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## OFP players bring a believable "Harvey" to FM



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Jim French comes on stage during the second act of "Harvey" during a dress rehearsal Monday night at Old Fort Players in Fort Madison. To his right is Jonathan Robbins, and to his left is Karen Schumaker, Jim Posz, Mark Philip, and Diana Willson.

## Veteran cast brings Pulitzer Prize winning play to life

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A veteran ensemble almost brings to life the 6 foot (possibly 6 and half) white rabbit "Harvey" this weekend at Old Fort Players in Fort Madison.

With less than a week to go before the curtain opens on the production sponsored by Scotts MiracleGro, the show is shaping up to be a funny and entertaining couple of hours for area theater fans.

Jim French portrays the affable Elwood P. Dowd, whose main zest for life can be found on a bar stool and answering to his sister Veta's every whim. "Having a wonderful time wherever he is, and with whomever he's with."

But French befriends the "Puca" with fur and big ears and it seems to be that the big spirit is benevolent except for a few gags and a bit of a game of hide and seek.

French is comfortable in the role, made famous by Jimmy Stewart in 1950, and is even more comfortable in letting people believe he is, or maybe going, insane.

As his sister Veta, played with passion by Karen Schumaker, tries to get him committed to Dr. Chumley's Rest sanitarium, the wealthy Elwood moves around this early



1940s west coast community looking for people to spend time with.

In the meantime, Chumley, played by OFPs Jim Posz, rigorously tries to track down Elwood and to get him on medication and in residence.

The sanitarium unwittingly scoops up Veta and the resulting trauma is laughable, litigious, and just a tiny lewd. Dr. Sanderson is played by the very capable Jonathan Robbins, who's only been in two OFP productions, but shows confidence in his character.

Veta's daughter Myrtle Mae has grand designs on Elwood's mansion if her mother gets control of the estate. She pressures Veta to commit Elwood, with surprisingly little regard for the validity of the white rabbit.

Elwood has a taste for romance and zeal for women

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## LCEMA shifts local funding to county levy

County officials oppose move to add to countywide collection

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE - After several weeks of deliberation, the Lee County Emergency Management Agency has changed the way it gathers local funding.

At a meeting Monday afternoon, the board voted 5-2 along city/county lines to approve shifting its local funding stream from a per capita contribution from cities and townships in the county, to a countywide levy.

The levy will be assessed as part of the county's annual property tax assessment and will amount to less than one cent per \$1,000 taxable income on the total county assessment or about .37 cents for a county home with a \$50k taxable assessment.

Currently, homeowners in the county are assessed property tax on about 55% of the assessed value of their homes. Agricultural and industrial property have different assessment rates.

The five yes votes came from city mayors including West Point, Fort Madison, Montrose, Donnell-

son, and Franklin. The two nos came from Lee County Supervisor Rick Larkin and Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber.

The added levy will generate just over \$30,000 per year to help offset costs of the agency's \$70,000 annual budget. The agency will have a slightly higher budget this year

due to the approval of an assistant to Cirinna, who will be retiring at the end of next fiscal year. That position is a temporary three-month position that will ascend to Cirinna's position upon his retirement.

Currently, the agency is funded with grants and an 80-cent per capita charge to cities in the county and the county itself. Fort Madison, Keokuk, and Lee County paid the majority of the per capita charges with each at about \$8,700 per year. With the temporary position included, that amount would have increased to about \$9,250 each.

The added portion to the county levy is project-

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# For the Record/Letter to the Editor

## For the Record

### Fort Madison Police Report

02/07/19 - 9:43 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Earl Rondell Simmons, 44, of Fort Madison, in the 3200 block of Avenue L on a charge of driving while barred. He was released upon citation.  
 02/08/19 - 9:48 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a shoplifter in the 1800 block of Avenue H.  
 02/08/19 - 11:07 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a shoplifter in the 1800 block of Avenue H.  
 02/08/19 - 11:08 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 6000 block of Reve Court.  
 02/08/19 - 3:24 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 800 block of Avenue G.  
 02/08/19 - 7:34 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a gas drive off in the 1700 block of Avenue H.  
 02/09/19 - 2:33 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited James David Ralph, 33, of Nauvoo in the 3500 block of Avenue L on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released upon citation.  
 02/09/19 - 5:42 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 2800 block of Avenue M.  
 02/09/19 - 6:41 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1900 block of Avenue G.  
 02/09/19 - 7:04 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in progress at in the 2900 block of Avenue H.

