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## West Point sets levy at \$7.02 for FY19

### City selling off Veterans' Memorial Park

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT - Residents in West Point will pay about 2.3% more in property taxes this year with a new levy of \$7.02.

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the West Point City

Council, the council held a public hearing on the budget and heard no comments from the public. The hearing was closed and the council approved the budget at the new rate 5-0.

According to West Point City Administrator Gary Menke, the city really didn't ask for any additional funds. Total revenue from the levy is projected to be \$225,000.

"The dollars really are flat compared to last year," he said after the meeting, "We had two multi-residentials go single residential so that hurt us a bit and we had to

increase the levy to make up the difference."

City officials are projecting an ending fund balance of \$1,924,417 on re-estimated figures for the current year, but the 2019 fiscal year shows an increase in the ending balance on June 30, 2019 of \$2,130,441.

Total revenues for the next budget year are projected at \$3,040,830 with total expenses coming in at \$2,834,806.

The city's enterprise funds, which are water, sew-

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## City clean up day set

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Area Chamber of Commerce is coordinating a volunteer community effort designed to remove litter and debris from parks, recreational areas, shorelines and waterways, while inspiring generations of environmental stewards.

In past years, Community Clean Up volunteers bagged litter, swept sidewalks, and cleared weeds in an effort to make Fort Madison more presentable to visitors and the general population.

The 2018 clean up date is scheduled for Saturday, April 21, rain or shine, with registration in Central Park starting at 9 a.m. To aid in clean-up efforts, Great River Regional Waste Authority (GRRWA) will be on-site for your Hazardous

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### Raze after the blaze

Demolition crews are taking down the apartment building that caught on fire in December in the 100 block of 10th Street. The upper apartment caught fire and several dogs were rescued in the blaze.

## FMCH hosts Women's Conference Saturday

Submitted article

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison Community Hospital will be hosting their annual Women's Health Conference on Saturday, March 17th starting at 9:00 a.m. This year's conference is titled "Good Health, Good Luck, Good Laughter" focusing on overall wellness. The conference will take place in the Conference rooms of the Business Center, lower level east addition at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

This year's conference will present area women an opportunity to practice prevention with health screenings that include blood pressure checks, body mass index and blood sugar. Screenings will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The screenings will take place in the Outpatient Rehabilitation Services Center. These free screenings will be followed by a light breakfast and a dynamic dose of live entertainment presented by Sally Shaver DuBois.

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## Details released on Sunday fire

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - At 7:32 p.m. Sunday, the Fort Madison Fire Department was dispatched to 2515 Avenue L for a structure fire with visible fire on the second floor of Sorrento's Pizza.

Fire was showing on the deck of the apartment. Firefighters made a knock down of the fire on the deck and made entry into the apartment to battle the fire that had extended into the kitchen area of the apartment. The occupant of the apartment was not home at the time of the fire. The owner of the building is Sean Mohlzon.

Firefighters remained on scene until 9:33 PM. The on-duty crew was assisted by all available off-duty personnel. The Fort Madison Police Department and Lee County Ambulance were also on the scene to assist. There were no injuries and the amount of the damage has not been determined.

The fire is under investigation.

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## Obituaries/From the Front

### OBITUARIES

# DARLENE LUCILLE REINARTZ

Darlene Lucille Reinartz, 74, of Keokuk, IA died Sunday, March 11, 2018 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL.

She was born October 16, 1943 in Minneapolis, MN the daughter of Leo and Evelyn Marcus Cunningham. On February 8, 1964 she was united in marriage to James Reinartz in St. Paul, MN. He survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Pamela (Ron) Kiefert of Miami, FL and Julie Page of Keokuk, one son, Lonnie Reinartz of Cedar Rapids, IA, two granddaughters, Chrissy (Robert) Boecker of Panora, IA and Chelsie (Trent) Lovell of Keokuk, one grandson, James Kiefert of Portland, OR, seven great-grandchildren, Hannah, Bobby, Reilan, Weston, Skylee, Madison, Adalynn and with one more, Zion, on the way, and one sister, Marlene (Butch) Bogert of Sullivan, MO.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one great-granddaughter.

Darlene graduated from Roosevelt High School in Minneapolis, MN with the Class of 1961.

She was a member of Keokuk Living Waters Assembly of God Church in Keokuk.

Darlene had worked as a housekeeper through the years.

She enjoyed spending time outdoors in her flower garden. She also liked to feed the birds and watch the hummingbirds.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Pastor Larry Wallingford officiating.

Visitation will be held prior to the service from 12:00 -2:00 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home with family meeting with friends at that time.

A graveside service will be held at 1:15 p.m., Friday at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, MN.

Memorials may be made to the Living Waters Assembly of God Church in Keokuk, IA.

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

# Chamber sets April 21 for city-wide clean up

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Waste Disposal. Please call 319-372-6140 or 1-800-216-2370 for a complete list of accepted materials and to receive your appointment time for drop off.

