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Township trustees, clerks are county's "best kept secrets"



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber talks with about 40 county trustees and clerks in a training session on Thursday. Lee County Attorney Ross Braden, Engineer Ben Hull, and Auditor Denise Fraise were all part of an afternoon panel discussion.

Trustees, clerks oversee taxes on more than \$700 million in county assessed valuation

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – They've been described as the hidden treasures of the county and they handle the purse string on the taxes off \$770 million of county assessed valuation, but what is it be a county trustee in Lee County?

On Thursday, the Iowa State Extension University held a training and education session for the county township trustees and clerks.

The session was sponsored by the Lee County Board of Supervisors and moderated by Shelley Oltmans of the ISU Extension office.

In addition to a lengthy true-false battery of questions, an open forum panel discussion was held with Lee County Attorney Ross Braden, Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise, Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber, and Lee

County Engineer Ben Hull.

Fraise said the positions of township trustee and clerks are not easily filled as people in the townships are reluctant to run for the offices and some who win by write-in decline to serve. However, the room was filled with about 45 trustees and clerks, most of whom had held their positions for several decades.

Fraise said townships control a large amount of the county valuation and, this year particularly, several townships have seen large increases in valuations due to the fertilizer plant and Dakota Access Pipeline valuations seeing substantial increases in 2018.

The IFC valuation went from \$6 million in 2017 to \$63 million in 2018, and the Dakota Pipeline was assessed for the first time in 2018 at \$60 million.

The total amount for township valuations in Lee County went from \$625.8 million in 2017 to \$770.1 million in 2018, an increase of more than 23%.

Green Bay Township's valuation increased almost \$60 million as the Iowa Fertilizer Plant valuation jumped almost \$63 million. But the township gets part of a payment plan reached with IFC in lieu of tax payments, so

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## Beside The Point

Chuck Vandenberg, Pen City Current - Editor

## Business district needs everyone's input

With the Fort Madison Riverfront Business District dropping its partnership with Main Street Iowa, it's clear that some healing needs to be done downtown.

The RBD dropped the Main Street flag officially in December, but made the announcement about 10 days ago. As part of the announcement, the group indicated it was going to hold a stakeholders' meeting this past Thursday.

Only about eight businesses were represented at the meeting including the Fox Theater, Dodd Printing and Stationery, Lee County Title and Abstract, Stage 2, Old Fort Players, Connection Bank, Faeth's Cigar Shop, and 10th Street Station, in addition to a few interested community members, and City Councilman Bob Morawitz.

Also in attendance were staff of Fort Madison Partners, who will be assisting the district in day-to-day efforts until the district decides if they will be hiring a part-time or full-time coordinator.

Stephanie Knoch led the discussion and said this was the time to rebrand the district and re-evaluate goals. But she said it's kind of a call-to-arms to help get the district headed in the right direction.

Chris Sved, who managers the Fox Theater and also has his own gourmet coffee business, said meetings were important in determining the direction of the district, but what was more important was action.

He said district property owners need to work together to get things going in the district.

Part of that action is going to have to be the invested stakeholders setting aside time to join efforts at setting an agenda for the district.

Sved also said there is growth taking place in the district. That's apparent with the upper apartment development by Barker Financial out of Iowa City, the 7th Street Marketplace housing three businesses, Joe Lestina's popular Olive Branch Jiu Jitsu, and many other new storefronts being occupied. There's rumor of additional retail and other entities looking at storefronts, which lends additional credibility to a resur-

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#### **Obituaries/Lottery Numbers**

#### **OBITUARIES**

#### BERNICE "ANNIE" MITCHELL

Bernice "Annie" Mitchell, age 83 of Keokuk, passed away on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at 6:09 PM at The Madison.

She was born on February 9, 1935 in Keokuk to George and Nina Hawkins Gilpin.



Annie worked at Methode Electronics in Carthage. She enjoyedfishing, reading and playing cards. Annie loved spending time with her family, especially listening to music at the family gatherings.