02/09/19 - 9:43 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Leroy Fred Hoenig, Jr., 65, of Montrose at the intersection of Bluff Road and Hwy. 2 on a charge of operating while intoxicated-1st offense. He was also cited for driving left of center. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 02/10/19 - 12:38 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a shoplifter in the 2600 block of Avenue L.  
 02/10/19 - 2:39 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Kathleen Marie Rogers, 37, at the Fort Madison Community Hospital Emergency Room on a charge of disorderly conduct. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 02/10/19 - 10:41 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Thomas Wayne Davis, Jr., 19, of Fort Madison at the police station on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 02/11/19 - 1:08 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident reported at the police department.  
 02/11/19 - 8:48 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the Fort Madison area.

### Lee County Sheriff's Report

02/07/19 - 6:06 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one vehicle accident in the 1800 block of Primrose Rd. A county maintainer, operated by Zachariah Shawn Fuller, 41, of Keokuk slid on icy condition and ended

up in the ditch where the truck tipped onto it's side. Fuller reported injuries, no citations were issued at the scene.  
 02/07/19 - 11:39 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident southbound on Hwy. 61. The vehicle driven by Pamela Ann Waterman, 60, of Fort Madison lost control on icy surface causing the vehicle to roll and come to rest on it's wheels in the ditch. No injuries or citations were issued at the scene.  
 02/07/19 - 1:19 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on Hwy. 218 near 190th St. A tractor-trailer driven by Wayne Roy Davis, 57, of Quincy slid on icy conditions causing the trailer to come around and collide with the tractor ending up facing northbound. No injuries or citations were issued at the scene.  
 02/07/19 - 8:16 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one vehicle accident in the 2400 block of 340th Street. A vehicle driven by Jordyan Ann Messenger, 20, of Montrose, slid on icy roads and entered a ditch. No injuries were reported and Messenger was cited for failure to maintain control.  
 02/08/19 - 5:41 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on 7th Street in Montrose where a vehicle driven by Beverly Dawn Callahan, 68, of Montrose, struck a vehicle driven by Jennifer Lynn Biffle, 41, of Nauvoo, Ill. Callahan was cited for failure to yield. No injuries were reported at the scene.  
 02/08/19 - 7:55 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Katie Kayelynn Henderson, 20, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 02/08/19 - 11:31 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Joyce Lee Boley, 37, of Keokuk, at the Lee County Jail on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

02/08/19 - 4:30 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jodie Diane Johnson, 40, of Fort Madison at the Lee County Jail on a warrant for failure to appear. She was held in custody.  
 02/08/19 - 6:13 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Whipsey Ray Brown, 26, of Fort Madison in the 2100 block of 330th Avenue, on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. She was released upon citation.  
 02/09/19 - 11:36 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident on Hwy. 16 westbound. A vehicle driven by Charles Robert Emmanuel Schutt, 34, of St. Louis was sideswiped by a vehicle headed east bound who allegedly crossed the center line. The driver of the second vehicle left the scene prior to law enforcement arriving, but left ownership and insurance information under the name Terry Harrish. No injuries or citations were reported at the scene.  
 02/10/19 - 4:58 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kory Lane Moore, 45, of Danville, in the 1400 block of 240th Avenue, on a charge of operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear.

*It should be noted a criminal charge is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.*

### Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

02/08/19 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical calls.  
 02/09/19 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one medical call and one public service, and a sprinkler activation.  
 02/10/19 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to four medical calls.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A huge thank you to all who helped make the Eagles' Fish/Shrimp Fry dinner benefiting the Fort Madison Food Pantry the very best ever!

To all who came for dinner; who brought friends; who told a friend; said a prayer for us; who participated in the auctions; who supported with generous donations; to the waitresses and bartenders who tirelessly served the bursting-to-the-seams room of diners; to the volunteers who bussed tables and washed dishes.

To those who read their placemats; to those who tirelessly worked in the kitchen turning out seemingly endless orders; to the HTC basketball team who hustled the 50/50 raffle tickets; to Fraise's auctioneers who kept the auction bidding alive; to the Hillsiders for their musical talents and spirited entertainment; to those who donated the most fabulous desserts; to those who worked for several months in the planning process; to the Pantry's Board of Directors for their support and guidance; to those who donated items for the auctions; and to the Eagles for their invitation to host the benefit.