Gloves, trash bags, and maps highlighted with targeted clean up areas will be distributed to participants. Immediately following the morning event, registered participants are encouraged to return to Central Park for lunch. Groups of five or more are encouraged to call the Chamber office, 319-372-5471, to guarantee they can work together. The largest group will have their name engraved on a plaque that is displayed in the Fort Madison Partners office.



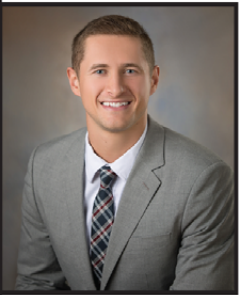
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“Whether you have 30 minutes or 2 hours available to help, I encourage you to join in this city-wide effort. Come alone or get your friends and family together and meet us in Central Park on April 21st. If you’re unable to join us, try and clean up the area around your home or work. Every effort helps,” said Savanna Collier, Fort Madison Area Chamber of Commerce Coordinator.

This event is made possible with the support of many generous sponsors and participating organizations: Scotts Miracle-Gro, Thomas Klann State Farm Agency, Great River Regional Waste Authority, MidAmerican Energy and Hy-Vee.

The Fort Madison Area Chamber of Commerce is an affiliate organization of Fort Madison Partners. Fort Madison Partners is the umbrella organization which oversees the Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce, Fort Madison Main Street, Fort Madison Economic Development and Fort Madison SIRRC. It serves to facilitate and coordinate efforts, services and resources of each individual organization as well as share strategic goals, working towards the common goal of making Fort Madison a great place to visit, live and work.

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## For the Record/Current-Lee

### For the Record

#### Fort Madison Police report

03/09/18 - 1:00 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Dymond Dakar Green, 24, of Burlington in the 800 block of Avenue G on a warrant service. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.  
 03/09/18 - 1:33 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 900 block of Avenue G.  
 03/09/18 - 5:11 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 500 block of Avenue G.  
 03/09/18 - 6:10 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Raul Garcia, 68, of Fort Madison in the 2800 block of Avenue K, on charges of Criminal mischief and theft in the 4th degree. He was released on his own recognizance.  
 03/09/18 - 9:55 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 500 block of Avenue E.  
 03/09/18 - 10:35 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Jennifer Noel Harred, 42, of Fort Madison in the 1200 block of 48th Street. She was released with a court date.  
 03/10/18 - 9:56 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1700 block of 41st Street.  
 03/10/18 - 10:01 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Linda Antonoinette Coleman, 36, of Fort Madison at the intersection of 11th Street and

Avenue F on a warrant for compulsory education, and charges of possession of meth, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 03/10/18 - 10:01 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Kevin Lamond Claville, 31, of Fort Madison at the intersectino of 11th Street and Avenue F, on a charge of driving while barred. He was released on a promise to appear.  
 03/10/18 - 11:03 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in 1800 block of Avenue H.  
 03/10/18 - 11:37 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 4500 block of Avenue O.  
 03/10/18 - 1:36 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2700 block of Avenue K.  
 03/11/18 - 3:32 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Simarius Dayana Jefferson, 20, of Fort Madison, in the 500 block of Avenue G, on a charge of interference with official acts.  
 03/11/18 - 12:39 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2300 block of Avenue L.  
 03/11/18 - 12:54 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 1100 block of Avenue E.

03/11/18 - 8:03 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Matthew Lawrence Hoenig, 42, of Fort Madison, in the 2500 block of Avenue L, on a warrant service for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

#### Lee County Sheriff's report

03/09/18 - 4:12 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested at 15-year-old male juvenile at Fort Madison High School on charges of 1st degree burglary and going armed with intent. He was held at the Southeast Iowa Juvenile Detention Center pending juvenile court.  
 03/09/18 - 4:26 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jeremy Lee Fletchall, 34, of Donnellson, in the 200 block of North Main Street in Donnellson on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalis. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and later released on his own recognizance.  
 03/10/18 - 1:46 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 2800 block of Hwy. 218. A vehicle driven by Earl Steven Otto, 68 of Keokuk crossed the center line after Otto allegedly fell asleep. A

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### CURRENT-LEE

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



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

## Glo Crazy for Education run set for April 7



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

Pen City Current will list your event in this highly visible CURRENT-LEE section in increments of 25 words for \$15. Add a photo for \$5. Non-profit organizations are eligible for the reduced rate of \$10 per 25 words and \$3 per photo. To place your listing, [click here](#) or call Lee at (319)371.4125.

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## Scene Around Town/Classifieds



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### PAW buddies

The YMCA preschool class collected loose change during the month of February and was able to make a donation to Fort Madison PAW in the amount of \$185. This is the afternoon session, but both morning and afternoon sessions collected money in banks during the month. The class is pictured with Sandy Brown, director of the P.A.W. animal shelter.