Survivors include four daughters, Elizabeth Larson of Keokuk, Debbie Jennette of Tallahasse, FL, Linda Laney of Lomax and Nina Kessler of Ft. Myers, FL; two sons, Charlie Mitchell of Pontoosuc and George Mitchell of Keokuk; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren; five sisters, Krystal Sherwood, Patty Silk and Nancy Pence all of Dallas City, Joan Dutton of West Burlington and Jane Aegerter of Cedar Rapdis; two brothers, Noland Gilpin of Niota and Larry Gilpin of Dallas City; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her twin sister, Alberta; a brother, Ernie and a sister Alice in infancy.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home and Crematory. There will be no formal services at this time, a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

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#### **OBITUARIES**

#### MARTHA JEAN BUTLER

Martha Jean Butler, 68, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 8:45 p.m. on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at Fort Madison Community Hospital, after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. She was born on August 29, 1950 in Kansas City, MO to



**BUTLER** 

John "Jack" & Rosemary McCabe Nagel. She married Monte J. Butler on June 21, 1969 at Sacred Heart Church in Fort Madison, IA. She was a scheduler/planner at Silgan Container Company for 38 years. Her greatest love was her children & grandchildren. She also enjoyed going to the beach.

Martha is survived by: her husband: Monte Butler of Fort Madison, IA; 2-sons: Matthew (Melody Dworak) Butler of Iowa City, IA & Nicholas Butler of Coralville, IA; 1-daughter: Abbey (Devlin) Guzman of Fort Madison, IA; 3-grandchildren: Kailyn Guzman, Marcus Guzman & Sebastian Butler; 2-sisters: Mary Ann (George) Gaudette of Fort Madison, IA & Peggy (Hiroshi)

Shibuya of Sapporo-shi, Japan; 2-brothers: Tom (Deb) Nagel of Donnellson, IA & Jim Nagel of Fort Madison, IA; several nieces & nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for St. Jude's Children's Hospital or the Shriner's Hospital. Online condolences to Martha's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

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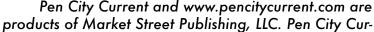
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#### From the Front

## Trustees say fire protection, budgets tough part of the job

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they don't yet see the full value of that assessment.

Montrose Township increased \$18 million, Franklin Township increased \$14.4 million, and Cedar Township increased \$12.5 million, all due to the Dakota Access Pipeline assessment coming online in 2018.

"Some of these valuations are huge now, so these people are responsible for a lot of money," Fraise said. "Some of these people have been doing this for for forty years and for some this was their first training."

Fraise said trustees and clerks are responsible for managing things like cemeteries and fire protection and handling fence and other property disputes, and are required to do a minimum of three meetings per year.

"Our office keeps pretty close ties with them and they know they can come in or contact us with any questions they have," she

But she said despite the full room at the training session, it's difficult to get people to run and serve on trustee boards.

"Oh Lord, yes, it's hard to get people to take these positions. Sometimes when the names are written in and they win, they won't do it," Fraise said. "So it's tough to get them filled."

Steve Newberry, a Des Moines Township trustee for several decades, said people don't want the responsibility anymore.

"We don't get paid for this, it's a volunteer job and nobody wants to take any responsibility to have anybody hollerin' atcha," he said.

"I've been told your term expires when you're dead. I hope that's not the case."

Newberry said volun-

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> -Steve Newberry, Des Moines Township trustee

> > Bryant said.

your people are trained,"

He said the work is not

hard and the training ses-

teers are needed in the townships to help with funding and keeping the townships efficient.

"Volunteers is what we need to help in the communities. We need them to help with fundraising because you just can't tax enough to take care of all this stuff."

He said one thing hurting the townships' budgets right now are hunters who are buying up land and putting it into federal reserves where they don't have to pay taxes on it.

"Then they have five acres of CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) land in the middle of it and they burn that off and then want us to come out and put the fire out," he said.

