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SCHOOL REFERENDUM COMMUNITY FORUM

Forum lends support for safety; groups split on sports fields



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison School Board Vice President Dianne Hope talks with members of the district at Monday's Community Forum regarding another referendum attempt to build a new elementary school.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

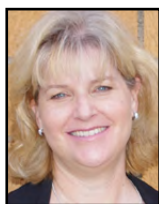
FORT MADISON – About 100 residents who showed up Monday to chat about another referendum to build a new elementary school, said safety is a top priority, but new athletic fields may have to wait.

The Fort Madison School Board hosted a community public forum at the Fort Madison Middle School and had freshly hired CMBA Architect Group, as well as representatives from Carl A. Nelson, the construction managers for the project, in tow.

Superintendent Dr. Erin Slater moderated the event with assistance from CMBA staff, but instead of a traditional power point and Q&A, the forum consisted of people sitting in about 13 groups and discussing issues ranging from the need for athletic fields in the project, to traffic and safety costs, and communication.

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After a brief introduction, CMBA's Matthew Erion pointed out that 30% of the students in the district are attending schools that are 101 and 83 years old. He said the condition of the buildings is reducing instructional time.



SLATER

"Access to technology decreased instructional time because of the environment where heating and cooling are not working efficiently, transitioning rooms that aren't appropriate for the particular learning environment, those are all impacting the instructional time of those students," Erion said.

He said overall, the cost to maintain those buildings such as Richardson and Lincoln is a 2:1 ratio with the older facility costing twice as much for the square footage as a new building.

Erion said when those buildings were constructed

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Varley offers up ominous budget options

Reclaiming Revolving Loan Fund could be best route

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – After tonight's regular city council meeting, a very real discussion could take place on how to bring the city's budget woes back in line.

And some of the things on the chopping block could include a police officer position, the Old Fort, the proposed Amtrak passenger depot relocation, and other tough cuts.

In a nine-page breakdown for the city councilmen that was sent out Friday, Fort Madison City Manager David Varley said January's budget workshop didn't produce any results and with a budget proposal slated for two weeks, some decisions need to be made.

The city is facing a minimum working capital that Varley indicated isn't sufficient to meet one month of the city's cash flow responsibilities.

"At the first budget workshop, decisions were not made which brings the Proposed Budget into good balance," Varley wrote. "This second Budget Workshop provides options for the City Council. The purpose is to review and use these to help you make decisions that we can include in the final budget which will be presented on February 19th."



VARLEY

Varley said sales tax woes are at the center of the issue with the city experiencing a 15.7% drop in sales tax revenues off the 1% local option tax in the last fiscal year. He said projections show another similar drop this year, estimated at \$333,000.

The first option he presented to the council is what he dubbed "The Null Alternative", which is to do nothing and present the budget in its present condition, which would leave the city exposed with reduced minimum capital numbers and an end-of-year general fund budget of just under \$4,000.

The second option considers eliminating the construction of the Amtrak Passenger Platform. Varley projected that move would save approximately \$382,000 and push the city's minimum working capital over \$732,000.

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CURRENT-LEE

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

State Farm – Thomas Klann Agency announces February “Quotes for Good”

State Farm – Thomas Klann Agency is excited to help out another Non-Profit Organization in our community. In February 2019 we will be giving back to Lee County K-9 Association by donating \$5 for every new Auto Insurance Quote in the month of February 2019. So tell all your non-State Farm family/friends/coworkers to reach out to us for a quote and share this event to spread the word! If you are a current State Farm auto insurance customer, reach out to us for a Life Insurance or Disability Income conversation and we will donate \$5 for that also. Contact Jess or Sam at 319-372-5982, 2623 Ave L Fort Madison, or email: jess@fortmadisoninsurance.com or samantha@fortmadisoninsurance.com.



Fish & Shrimp Fry this Friday

The FM Eagles Club is hosting a Fish & Shrimp fry this Friday to benefit the Fort Madison Food Pantry. Dinner is served 5-7:30pm. Music by The Hillsiders starts at 5pm. 50/50 Drawing. Live Auction starts at 6:30pm. Auction items include 4- 2019 Cardinals' box seats tickets; Sheaffer Golf Course Greens Fees & Cart, 25 Punch Card, and 10 Punch Card; and more! Desserts provided by The Kensington, Kim's in West Point, & others! 4821 Avenue O (Behind Burger King), Fort Madison.