With all your support, you have gifted the monetary resources to feed 350 of Fort Madison's food-insecure families for 2 to 3 months! Kudos to all of you and many, many thanks! Fort Madison, Iowa, is truly a community of neighbors helping neighbors!

—Lin Cramer  
 Board President  
 Fort Madison Food Pantry

# Government offices closed Monday

PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison City offices, as well as the Fort Madison Public Library, will be closed Monday, February 18th, in observance of the President's Day holiday. City offices and the Public Library will reopen on Tuesday, February 19th. Monday garbage routes will be picked up on Tuesday, February 19th.

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# Obituaries/Lottery Numbers

## OBITUARIES

### HARRIET ANN TIMMERMAN

Harriet Ann Timmerman, 83, of Burlington passed away on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 10:13 PM at the Great River Hospice House.



TIMMERMAN

She was born on January 8, 1936 in Monmouth, IL to Gerald and Eva Wilson Hull. On April 24, 1955 she married Robert F. Timmerman in Burlington and he passed away on January 2, 2009.

Harriet worked at several factories and lastly retired from Vista Bakery. She was a member of Harmony Bible Church. Harriet enjoyed doing stained glass, reading, cooking and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Survivors include three sons, Bradley (Tracie) Timmerman stationed Whiteman Air Force Base in Knob Noster, MO, Lonnie (Kelly) Timmerman of Donnellson and Darian (Maria) Timmerman of Burlington; ten grandchildren, Catherine, Madison, Tyler, Blake, Tori, Isaac, Breyden, Blayde, Lilly and Josie; three great grandchildren, Ellory, Austin and Hannah. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Friends may call after 2 PM on Wednesday, February 13, 2018 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will meet with friends from 4-6 PM. The funeral service will be held on Thursday, February 14, 2018 at 1 PM at King-Lynk Funeral Home with Pastor Dan Dingus officiating. Burial will follow in Nauvoo City Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in her memory and online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

#### Pen City Current obituary policy

The Current runs obituaries at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes.

## OBITUARIES

### DOROTHY L. PINDELL

Dorothy L. Pindell, 98, of Niota, IL passed away Monday, February 11, 2019 at the Fort Madison Community Hospital. She was born January 15, 1921 in Disco, IL, the daughter of Fred and Hazel Nelson Bratz. On June 24, 1945 she married John Pindell near Disco. John preceded her in death on March 8, 2004.



PINDELL

Mrs. Pindell was a graduate of Western Illinois University and received her diploma as a school teacher. Dorothy was a homemaker and helped her husband with the family farm. She assisted with her children's 4H Club and was famous for her angel food cakes. She was a member of the Appanoose Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include three children: Linda (Richard) Stockett of Gladstone, OR, Jim (Marion) Pindell of New Castle, IN and Lee (Heidi) Pindell of Niota; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, infant daughter, Barbara Joyce Pindell, grandson, Jacob John Pindell and one brother Dale Bratz.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 PM Thursday, February 14, 2019 at the Appanoose Presbyterian Church near Niota. The funeral service will be at 2:00 PM Friday, February 15, 2019 also at the Church, with Pastor Dave Poland officiating. Burial will follow in the LaHarpe Cemetery, LaHarpe, IL. A memorial fund has been established for the Appanoose Presbyterian Church. Please visit [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com) to sign the guest book and leave a condolence.



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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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# HTC girls down Nikes in regional tussle

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Holy Trinity Catholic's Emily Box may have summed it up best after the Crusaders ended Burlington Notre Dame's season Tuesday night.

"I've never played a game that rough ever," the senior said after HTC held on for a 55-51 win at home in Class 1A Region 5 second round action.

The game was one of only 10 that were played due to inclement weather around the state. The banana belt that is southeast Iowa was spared the wrath of otherwise treacherous conditions.

The Nikes advanced after downing New London 60-39 at home on Saturday night.

Holy Trinity will now face the winner of Sigourney/Winfield Mt. Union on Friday at 7 p.m. in Sigourney. That game was postponed until Wednesday night.