Newberry and fellow Des Moines Township trustee Joe Bryant agreed that fire protection was the top priority with township funds. Newberry said the townships don't like to borrow money because they're just not confident in how it will get paid back.

Bryant, who's also been on the township fire department for more than 30 years, said that's a big drain on county budgets.

"Keeping the fire departments funded and up and running is the biggest priority right now. We have to manage the cost of trucks and fuel, the buildings, you have to keep them up and running and protect the communities. And then you have to make sure all

sions help keep everyone up to date on changing laws and funding formulas.

"I don't believe it's difficult work," Bryan said. "But with the budgets the way they are and everything getting to spend your pennies wisely. These meetings are very helpful as laws change and you might if you get out in a fence dispute or something, you can use this information."

Weber said it's important for his department that trustees have all the information possible to help them mitigate situations of property that regularly arise.

"It really helps our guys when these guys know what they're doing," Weber said. "A lot of times, it's not our jobs to solve the issue like on a fence line. My guys are very reasonable out there and they know what they

should and shouldn't do. I'll tell deputies to defer those types of things to the township trustees."

Fraise said the training sessions take place every two years to help newly-elected trustees and clerks understand and capitalize on new information considering the vast square miles and budgets they have to deal with.

"They're about the best kept secret in the county," she said.

more expensive, you have pick up something where



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#### **Opinion/Sports**

#### John Bloom's style hits very close to home

"Art washes from the soul the dust of everyday life." –

John Bloom's exhibition, "Close to Home" was on display at the Figge Art Museum in Davenport. It was a Tuesday, a day off in the middle of the week for Ginnie, we had never been to the Figge Art Museum in Davenport, so off we went. Being from the farm, and presently the owner of 12 hens, an Angus heifer, a dog and a farm cat, I'm particularly drawn to the "regionalism" of John Bloom. Never heard of John Bloom (1906 – 2002)? Well, don't feel like the Lone Stranger, neither had we. We saw the advertisement for the Figge Art Museum on a Quad Cities television station, and decided to give it a shot. What the heck? We enjoy art.

John Bloom's art is similar to Grant Wood, without the rolling hills. In fact, John Bloom was friends with Grant Wood and attended Wood's Stone City Art Colony in 1932, where he met his future wife, Isabel. John Bloom and Grant Wood collaborated on murals at Iowa State University's Library. I'm particularly drawn to Bloom's recreations of depression-era Midwestern rural scenes. "Cattle Loading" 1988, Oil on Masonite, is my favorite. I like the way the farmer is herding the Hereford steer onto a railroad loading shoot by grasping its tail. It's a nice detail and very realistic. That's the way farmers (and I) do it. "Cattle Loading" 1988, Oil on Masonite by John Bloom. Among the 60 or so pieces of John Bloom art you will see at the Figge Art Museum are a scene at a zoo where the human spectators are eerily similar to the monkeys; parishioners leaving St. John's Catholic Church in DeWitt, containing Bloom and his brother as boys; and farmers in bib overalls shocking oats. I wish more people wore bib overalls.

Close to Bloom's exhibition in the next room are a number of Grant Wood paintings, as well as a Picasso. What an inspirational treat!

I had kidded Ginnie that I would take her to Hooters in

#### EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



Davenport for lunch. She was game. However, there is an outstanding cafe at the art museum that is quite pleasant and has marvelous gourmet (artsy) dishes, complete with a panoramic view of the Mississippi River. Ginnie loved it and said I could bring her back anytime, it's so "Close to Home." I loved it too. And of course, we sat down by someone we knew.

On the way home we stopped at a theater for an afternoon matinee performance of "On the Basis of Sex" with Felicity Jones as Ruth Bader Ginsberg. This is a nice history of sex-discrimination legislation in the United States by a pioneer for the cause. As with the museum on a Tuesday, we were the only ones there, like a dream where you're in a large room with no people.