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.

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Tuesday, February 12, 2019
5:30 - 6:30 pm
FMCH Conference Rooms

Light refreshments will be served.
For more information & to RSVP, please call 376-2244.

Presented by:
Dr. Josh Sirucek,
Family Practice & Sports Medicine

Dr. Josh Sirucek is a Board Certified Family Practitioner. He completed a Fellowship in Sports Medicine at JPS Sports Medicine in Arlington, Texas after completing his residency at Texas A&M. He received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree from Midwestern University in Arizona.

“I decided to go into health care after I had an emergency surgery that saved my life at the age of 16. I have been intrigued and fascinated with learning how to better myself in order to pay this gift forward. I love people and get along well with them.”

Obituaries/Weather

OBITUARIES

JERRY LEE COLWELL

Jerry Lee Colwell, 74, of Alexandria, MO, died Thursday, January 31, 2019 at his home.

He was born on November 24, 1944 in Keokuk, IA, the son of Elza "Poke" and Lorene Scobee Colwell. He graduated from Clark County High School with the Class of 1963.



COLWELL

On July 4, 1989, Jerry was united in marriage to Cindy Hoyt in Alexandria, MO. She survives.

Other survivors include three daughters, Tracy Colwell (Ted Burger) of Elizabeth City, NC, Danita Brewer (Russ Johnston) of Fernandina, FL and Jeri Lynne Baker of Alexandria, MO, one stepson, Clint Hoyt of Keokuk, six grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, two brothers, Dan (Cookie) Colwell and Randy (Barb) Colwell all of Alexandria, one nephew, Matt (Rhonda) Colwell of Alexandria and Melissa (Jeff) Hall of Knob Noster, MO.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one granddaughter Meghan Brewer.

Jerry had been employed at Keokuk Steel Castings for fifty-two years, retiring in 2015.

He was a member of the Willow Bar Gun Club, the United Steel Workers Union and the Masonic Lodge in St. Francisville, MO.

Jerry loved the Mississippi River where he spent much time boating and fishing. He also enjoyed hunting. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinal fan.

According to his wishes, there will be no services.

On-line condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

LEROY JOSEPH WALLJASPER

Leroy Joseph Walljasper, 79, of rural West Point, passed away at 7:10 a.m. Sunday, February 3, 2019, at the Great River Medical Center in West Burlington, Iowa.



WALLJASPER

Born on October 15, 1939, near St. Paul, Iowa, the son of Fred and Mildred (McGinnis) Walljasper. On September 13, 1958, he married Marilyn Anne Engler at St. John's Catholic Church in Burlington, Iowa. She preceded him in death on January 21, 2017.

Survivors include his two sons: David Walljasper of Cincinnati, Ohio and Doug (Arlene) Walljasper of West Point, Iowa; three daughters: Rebecca Walljasper of West Point, Iowa, Lori (Mark) Meierotto of West Point, Iowa and Cyndi (Terry) Walljasper McWilliams of Mount Pleasant, Iowa; fourteen grandchildren: Billy Walljasper, Holly McDow, Nicole Walljasper, Wendy Burrows, Chris Walljasper, Zachary Meierotto, Abigail Meierotto, Molly Finder, Brady McWilliams, Nathan McWilliams, Rachel McWilliams, Sonya Peck, Amber DeRosear and Melanie Meierotto; twenty-one great grandchildren; one brother: Keith Walljasper of West Point, Iowa; one sister: Ruth Vorwaldt of Fort Madison, Iowa and two sisters-in-law: Pat Walljasper and Jeanette Ojle; two brothers-in law: Jim Engler and Don

Engler. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife: Marilyn and brother: Don Walljasper.

Leroy graduated from Denmark Academy. He was a farmer and owner/operator of Walljasper Construction and Walljasper Implement. He was a member of St. James the Less Catholic Church in St. Paul. He enjoyed photography, his dog "Snickers", telling stories, visiting with farmers in his shop, family gatherings and spending time with his grandchildren.