The Lady Crusaders led the entire game by margins of as much as eight points, but could never shake off the Nikes.

With 5:06 left in the 4th quarter, Hope Ward hit a 3-pointer right in front of Notre Dame's cheerleaders on the left baseline to knot the game at 40 in the first

*"I don't single players out often, but Mya played a whale of a game. Every time we got a critical rebound she was there for it."*

-Tony Johnson  
HTC Head Coach

tie of the game.

HTC wouldn't score in the next possession. With the Nikes with the ball and a chance to take the lead, Box pulled down a rebound of an errant shot and was fouled by the Nikes' Taylor Ackerman. The foul put the Crusaders in the one-and-one bonus and Box converted both free throws to give Fort Madison the lead again.

Notre Dame would stay within two points until junior Avery Hopper, who finished with a dozen on the night, scored inside on a nifty pass underneath from junior Ashlynn Haas. Box would hit two more free throws after getting banged around underneath to push the lead to six with about two minutes left in the game.

Notre Dame would pull within four when Ackerman would hit a couple free throws on a foul by Haas driving the lane with only nine seconds on the clock. Notre Dame Head Coach Jimmy Myers called a timeout to set up

a defense for the inbound, but HTC was able to get the ball into Taylor Boeding's hands on the inbound and Boeding was quickly fouled by Ackerman.

Boeding hit both free throws and the Crusaders then let Ackerman run through the lane for a bucket at the buzzer to set the final.

Johnson said the Crusaders had a tough time getting Box going in the first half.

"They played more of a 2-3 and then stretched it into that 1-2-2 in the second half which opened it up more. But Box is just a phenomenal athlete. There's nobody that can jump with her. That's her advantage. When she's jumping, she plays like she's six-four," he said.

"We struggled getting production out of Box and Taylor and Ashlynn, and I don't single out players often, but Mya Lawlor played a whale of a game. Every time we got a critical rebound she was there



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

HTC junior Ashlynn Haas pulls up off the dribble for an eight-foot jumper in the first quarter of HTC's 55-51 win over Notre Dame Tuesday night at Shottenkirk Gymnasium. The Crusaders play again Friday night against the winner of the Sigourney/Winfield-Mt. Union game, which was postponed due to weather and will be played Wednesday night.

for it."

Lawlor said the Nikes half-court pressure gave the girls trouble.

"They pressured us at

the half court and we haven't seen that from them yet this year so adjusting to that was a little rough," she said. "But we need to

learn how to slow down and roll with the punches a little more."

Box said despite the rough play, the game was called evenly, but the play inside the lane was difficult and she had trouble around the blocks early on.

"They were fronting me the whole time and the girls were having trouble seeing me, but it opened up in the second half. They were calling the fouls, but it was just crazy inside," she said.

"We're rivals and that just made it ten times worse how everyone was playing and the emotions were high. It was just a crazy game."

Holy Trinity opened the game with a 3-ball from Boeding and pushed the lead to 11-5 when Haas scored driving from the left and was bumped. Ackerman would score inside to cut the lead to 12-9 with 2:40 left in the period.

HTC would stretch it seven at 17-10 on a free throw by senior Eryn Anderson, but the Nikes would score three straight to end the period down 17-13.

Both teams suffered a cold spell from the floor in the second quarter. The Crusaders would go 4-12

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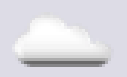
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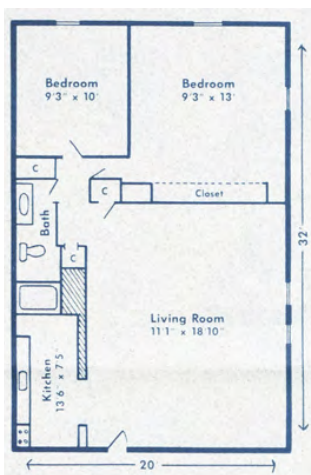
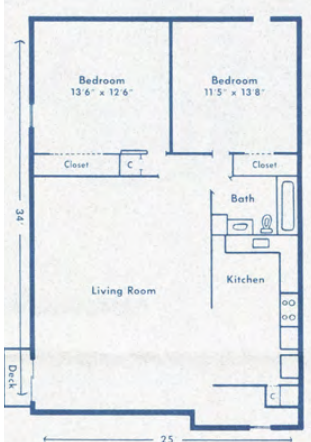
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## From the Front

# Agency may look at legalities of setting their own tax

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ed to create about \$37,000 in revenue to replace the per capita charges.