There was a refill on popcorn which we took advantage of—not for ourselves, mind you—but for our chickens. They love popcorn almost as much as they do bread crumbs.

At Bluegrass, Iowa, along Highway 61, we stopped and admired the two pheasant sculptures. Such an outstanding day. Ginnie and I call Tuesday, "Goodnewsday." And it was. The good news being that art and life go hand-in-hand. Even in the Iowa farmland, all you have to do is look and see—in the ditches and waterways, the hay fields and, yes, even the stockyards, where farmers load cattle. Who needs weekends?

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0626, email him at <u>curtswarm@yahoo.com</u> or find him on Facebook. Curt's stories are also read at 106.3 FM in Farmington.

## CR Xavier outshoots Bloodhounds

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CEDAR RAPIDS – Cedar Rapids Xavier set a season-high mark for made three-pointers connecting on 15 as the Saints downed Fort Madison at the U.S. Cellular Center 79-61 on Saturday.

The Saints had nine different players hit a three-pointer in the game. Their previous high was just Tuesday when they hit 11 against Waterloo West. They connected on 10 on Dec. 7 against Linn-Mar.

Despite the long-distance prowess, the Saints are just 5 and 7 on the year.

Fort Madison senior Logan Rashid exploded for 22 points at the arena. Junior Jayden Fedler had 14 for the Hounds.

Xavier jumped out to a quick lead in the first period at senior Bryson Bastian and junior Jake Beckmann both drained a couple of long balls to help stake the Saints to a 21-11 first period.

The Saints would stretch the lead to 13 at halftime 36-23. The Hounds would make some defensive adjustments in the second quarter to hold Xavier to just two 3-balls, and would hang around being outscored just 15-12.

But Cedar Rapids would get hot again the third period with three players combining for four three-pointers as the Saints outscored Fort Madison 24-12 to put the game out of reach 60-35 going into the final period.

Fort Madison would put up their best effort of the night in the fourth period putting up 26 points led by Rashid's seven and four other players putting in points.

Other Hounds putting up points on the night included Dayton Davis and Parker Denning with nine, Mike Mosena with four and Brandon Keester chipped in with three.

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## Downtown district, riverfront development should go hand-in-hand

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gence downtown.

Former councilman Brian Wright attended and said he'd like to see the downtown become the focal point of Fort Madison like it was when he was growing up here.

That's a tough ambition, but a worthy one. In a world of cellphones and home entertainment that doesn't require a bag of quarters, it's going to be difficult, but not impossible to re-invent that wheel.

We would say the community that solves that problem, positions itself better than most, but it's going to take more than kids to get it done. Townspeople coming back down for shopping and entertainment has to be part of the picture, but so does a comprehensive look at the business district and its relationship to tourism.

The controversial Amtrak Depot relocation and the status with Viking Cruises could be back in front of the council with solid agreements in February. A comprehensive approach to those efforts and rebooting the business district probably is in order.

Mayor Brad Randolph said the city, including the district, will have to put their best foot forward and be ready for close to 300 passengers to off-board cruise ships several times a week, not to mention what potential impact the railroad depot could have to downtown traffic.

It's not a guess to assume that if Fort Madison downtown could somehow become a destination district, those riverfront improvements could have even more value.

Starting in April, construction on new sidewalks and curbing, as well as stormwater drainage mechanisms, will in all likelihood be installed in at least three of the four blocks of Avenue G downtown. Only \$1.55 million from interest paid on the city's waste water treatment plant can be allocated to the project, so engineers are thinking that a three-block span from 6th to 9th streets or 7th to 10th streets can be done with the available funds.

Lots of people are screaming the money could be put to better use. Well, not really, because the funds are only available if the project goes toward storm water stewardship, so it does pigeon hole the city a little under the program. The stormwater drainage mechanisms are what is making it possible to redo the sidewalks and curbs, which are in dire need of attention. Permeable pavers along a 6-foot path allow storm water to drain through the sidewalk into catches below the surface. The key is that all curbs and sidewalks have to be removed to install the storm water baffles, so they all get replaced.

