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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Workers with K&A Excavating of Wever, dig underneath the intersection at Avenue H and 7th Street Thursday afternoon in an upgrade of the city's storm and sanitary sewer lines. City Public Works Director Larry Driscoll said Tuesday that the work was hindered by rain and some problems with the old sewer lines. He said the work, which was originally scheduled for two weeks, could take up to at least two more weeks.

School district mulling \$15.39 tax levy

Preliminary rate has to include .97 school bond increase

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison school officials are close to setting the levy rate for the upcoming year, but the rate will include the cost of the new elementary building in the event that the referendum passes on April 3.

School district Sandy Elmore told Fort Madison School Board members Monday night she was pretty much finished with the property tax portion of the budget, but was waiting for a bill that was in front of Gov. Kim Reynolds to be signed giving Iowa schools a 1% allowable growth which pushes state funding from the current year's figure of \$6,664 per pupil up \$67 to \$6,731.

That bill was signed into law Wednesday.

Elmore told the board the new rate she will submit for the board to certify will be \$15.39. That rate is the amount of tax per \$1,000 of assessed valuation minus any roll-backs or exemptions on the property. That rate compares to the \$14.45 levy set for 2017-2018. The increase in the rate is to account for the passage of the school bond referendum. The district has to have that amount included because the budget has to be voted on and certified prior to the April 3 referendum vote.

When passed, the referendum would trigger a \$0.97 levy, again, per \$1,000 assessed valuation for the next 20 years. According to district literature, that would equate to \$2.98 per month for a homeowner with a property assessed at \$75,000.

If the referendum fails, the levy can be lowered because the vote to spend the money would have been defeated by district residents.

According to Elmore, if the referendum were to fail, the district can adjust the bond portion of the levy off."

"You can always lower your levy after it's been certified and approved, but you cannot increase it," Elmore said.

The district is facing a \$305,000 shortfall in 2018 due to fluctuations in district enrollment and state guidelines on what is called a "budget guarantee".

Due to calculations based on 2016-17 student enrollment, which was about 70 down from 2015-16, the district was able to capitalize last year on a budget guarantee that helped them recoup losses based on the state's per

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OFP looking for "Dial 'M' for Murder" cast

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Old Fort Players will be holding auditions on March 14 and 15 for their spring play entitled "Dial M for Murder" written by Fredrick Knott.

The cast consist of five men of various ages and one woman. Auditions will be held both evenings at the Old Fort Players Theater at 725 Avenue G in downtown Fort Madison. Time will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. both evenings. The production will open the middle of May and the action on stage will be under the direction of Michelle Slater with assistance from OFP veteran Vicki Slater. The play was first performed on Broadway many years ago and still holds records for long

running. It was first directed by Alfred Hitchcock and ran for several years on Broadway and then toured the country for several more years.

This is the story of Tony who married his wife for her money. He then decides to murder her for the same reason. The easiest way is to hire a scoundrel he once knew to do the deed for him. When the murderer gets murdered he decides to frame his wife for the murder of the scoundrel. But this is when things begin to unravel.

"We invite you to come see the action and to see how it ends," said OFP president Bob Britton. "We have not done a murder mystery for several years and have had

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ISP holding more historic prison tours in April

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Tickets are once again on sale for the public to tour the Historic Iowa State Penitentiary

The next set of tours

will take place on April 14th and 15th from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on each day.

Tickets are only available on www.iowastate-pen.com and are \$15 per person. Children under

12 will be admitted with a donation of a nonperishable item for the Fort Madison Food Pantry in lieu of a ticket.

Originally built in 1839 the "Fort", as it is referred to, became a corner-

stone in Southeast Iowa. The prison is steeped in history and has a million stories to tell of lives who lived or worked behind its rich limestone walls.

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From the Front/Local News

District had to make up \$300,000 in budget

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pupil funding formula. The state has to use the previous year's enrollment on budgeting because there is no formula to predict enrollment for the upcoming fiscal year.