Friends may call after 12:00 noon on Thursday, February 7, 2019, at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point where the family will receive friends from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A Parish Rosary will be recited at 3:30 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, February 8, 2019, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point with Father Bruce DeRammelaere as Celebrant.

Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in West Point.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com. The Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point is assisting the family with the arrangements.

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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.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

TUE 05 Feb

Light Rain
High- 31.1° F | Low - 23.9° F

WED 06 Feb

Moderate Rain
High- 32.9° F | Low - 32.6° F

THU 07 Feb

Light Snow
High- 11.9° F | Low - 6.0° F

FRI 08 Feb

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High- 20.4° F | Low - 20.1° F

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From the Front

Firm says older schools neither safe nor efficient

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over 100 years ago, safety and security were not paramount and the changes that have happened over the past two decades are incredibly important to today's design.

The first question posed to the groups was whether or not the district should consider pulling the athletic fields from the overall project.

Most of the groups said if keeping the athletic fields was causing the referendums to fail, then the district should pull the fields and the \$1,020,000 costs associated with that construction. However, half of the groups said they fluctuated back and forth on the issue.

Mio Santiago, a Fort Madison attorney, said his group went back and forth on the issue, but

settled on a yes, just because with the other bond attempts they weren't aware of the real reason for moving the fields.

"We went yes, no, yes, no, and we ended up on yes, but it wasn't a real strong yes. I think our reasoning was that when the original bond was voted on, we just saw ball fields being located here. It wasn't communicated and clear to those at our table that the reasoning was to allow for future expansion at the high school," Santiago said.

Rachella Dravis said her group didn't want the fields to jeopardize the academics and facility for a new school.

"We had a question that if the district gave you more information on the fields, would that

persuade you, and we decided no," Dravis said.

Other groups asked for additional tax information such as what would be the impact on the increased property tax with the fields out of the equation.

Jenny Steffensmeier said her group questioned the safety of the students with high school students driving over to the athletic fields for practice.

The traffic concerns were part of the second question for the group, which centered on additional costs to do more study on traffic flow.

Most groups said they would be willing to pay for the extra traffic study because it had immediate impact on each student and not just athletes.

The traffic concerns were



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Close to 100 Fort Madison school district residents participated in a Community Forum Monday night to discuss issues surrounding a third attempt at a referendum to fund a new PreK-3rd grade elementary.

also elevated by frustrations in the room with the current traffic flow at the Fort Madison Middle School.

Additional traffic flow improvements would raise

the cost an additional \$1.2 million to \$1.8 million.

School Board President Dr. Tim Wondra said he was surprised by the large turnout and was impressed with the communication

from the group.

He said he was surprised a bit by the majority of people willing to spend more on traffic considerations.

"We debated back and forth on the traffic flow question and we decided to go with yes or no on it," Wondra said. "Here's the increase in cost, but it's safety, too. I wasn't sure what that trade off would be. There were a lot more yeses than nos and that surprised me. I was hoping for that because people realize that safety matters."

The 2018 referendum used a cost estimate of \$30 million, but early numbers used by Carl A. Nelson in bidding for the work indicated a total cost of construction and fees of just over \$25 million. Wondra pointed out that with the county's assessed valuation going up close to 23% this year, the cost per \$1,000 will stand to go down on the project.

The 2018 bond attempt was projected to raise property taxes on a \$75,000 home, approximately \$36 a year for 20 years.

Slater said she was surprised at the number of people in attendance, as well.

"We wanted to make sure we had targeted feedback. When you have a large group and you do that Q&A it's hard to compartmentalize and use that information to go forward," she said.

The district is still looking at an April bond issue, but Slater said the next step will be to take all the information from the forum back and start to dig through it.

"We'll see. We'll go back and the board will talk now."

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Sports/From the Front

Barnes taking a big "shot" at college

Former FMHS standout ranked 11th nationally in NJCAA Div. 1

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

OTTUMWA – The Indian Hills Community College men's track team finished last year rated 28th in the country at the junior college level.

This year, the Warriors are rated 10th in the country in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association Division 1 rankings, and part of that success is former Fort Madison standout Elijah Barnes.

Barnes, who finished fourth in Class 3A in the shotput at last year's Iowa High School State Track Meet in Des Moines, is now ranked 11th nationally in his freshman year at the Ottumwa community college.