It's a start to something a bit more special downtown, and with the business district looking for any and all input, it would make sense on the surface anyway, that this could be a good time to start the transformation to making downtown a thriving business sector again.

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AGENDA

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Approval of minutes 12/19/18 meeting
- 3. Non-agenda item comments
- 4. Review of Plat of Survey for Michael and Amy Hayes for property within 2 miles of city limits.
- 5. Zoning Code Review: Confirm changes planned thus far. Liability, Variance

Criteria and review further codes for updates.

- 6. Old Business: None.
- 7. Other/New Business
- 8. Adjournment

**PUBLIC NOTICE** NOTICE OF MEETING OF the City of FORT MADISON, IOWA ON THE MATTER OF THE **PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AND** DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT AND THE **ISSUANCE OF NOT** TO EXCEED \$1,550,000 **SEWER REVENUE** CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, AND THE PUBLIC **HEARING ON THE AUTHORIZATION AND ISSUANCE THEREOF** 

PUBLIC NOTICE is

hereby given that the City Council of the City of Fort Madison, Iowa, will hold a public hearing on the 5th day of February, 2019, at 5:30 o'clock P.M., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa, at which meeting the City Council proposes to take additional action for the authorization of a Loan and Disbursement Agreement by and between the City and the Iowa Finance Authority, and the issuance to the Iowa Finance Authority of not to exceed \$1,550,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes to evidence the obligations of the City under said Loan and Disbursement Agreement, in order to provide funds to pay the costs of acquisition, construction, reconstruction, extending, remodeling,

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At the above meeting the City Council shall receive oral or written objections from any resident or property owner of the City, to the above action. After all objections have been received and considered, the City Council will at this meeting or at any adjournment thereof, take additional action for the authorization of said

Loan and Disbursement Agreement and the issuance of Notes or will abandon the proposal to issue the Notes.

This Notice is given by order of the City Council of the City of Fort Madison, Iowa, as provided by Sections 384.24A, 384.82 and 384.83, as amended.

Dated this 18th day of January, 2019.

/s/ Melinda L. Blind City Clerk

> PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL January 15, 2019

The Fort Madison City Council met in an informal work session on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at 6:15 P.M. following a scheduled Council Meeting, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison. Mayor Randolph presided with Council Members Greenwald, Morawitz, Rink, Andrews, Mohrfeld and Lair present. Council Member Cangas was absent.

City Manager Varley outlined the FY2019/20 budget situation and a discussion was held regarding options and issues. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

/s/ Bradley A. Randolph, Mayor

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/s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

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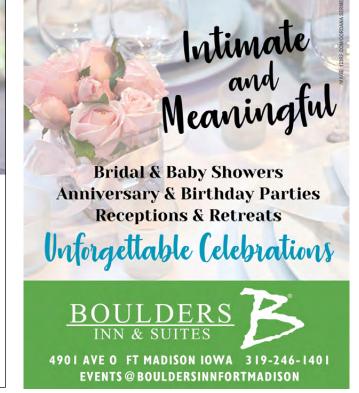














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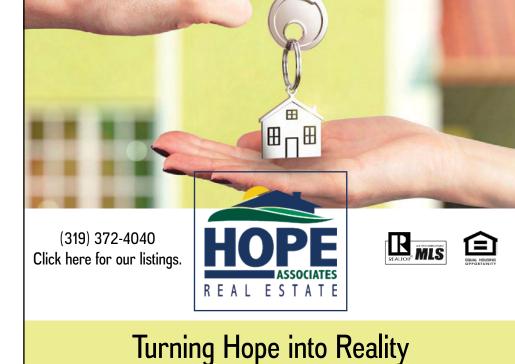
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#### **Current-Lee/Weather**