To simplify that concept, when a district loses 70 students, they lose the \$6,600 per student in aid from the state. In those scenarios, the state gives the district a budget guarantee to offset those losses. That budget guarantee is based on the previous year's enrollment and this year the district went up two students, so they don't qualify for the budget guarantee.

Last year the district received \$14.7 million, but the calculation this year is based on 2,143 students at the new rate of \$6,731 for a total of \$14.42 million with no budget guarantee, resulting in a net loss of roughly \$305,000.

"That's a concept that's hard for the public to recognize," said board member Dianne Hope. "Even with the media trying, it's always been hard to explain."

Elmore informed the board that the district's IPERS contribution rate for the district will also be going up and Elmore is estimating approximately \$100,000 in increased district contributions in this year's budget. According to the website www.ipers.org, the district's contribution this year is set at 9.44%, while the employee's contribution is 6.29% for a total of 15.73%. The district's share went up .51%, while the employees' share increased .34%.

Elmore also hinted that health care rates or premiums could be on the rise, but said those talks are very preliminary and nothing has been finalized with regards to premiums, copays or deductibles. The district does have a cash option for employees who join their spouse's health insurance plan.

The next regular school board meeting is set for March 19 at 6 p.m.

Mayhem registration now open

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison Main Street hosts Mayhem on the Mississippi, a 5K obstacle course run on May 5th! The run will take place in Rodeo Park in Fort Madison. This run is far from typical! Runners will conquer an inflatable obstacle course, jump through tires, and slide to a finish among other great obstacles! Don't worry these obstacles are meant to be fun rather than challenging, all are optional. All ages are welcome we have registrants ranging from 7 to 64 years old. The race begins at 10 a.m.

The first 25 registered runners will receive a ticket into Faeth's Main Street BBQ, which will be held on May 12th in downtown Fort Madison. This great event allows patrons to try different barbeque from a variety of vendors! Thank you to our Jogger Sponsors, Connection Bank, Casebine Credit Union, Group Benefit Partners, Pilot Grove Savings Bank, and Edward Jones: Larry Kelch.

Registration before April 20th for the race is \$20 and includes a t-shirt and refreshments. After April 20th, the registration fee increases to \$25 and does not guarantee a t-shirt. Participants can also register the day of the race. To register for the race online visit getmeregistered.com and search for Mayhem on the Mississippi. Paper forms can also be picked up at Fort Madison YMCA, Anytime Fitness, Rev Fitness, Running Wild in Burlington, and The Fort Madison Partners Office, 614 9th Street in Fort Madison. Same day registration will be from 8:30 - 9:30 AM, Saturday, May 5th at the Old Lions Shelter House at Rodeo Park.

For questions, please contact Fort Madison Main Street at 319-372-5471 or by email at cgilbert@fortmadison.com. Information can also be found on Facebook at "Fort Madison Main Street" or on the Fort Madison Partners' website, www.fortmadison.com.

OFP rolls out comedian Saturday

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request to come back to this type of production."

The Old Fort Players are in their 37th year of providing live theater to the North Lee County area. We are drawing on that past history to bring a couple of old favorites to the stage this year according to director Michelle Slater.

Tickets for Saturday's comedy presentation featuring Chicago comedian Jeremy Nunes, who will perform at 7:30 at the OFP. Nunes brings a Midwest "Front porch" comedy that is suitable for most ages.

Anyone desiring more information should contact the theater at 372-9559 or at oldfortplayers@hotmail.com.

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For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report
 03/06/18 - 1:18 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3000 block of Avenue P,
 03/06/18 - 9:53 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the Fort Madison area.
 03/06/18 - 10:41 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1700 block of Avenue I.
 03/06/18 - 11:18 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 5600 block of Avenue O.
 03/06/18 - 12:123 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1900 block of Avenue H.
 03/16/18 - 3:25 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft on Storms Court.
 03/07/18 - 8:06 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a person-

al injury accident in the 2400 block of Avenue L.
 03/07/18 - 8:06 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2500 block of Avenue L.
 03/07/18 - 8:18 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a shoplifter in the 400 block of Avenue H.
Lee County Sheriff's Report
 03/06/18 - 9:05 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tyler Keith Jennings, 30, of Montrose at the sheriff's office on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 03/16/18 - 3:41 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Andrew Walter Heins, 25, of Donnellson in the 5900 block of Bluff Road in Fort Madison on a charge of OWI-2nd offense, carrying a weapon while intoxicated. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

