Renewal: Palms  
Supper Club, 4920 Ave-  
nue O, effective 2/1/2018;  
December Financial Report;  
and Payment of Claims.

At 5:34 P.M., Randolph  
opened the public hearing  
concerning Not to Exceed  
\$1,700,000 Water Revenue  
Capital Loan Notes. With  
no oral or written comments,  
on motion, Council closed  
the public hearing. On  
motion, Council adopted  
Resolution No. 2018-07,  
instituting proceedings to  
take additional action for  
the authorization of a loan  
agreement and the issuance  
of not to exceed \$1,700,000  
Water Revenue Capital Loan  
Notes.

On motion, Council  
approved the Mayor's  
signature on a structural  
engineering contract with  
Calhoun-Burns and Associ-  
ates, not to exceed \$42,500,  
for structural engineering  
inspection, design and bid  
documents for the 14th  
Street Bridge rehab project  
over French Creek. On  
motion, Council approved  
the Mayor's reappointment  
of Carol Foss to the Old  
Fort Commission and Mike  
Pulis to the Parks Board,  
terms ending 3/31/2021. On  
amended motion, Council  
approved an 8% salary  
increase for City Manager  
David Varley.

At 5:59 P.M. on motion,  
Council adjourned until Feb-  
ruary 6, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.

/s/ Bradley A. Randolph,  
Mayor

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

See **PROCEEDINGS**,  
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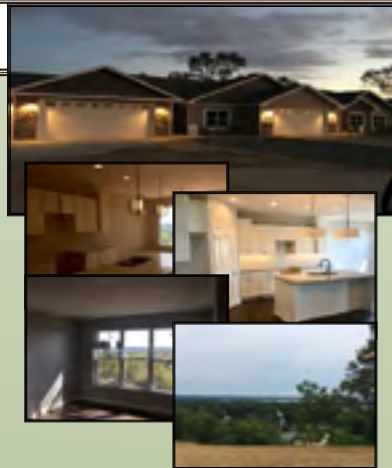


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General	\$ 26,133.09	General \$ 44,224.64
Sp. Rev. Funds	5,971.24	Special Rev. 41,940.93
Road Use	8,344.31	Road Use 2,867.53
Debt	0	Debt 30,845.01
Capital	11,423.29	Water 392.83
Water	22,584.83	Sewer 4,553.00
Sewer	506,339.73	Solid Waste 572.72
Solid Waste	15,840.93	Storm Water Util. 96.89
Storm Water Util.	146.00	
	\$596,783.42	\$125,493.55
<b>PAYROLL</b>	1/5/2018	
General	\$184,190.42	
Spec. Revenues	3,942.74	
Road Use	27,793.92	
Water	25,172.40	
Sewer	42,467.73	
Solid Waste	11,763.67	
Storm Water	4,073.69	
	\$299,404.57	

CLAIMS 1/16/2018	1/16/2018
ABRA, CLEAN OFF OVER SPRAY	424.00
ADJUTANT GENERAL OF IOWA, LODGING FOR TRAINING	186.00
AIRGAS USA, LLC, ACETYLENE	156.62
ALBERT CRESSWELL, SIDEWALK PROGRAM	681.06
ALEXIS FIRE EQUIPMENT CO, FOLDING STEP	65.82
ALTORFER MACHINERY CO., MOTOR & CORE	800.49
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, UNIFORMS	681.06
	2,200.00

B&B PROPANE, PROPANE ..... 1,377.06  
 BAIER FORD, LAMP ..... 12.20  
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 BIG RIVER RENTAL, GIENIE SCISSOR ..... 232.00  
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SERVICE MASTER, JANI-	ROAD USE..... 8,344.31	SPECIAL REVENUES ..... 90,959.40
	CAPITAL PROJECTS ..... 11,423.29	ROAD USE..... 6,374.78
	WATER ..... 22,584.83	CAPITAL PROJECTS ..... 148,048.44
	WASTEWATER ..... 506,339.73	WATER ..... 20,441.39
	SOLID WASTE ..... 15,840.93	WASTEWATER ..... 194,312.03
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## Scene Around Town/From the Front



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A Fort Madison jazz ensemble belts out some uptempo tunes including multiple solos at the Fort Madison Variety Show Sunday afternoon at FMHS.

# Kaul was writer who inspired Empty Nest

**SWARM** - Continued from Page 1

ter. Kaul is in his early eighties and dying of cancer. This is my eulogy to Donald Kaul.

In addition to his column, Kaul is also known for, along with Register Journalist, John Karras, founding RAGBRAI, the Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa, or, "Midwestern Woodstock on two wheels." Kaul, a character if there ever was one, made famous another character on that first RAGBRAI, Clarence Pickard. At 83-years old, and wearing a pith helmet, Pickard liked to keep fit by riding a bicycle in case he ever, "had to chase a hog."

I rode RAGBRAI three times in my early sixties. Like Kaul, who tapped out daily RAGBRAI stories on a portable typewriter, at a kitchen table, while surrounded by sweaty riders, I too pecked out daily RAGBRAI stories at a picnic table, on a laptop, while surrounded by spandexed riders, and emailed the stories to the Mt. Pleasant News. "How can you write in all this noise?" I was asked. "Huh?" I said.

Unlike Kaul, who was an unabashed agnostic, I'm a devout Christian. At his height, he was syndicated in 150 newspapers. I write for free in twenty. He wrote a lot about politics, Nixon, the Viet Nam War, the 18-year old vote, Sunday beer sales, the NRA, handguns, vitamin C, and Watergate. I, for the most part, stay away from politics and stick with human-interest stories, my favorite subject lately being our chickens, which is avian interest.

In Kaul's day, girls' high school basketball was still six-on-six and Kaul loved to poke fun at the sport. In his words, "I was once hired by a radio station to do color commentary for the broadcast of a game, but I came down with laryngitis and lost my voice. So they let me do the play-by-play." He also loved to poke fun at Ankeny, Iowa, one of the fastest growing, most expensive Iowa cities (towns) to live in at the time. "Where is Ankeny?" he would write. Kaul could easily have been a character in M\*A\*S\*H.

While Kaul wrote as many as five columns a week, I write one. People ask me how I can write one column a week, week-after-week. I would like to ask Kaul how he could write five columns a week. He has compared being a columnist to being married to a nymphomaniac. "It can be a thrilling and even ecstatic exercise, but there's no respite from it."

Note: In the creative writing class that I'm teaching, one of the students also attributes his penchant for writing to Donald Kaul.

I'm sad that Donald Kaul is dying. Maybe this year's RAGBRAI can be dedicated to him. I also hope this column I'm writing can find its way to his bedside. I owe it all to you, Donald Kaul.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at [curtswarm@yahoo.com](mailto:curtswarm@yahoo.com) or find him on Facebook. Curt's stories are also read at 106.3 FM in Farmington.



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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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