LeRon Williams, the Warriors' men's head track coach, attributes a lot of the school's success in this year's indoor season, to heavy recruiting and kids buying into the system. He said Barnes has been one of those student-athletes.

"We expected a lot out of him and he's grown with what he's doing in the weight room," Williams said. "He has a good attention to details and he's a student of the sport. He has set some really high standards for himself and we love what he's doing."

One of the goals Barnes, a 2018 graduate of Fort Madison High School, has set for himself in his first year of college, is to finish as a JUCO Div. 1 All-American.

He will get that opportunity the first weekend in

March at the NJCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships at Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas.

"I'm pretty self driven," Barnes said from campus Monday afternoon. "In high school, I wanted to place at state and I did and here, i want to end up as an All-American. Only thing's changed is that now i have more free time, so I can work on shot put and throwing more than in high school, especially with this being the only sport I'm in and not three or four.

To be designated an All-American, Barnes would have to finish in the top eight at championships in March. Williams said he thinks that's an attainable goal for his freshman.

"I think it's definitely attainable. He's got some small things to work on, but there's no doubt in my mind in how he competes, he can toss a big one when it comes to a national meet and he seems to be putting it all together at the right time," Williams said. "He had some good positions at Nebraska this weekend, he just had it come off his hand the wrong way."

Barnes finished 14th at the Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational where he threw against NCAA Div. 1 schools such as Georgia, Nebraska, and Iowa, to name a few.

Barnes said he had some nerves throwing in front of coaches and athletes from the biggest schools in the country, but said it was good for him.

"I think the biggest thing with the nerves was

not thinking that I was going to throw bad, but just the throwing in front of all those top athletes and coaches," he said. "But that's what I've wanted to do, especially with that meet. It exposed me enough that now I can go back and look to see what I can do to better prepare myself."

Barnes said he's transitioned well from high school to college. One of the biggest hurdles was going from the 12lb shot used in high school to a 16lb. shot at collegiate events.

His best throw in high school was the state meet his senior year where he threw 53'7" for fourth place. His best throw this year with the 33% heavier ball was 50'11".

Williams said Barnes didn't shirk from the heavier weight or the competition of college vs. high school.

"He took that on head first. Honestly, it's almost as if he didn't know the ball was heavier. Obviously he did, but it just doesn't matter to him," Williams said. "He's matched that with his work ethic in the weight room and more attention to detail in the ring. He's got room for improvement and some things to work on the ring, but he's up for that."

Barnes said it was an issue of transition.

"For me personally, I've transitioned better than a lot of people. I've been to two meets with kids I competed with in high school and I'm making a better transition that some of them," Barnes said. "One kid who destroyed me



Courtesy photo

Indian Hills freshman Elijah Barnes, a 2018 FMHS grad, gets ready to throw the shot at an indoor meet at the University of Northern Iowa earlier this year. The Warriors are 10th in the nation at the JUCO level.

in high school, I beat by a couple feet at the Iowa meet.

Barnes has a warm up meet for nationals at Pittsburg, Kansas this weekend before the Regional XI Championships at Buena Vista in Storm Lake the following weekend. Then the squad will take a weekend off before heading back to the Pittsburg.

During the indoor season Barnes competes in the shot and the weight throw, and during the outdoor season, he will throw the shot and the discus, and

may compete in the hammer throw.

The recent success has Barnes thinking about his future plans, which at one point included a construction degree. But he said he's found a passion and working with former FMHS throwing coach Andrew Troxel and the Indian Hills staff has him thinking that staying in the sport as a coach may be in the future.

"As of right now, since this is a two-year school, I plan on transferring to a four-year school at some point, and compete at a

D-1 school. Ultimately, I want to be a throwing coach. I got pretty passionate and would love to coach for a university at some point."

He said, again, that the transition doesn't intimidate him.

"I think it all ties together. I worked hard in the weight room and still have connections with Andrew Troxel. He's very dedicated to helping me compete at the highest level. I give most credit to these coaches here and to him," Barnes said.

RLF would provide about \$177K

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"Eliminating this project will reduce both the upfront capital costs, as well as the annual operating costs that will be incurred by the City in the General Fund. So, this would produce an annual cost savings to the General Fund in every budget year going forward," Varley wrote.