03/06/18 - 6:21 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Rion William Donlan, 35 of Burlington, at the McDonough County Sheriff's office on a warrant for manufacturing, delivering, or possessing a controlled substance. He was held in custody.
 03/07/18 - 5:22 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.
 Those listed above are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.
Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report
 03/06/18 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to four medical calls.
 03/17/18 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to four medical calls and one motor vehicle accident.

Proceeds going to state report for facility's future use

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The public is invited to walk the grounds at your own pace and visit with retired staff who will be located at various areas throughout the facility. Or if you choose, you can request a tour guide and be escorted through the facility. Each guest will get



a detailed map that will provide you with history and assist you with identifying key areas. You must be 18 years or older or be accompanied by a parent or guardian to attend. Tickets are only available online at www.iowastatepen.com.

www.iowastatepen.com. Souvenirs are available online and the weekend of the event. Proceeds from the tours and souvenirs go towards the funding of the Historic Structures Report necessary for any future planned use.

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Local News/Opinion

Fort Madison man nabbed on felony marijuana charge

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of a Fort Madison, Iowa man on a felony drug charge.

Rion William Donlan, 35, of 1725 Avenue H, Fort Madison, Iowa was arrested on March 6th, 2018. Donlan is charged with possession with intent to deliver marijuana, a class D felony. If convicted, Donlan faces up to 5 years and in a state correctional facility.

The arrest of Donlan stems from an incident in which he was found to be in possession of items that support



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the charge.

The Lee County Attorney's Office and the Fort Madison Police Department assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation.

The defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

The Lee County Narcotics Task Force is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Justice and the funds administered by the Iowa Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy.

Letter to the Editor

Partners support building new elementary school

KIDS Committee/Letter to the Editor:

Fort Madison Partner Affiliates: Fort Madison Area Chamber of Commerce; Main Street; Fort Madison Economic Development; and Fort Madison-Southeast Iowa Regional Riverboat Commission, recognize the value that quality educational opportunities bring to our community and offer our support for the passing of the Fort Madison Community School District Bond Referendum.

Primarily, it is important to be able to offer our youth a strong educational foundation to compete in our global economy. We have a unique opportunity in Fort Madison to be able to offer choices when it comes to quality education and we use it as a selling point for the community every chance we get. This selling point will become even stronger with a new state of the art public elementary school to boast about as well as improvements happening with Holy Trinity elementary.

The proposed elementary school will have an everlasting impact on our children and

future generations. It will take all of us, whether you are a parent, grandparent or just care about the future of our community, showing your support for a safe, accessible, 21st Century learning environment to make the new school become a reality. The proposed development not only affords our children the opportunity to attend a new facility but also provides new space for high school athletics. These new fields will offer improved access to someone that may not have been able to watch the programs before due to a physical disability. Then the freed up space, where the current fields are, gains us access to the consideration of development for a performing arts space/community center. That project would qualify us to apply for SAVE Funds (Secure an Advanced Vision for Education), state sales tax funds generated from the entire state, used for school infrastructure projects.

Technology, while only a portion of what makes a quality education, has the most focus. The ways of learning are changing and we have an opportunity to create a learning environment that incorporates technology and individualized teaching methods that set all of our children up for success. It is imperative we integrate students with disabilities properly into all classrooms, creating a sense of belonging while eliminating limitations that currently exist.

Safety is also a key factor in these building initiatives. As times change, what was adequate for one generation is no longer adequate now. It is our responsibility to ensure everyone at school feels safe-teachers, students and administrative staff. While basic security measures are in place, these older facilities present challenges when it comes to safety.