#### **CURRENT-LEE**

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

#### **Budding Artist Exhibit**

The Budding Artist Exhibit is on display now at the Fort Madison Area Arts Association, with a reception taking place Saturday, Jan. 19 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

#### **Children's Immunization Clinic**

The Lee County Health Department will be holding a children's immunization clinic with free lead testing on Thursday, Jan. 24 at the LCHD's facility at #3 John Bennett Drive in Fort Madison from noon until 5:30 p.m. The clinic is open to children with no insurance, those insured by Medicaid/ MCO or those with private insurace that doesn't cover vaccines. No appointment is necessary. Call 319-372-5225 for more information.

#### Community Blood Drive

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will hold a drive at Lincoln Elementary School on Thursday, Jan. 24 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. To donate call LeAnn Cashman at 319-372-2896.

#### **Cake Auction**

The Fort Madison Bloodhound Boosters will hold a cake auction on Saturday, Jan 26 at breaks during the varsity girls and boys basketball games.

#### **Nerf Wars at FM YMCA**

The Fort Madison YMCA will be the site of another round of Nerf Wars on Sunday, Jan. 27. From 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. boys and girls ages 1 through 6 will compete in Nerf Wars in the gymnasium. Children must bring eye protection, their own Nerf guns, darts/bullets/balls. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. For more information contact program director Noah Dean or visit the YMCA's Facebook page for more information.

#### Local artist on display at SCC

Lori Illner Greene will have her art work on display at the Southeastern Community College Art Gallery, 1500 W. Agency Road in West Burlington from Jan. 28-Feb. 15. The gallery showing will feature her "Raptors and Other Birds of Prey" series.

#### **Evening with Chuck Long**

Former Iowa standout and NFL quarterback Chuck Long will be at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course on Tuesday, Feb. 12 for presentation, including a social hour and dinner with doors opening at 4:30. The social hour and dinner will be from 5 to 6 and Long will speak at 6 p.m. with a question and answer to follow. For more information, contact Ryan at 319-528-6214 or by email at mcmillan@sheaffergolf.com.

#### **Ribbon-Cutting**

A ribbon cutting for The Kingsley Inn and River Rocks Bar & Grille will be

held on Feb. 15 at 10 a.m.

#### Fort Madison Partners Annual Dinner

The Fort Madison Partners Annual Dinner will be held Feb. 22 at McAleere Hall in Fort Madison. A night of gaming, food and fun has been planned. Contact Partners at 372-5471 for more information.

#### Senior Community BINGO at The Kensington

Each month on the second Wednesday of the month, The Kensington hosts Senior Community BINGO at 2 p.m. in their dining room at 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. All seniors are welcome and cash prizes are awarded.

#### Caregivers Connection at The Kensington

The Kensington hosts this monthly gathering to help educate attendees about all dementia types. Held at noon the 4th Tuesday of every month in The Kensington's private dining room, 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. Call 319-372-4233 to RSVP or for more information. The next luncheon will be held January 22, 2019.

#### St. Patrick's Day celebra-

#### tion

The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce will be holding a St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 16 including a parade, games, music and fun. Parade entry forms are available by contact the Chamber at 319-372-5471.

Pen City Current will list your event in this highly visible CUR-RENT-LEE section in increments of 25 words for \$15. Add a photo for \$5. Effective Jan. 1, 2019 non-profit organizations are eligible for the reduced rate of \$10 per 25 words and \$3 per photo. To place your listing, call Chuck at (319)371.1670 or Lee at (319)371.4125.

#### **5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST**

MON 21 Jan



Scattered Clouds High- 20.3° F | Low - 7.3° F

TUE 22 Jan



High- 35.5° F | Low - 24.4° F

#### WED 23 Jan



High- 22.2° F | Low - 6.6° F

#### THU 24 Jan



High- 27.5° F | Low - 16.7° F

#### FRI 25 Jan



High- 33.4° F | Low - 0.10° F

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