The third option is personnel reductions, eliminating outside contributions to events, closing the Old Fort, and eliminating all marketing by the city, which, all in, would save the city \$337,000 according to Varley's projections.

A fourth option would entail the city borrowing from the Highway 61 Project Fund to help pay for the relocated Amtrak depot platform. The city would borrow the money at 3.6% interest to itself and pay back the loan in five years with a \$54,708 annual payment, netting a \$23,540 interest earnings.

The final option is reclaiming about \$177,000 in revolving loan funds. Varley said that money could be used in a combination of several ways to stave off some of the other proposed cuts.

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Lee County, Iowa
Board of Supervisors
Agenda
DATE: TUESDAY,
February 5, 2019
MEETING
CONVENING TIME:
9:00 A.M.
LOCATION:
Correctional Center
2530 255th Street,
Montrose, IA

Pledge of Allegiance
 Approve Agenda
 Approve Tuesday, January 22, and Monday, January 28, 2019 Board Minutes
 Consider Approval of Claims
 Public Input
 Consider Appointment to Conservation Board
 Consider Awarding Contract for Pavement Widening on X23, 140 and W62
 Consider Awarding Contract for HMA Resurfacing/CIP Recycling on 148
 Consider Approval of Contract for County-wide Pavement Marking
 Consider Approval of Maintenance and Support

Agreement with Idemia Identity and Security For Live Scan Station at the Correctional Center
 Consider Approval of Class C Liquor License for Sheaffer Memorial Golf Park
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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Fort Madison City Council will hold a public hearing concerning PIP 2019-02, AVENUE G SIDEWALK AND STORM-WATER IMPROVEMENTS on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison. The purpose of the hearing will consist of approving plans, specifications, contract documents estimated cost and awarding construction contract for the project.
 You may appear at the hearing to express your views concerning the above. Written statements may be submitted to the Fort Mad-

ison City Clerk, P.O. Box 240, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa, 52627 no later than 4:30 PM on February 19, 2019 or delivered before the hearing is closed.
 Melinda L. Blind
 City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE
Fort Madison
Community School District
1930 Avenue M
Minutes of the
Special Meeting
January 28, 2019

I. The meeting was called to order by President Wondra at 6:00 p.m. Directors Hope, Ross Steffensmeier, Hotop and DiPrima were present. Also present were Dr. Slater, Superintendent, Board Secretary Elmore and Director of Curriculum and Student Services Harmon.
 II. Recognition of guests. President Wondra welcomed members of the audience in attendance and explained the procedures for the meeting.
 III. Approve the agenda. It

was moved by Steffensmeier and seconded by DiPrima to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.
 IV. Appointment of Candidate to fill Board vacancy – Oath of Office administered. Three candidates had applied to fill the vacancy on the Board. Each Candidate spoke regarding their interest in serving on the Board of Directors of the Fort Madison Community School District. Nomination of Joshua Wykert was made by DiPrima and seconded by Ross to fill the vacancy. Nomination of Brad Menke was made by Steffensmeier and seconded by Hotop to fill the vacancy. Nomination of Trisha Hopper was made by Hope and seconded by Wondra to fill the vacancy. Ballots were distributed. The results of the ballots were Directors Wondra, DiPrima and Ross casting their ballots for Joshua Wykert, Directors Steffensmeier and Hotop casting their ballots for Brad Menke and Director Hope casting a ballot for

Trisha Hopper. The Oath of office was administered and Director Wykert responded to the oath with "I will".
 V. Certified Budget FY 2019-2020 discussion. The Board participated in a discussion session regarding the Certified Budget for FY2019-2020.
 VI. Announcements
 Next work session, February 4, 2019, 5:00 P.M. at Lincoln Elementary Library
 Board Instructional Tour at Richardson Elementary, February 7, 2019, 10 A.M.
 Next regular meeting, February 11, 2019, 6:00 P.M. at Central Office
 March work session, March 4, 2019, 6:00 P.M. at Richardson Elementary
 VII. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.
 Tim Wondra, Board President
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 Sandra Elmore, Board Secretary