# West Point accepting bids on property until April 9

## COUNCIL - Continued from Page 1

er, and utility funds are projected to run at a slight deficit with revenues totaling \$1,837,831 and revenues just a bit behind at \$1,827,864.

In other action, the council approved putting up the Veterans' Memorial Park for sale.

Menke said the park, located on the city's west side off of Fourth Avenue, is now just a vacant ball park and could be subdivided into as many as three lots, but didn't specify what zoning would be required, other than to see the city would like to see some property taxes generated from the prop-

erty. He said the city will start taking sealed bids on the lots on Tuesday with an April 9 deadline.

Menke said a group would probably get together the day before the 9th, which is the next city council meeting, and open the bids.

"We're gonna consider anything and everything, but right now it is zoned residential. If it was the right business we'd consider it, but we just want people to know out of the gate that it would require a zoning change. We're going to look at all the offers," Menke said.

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

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

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

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

## HELP WANTED

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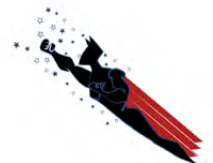
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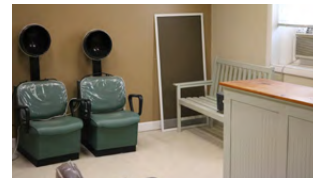
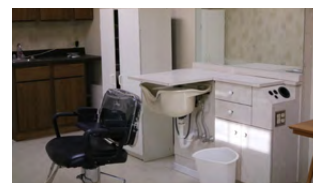


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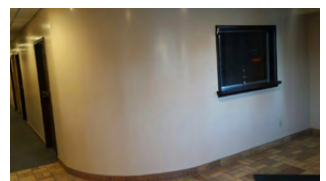
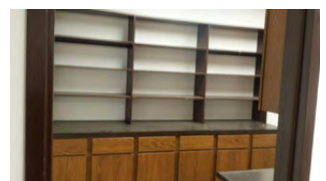
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# Business News/From the Front

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**WED 14 Mar**

Scattered Clouds  
High – 42.4° F | Low – 36.6° F

**THU 15 Mar**

Clear Skies  
High – 46.6° F | Low – 27.9° F

**FRI 16 Mar**

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Chase T. Gibb cuts the ribbon with the Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Club on Monday morning. Gibb said the restaurant will be closed Sundays temporarily to allow for an adjustment to the overwhelming support of the community.

## Shaver DuBois to be keynote speaker at FMCH's women's conference

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Sally will discuss the importance of living an active, healthy lifestyle in a fun and creative presentation that will cover wellness principles and how exercise, music and laughter can all have a positive effect on the brain and body. Women will smile, laugh and learn from Sally's presentation on keeping our minds sharp and our sense of humor active.

Sally has two master's degrees in education with over 25 years of experience as a wellness professional and educator. She has been a speaker since 2004 and is a member of the National Speakers Association and is a certified laughter leader through the World Laughter Tour.

She is also an experienced entertainer, professionally-trained musician, and has spent time doing on-air announcing at local radio stations. Sally resides in Ames, Iowa, and is married to Paul DuBois.

There will be door prizes and free childcare for children aged six months to ten years. Women of all ages are encouraged to attend this free event. For more information, contact Katelin Essing at 319-376-2751.

### For the Record

vehicle driven by Greg Allen Hoagland, 55, of Sheboygan, Wis., swerved to avoid Otto, but struck the driver's side mirror. No injuries or citations were reported at the scene. 03/10/18 - 7:20 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Robert Alex Porter, 56, of Montrose at the intersection of Hwy 27 and 194th Avenue in Argyle on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on his own recognizance. 03/10/18 - 10:08 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michelle Dawn Fiscella, 46, of Ottumwa at milemarker 20 on Hwy 218 in Donnellson on a charge of violating a no contact order.

She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond. 03/10/18 - 10:46 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested William Tommie Frable, 47, of Ottumwa at Casey's in Donnellson on a charge of violating a no-contact order. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 03/11/18 - 12:44 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Rayna Tylinne Buckner, 26 of Keokuk in the 3900 block of Valley Road in Keokuk on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released on her own recognizance. 03/11/18 - 1:50 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Logan David Bode,

29, of Keokuk, in the 3900 block of Valley Road in Keokuk on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 03/11/18 - 2:36 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Raymond Anthony Antone Cullins, 27, of Cedar Rapids at the sheriff's office on charges of violation of probation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 03/11/18 - 5:35 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michaela Elaine Land, 23, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 03/11/18 - 5:34 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies

arrested Cammie Lynn Donaldson, 35, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office on a charge of voluntary absence from custody and a judgment hold. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held. 03/12/18 - 1:04 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on 320th Street. A vehicle driven by Kenneth LaVerne Soper, 71, of Keokuk, swerved to miss a deer and struck a metal pole railing on a bridge. No injuries or citations were reported at the scene. *Those listed above are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.*

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