Larkin's opposition was rooted in the fact that now a committee outside of the board of supervisors had a say in what the county's levy would look like.

"This has worked for us for a number of years and I don't know anybody that had a real complaint in the way it was done," he said.

"But my real problem is that if you go with a levy, there will be folks on the committee who have no financial obligation to the levy. But it is on the county, so you have people making decisions, that in effect, in my opinion, don't have any skin in the

game."

Cirrina said the 28E agreement the county has with the PSAP board is the exact same way as the 28E with the agency and that's millions of dollars.

"We're not talking about \$30,000, we're talking millions of dollars of which PSAP board has all of that control. They have not mismanaged their funds because the budget passes through the county. This is a pass through just like that. I realize it's reflected in your budget, but it comes through and goes right back out," he said.

He added that it was his hope that, at some point, the agency become its own taxing agency, a move that Larkin said he

would support.

"It would be much cleaner if it just went through one agency," Larkin said.

Fort Madison Mayor Brad Randolph said Larkin's point burdens the cities to try and help keep the county levy lower.

"In an effort to keep the countywide levy lower, you put an extra burden on the community to pay more, and that's asking a bit much. The fairest way is to put it as a countywide levy. Having it be its own taxing agency is for debate," Randolph said.

Ron Dinwiddie, Mayor of Montrose, said he favored the county levy because for the cities it's not a tax, it just comes from the general fund.

# HTC heads to Sigourney for regional semifinals

**HTC** - Continued from Page 4

in the second quarter, including a chilly 1-9 from the start with Avery Hopper scoring the only points on a 3-point play, until 2:08 left in the period for HTC.

But Notre Dame wasn't having much luck either, going just 2 of 7 in the period. Box would score with 1:43 left in the half and then the Nikes' Rylie Todd would lace one in from the right baseline from beyond the arc to close the gap to 23-19.

Lawlor would score in transition on the next possession and steal the Nikes' pass off the press at half court and dribble in for another bucket for a 27-20 halftime lead.

Holy Trinity would lead by as much as nine in the third when Haas scored for a 33-24 advantage. Ackerman would counter with a 3-ball for Notre Dame and then Box would get a nice pass from Hopper across the lane for an easy bucket underneath.

HTC would miss four of their next five to allow Notre Dame to get within five at 38-33 at the end of three.

Before the game got tight in the fourth, HTC would commit five turnovers and three personal fouls before Box corralled an errant Boeding three and put it back in to give HTC a 40-37 lead, right before Ward hit her three to tie it up.

Notre Dame finished the season at a respectable 11-12 in a tough south division where six teams finished the regular season with double digit wins and the majority of the conference in 2A and 3A classes. They also knocked off conference champs Van Buren in Burlington.

Ackerman finished with 20 points to lead all scorers on the night. Hope Ward had 10 for Notre Dame.

Box finished with 18 on the night and had three blocks. Hopper had 12 and Lawlor had 11 on the night. Boeding finished with eight points, Haas had five, and Anderson finished with one point.

## "Harvey" starts Friday at OFP

**HARVEY** - from P.1

and puts the moves on most of the female cast including Dorothy Schulte, who plays a dual role as Dr. Chumley's wife and Mrs. Chaevent. French also pursues the sanitarium's Nurse Kelly, who has a crush on Sanderson.

Mark Philip steps back onto the stage for his ninth appearance for OFP and plays Judge Gaffney, who works the legal angles to protect Veta's interest, wants to sue the sanitarium, and gets swept up in all the action.

Robbie Phillips is the wisecracking, no-nonsense right hand man to Dr. Chumley, but finds himself less obsessed with finding a crazy man, and more obsessed with a certain nurse (and real life wife), played by Lea Phillips, who handles herself very well in her first time on the playhouse stage.

Ty Clute stumbles back to the stage and is sure to provide additional laughs as the cabbie.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday with 2 p.m. shows on Sunday and runs Feb. 15-17 and 22-24. Contact the playhouse at 319-372-9559 for tickets or visit [www.oldfortplayers.com](http://www.oldfortplayers.com), or visit the playhouse Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/oldfortplayers/>.

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