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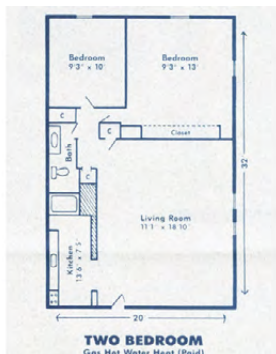
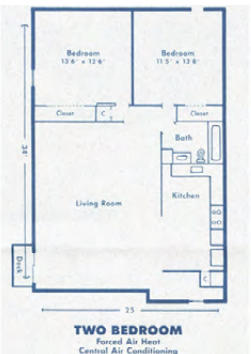
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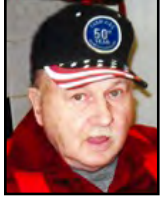
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OBITUARIES

LEROY R. MOELLER

Leroy R. Moeller, 77, of Keokuk, formerly of Salem, Iowa, passed away at 2:38 p.m., Sunday, February 3, 2019, at Unity Point - Keokuk.



MOELLER

Born on May 19, 1941, on the family farm in rural Salem, Iowa, the son of Stacy and Gwendoline (Pauly) Moeller. Survivors include three brothers: James (Eileen) Moeller of Washington, Iowa, Bernard (Donna) Moeller of Keota, Iowa and Robert Moeller of West Point, Iowa; three sisters: Glen (Ruth Ann) Taylor of Fort Madison, Iowa, Ron (Barb) Niehaus of Sperry, Iowa and Carol Kulpa of Newton,

Iowa. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister: Francine; one sister-in-law: Florence Moeller; two brothers-in-law: Walt Kulpa and Al Smith and one nephew Daniel Moeller.

Leroy was a member of St. John's Catholic Church in Houghton, Iowa. He enjoyed farming, raising cattle and hogs, singing, drawing, fishing, Mustang cars, playing pool and especially visiting with people uptown Salem.

Friends may call between 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point, Iowa.

The family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. to

10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 7, 2019, at John the Baptist Catholic Church in Houghton, Iowa.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 7, 2019, at St. John's Catholic Church in Houghton with Father Bruce DeRammelaere as Celebrant.

Burial will be at St. John's Cemetery in Houghton.

Memorials have been established in his memory for St. John's Catholic Church or Dave's Place in Keokuk.

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02/01/19 – 12:00 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1600 block of Avenue H.
 02/01/19 – 1:46 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 600 block of Avenue G.
 02/01/19 – 2:19 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1500 block of Avenue H.
 02/01/19 – 3:15 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 400 block of 14th Street.
 02/01/19 – 6:53 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1200 block of 36th Street
 02/01/19 – 8:28 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested David Michael Omiatek, II, 19, of Fort Madison, in the 5200 block of River Valley Road, on warrants for controlled substance violations (2x) and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 02/02/19 – 12:15 a.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Terry Lee Clark, Jr., 26 of Fort Madison, in the 4500 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving under suspension. He was released upon citation.
 02/02/19 – 12:40 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1000 block of Avenue F.
 02/02/19 – 4:28 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a gas drive off in the 1700 block of Avenue H.
 02/03/19 – 12:16 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 400 block of Avenue D.
 02/04/19 – 2:18 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2900 block of Avenue L.

02/01/19 – 8:28 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested David Michael Omiatek, 19, of Fort Madison in the 5200 block of River Valley Rd in Fort Madison, on a warrant for failure to appear and a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 02/02/19 – 11:44 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at 340th Avenue and Hwy. 61. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Skylar Schau, 19, of Donnellson collided with the rear of a vehicle driven by Chris Johnson, 38, of West Burlington. Both vehicle were southbound on Hwy. 61. Three occupants of Johnson's vehicle were transported to Fort Madison Community Hospital for injuries by Lee County EMS. Schau was cited for failure to maintain control. No other injuries were reported at the scene.
 02/03/19 – 8:02 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Adam James Huss, 30, of Fort Madison at the Lee County Jail and a charge of disorderly conduct. He was held in custody.
 02/03/19 – 8:07 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested William Jay Kirchner, Jr., 29, of Burlington, at the Lee County Jail on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was held in custody.
 02/03/19 7:06 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kayla Kristine Lewis, 29, of Danville, at the sheriff's office on a charge of simple assault. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear.
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Lee County Sheriff's Report

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