In summation, our support for the Fort Madison Community School District Bond Referendum addresses these key points: economic development and recruitment of professionals and businesses; investing in the future success of our youth; the recruitment of quality educators; and the safety of our children.

We hope citizens will vote in favor of the Fort Madison Community School District Bond Referendum, because when we all come together, we can do great things! Sincerely,

Tim Gobble
Executive Director, Fort Madison Partners

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
Meeting Notice
CITY OF
FORT MADISON
Board of Adjustment
WILL MEET ON
Wednesday, March 14,
2018, 6:00 PM
Council Chambers at City
Hall 811 Ave E
TO DISCUSS THE
FOLLOWING:
AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of minutes 10/25/17 meeting
3. Non-agenda item comments, (if any)
4. Case# 18-01: Special Use Permit for a Cottage Business at 1222 - 33rd Street for Aaron Prado.
5. Case# 18-02: Variance to reduce side yard setback at 11 High Point for Craig Abolt.
6. Adjournment

PUBLIC NOTICE
PROCEEDINGS
FORT MADISON
CITY COUNCIL
3/6/2018

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on

Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Randolph presided with Council Members Greenwald, Morawitz, Rink, Andrews, Lair and Cangas. Council Member Seidel was absent.

On motion, Council approved the agenda as written. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 2/20/2018; and Payment of Claims.

Mayor Randolph opened the public hearing at 5:34 P.M. concerning P.I.P. 2018-02, City Hall Roof Replacement. There were no oral or written comments. On motion, Council closed the public hearing. On motion, Council approved Resolution No. 2018-18, adopting plans, specifications and form of contract for the project. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2018-19, awarding construction contract to Brockway Mechanical & Roofing of Burlington, Iowa, in the amount of \$107,470 and approving contract and bonds of Brockway Mechanical & Roofing, pending receipt of the documents.

Mayor Randolph opened the public hearing at 5:36 P.M. concerning the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget. There were no oral or written comments. On motion, Council closed the public hearing. On motion, Council approved Resolution No. 2018-20, adopting the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget, and directing the appropriate filings be made as required by law.

On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2018-21, accepting the submitted plat of survey and waiving subdivision requirements (Title 11 - Subdivision Regulations) for Thomas and Ingrid Waters for property located at 3333 - 200th Street, within two miles of City limits. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2018-22, ordering construction, setting public hearing and bid letting for P.I.P. 2018-03, Water Storage Facilities Rehabilitation.

At 5:44 P.M. on motion, Council adjourned until March 20, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. /s/ Bradley A. Randolph, Mayor
 ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L.

Blind, City Clerk

EXPENDITURES

General	\$ 54,946.36
Sp. Rev. Funds	394,856.58
Road Use	30,247.24
Capital	34,649.70
Water	24,914.04
Sewer	183,790.43
Solid Waste	5,579.48
SW Utility	11,580.78
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PAYROLL	3/2/2018
General	\$178,939.09
Spec. Revenues	3,745.75
Road Use	25,207.04
Water	26,608.60
Sewer	43,063.40
Solid Waste	10,897.66
Storm Water	3,303.32
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	\$291,764.86

CLAIMS - 3/6/2018

ACCESS SYSTEMS, LEASING MONTHLY FEE 768.34	
ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC	50.90
AMSOIL, INC, OIL	67.02
ANSWER PLUS, ANSWERING SERVICE	175.56
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REVENUES

2/16-2/28/2018	
General	\$ 14,545.38
Special Rev.	131,061.71
Road Use	157,322.46
Debt	699.01
Capital	7,416.98
Water	240,831.25
Sewer	218,099.05
Solid Waste/IW	56,632.80
Storm Water Util.	15,114.38
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ELS	428.87
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BURLINGTON MUNI WATER, TESTING	85.00
C.U.R.E. SOLUTIONS, MONTHLY FEE	2,900.00
CALHOUN-BURNS AND ASSOCIATION, BRIDGE PROJECT	1,696.50
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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Holy Trinity Catholic Early Childhood Center is seeking an Assistant Director for their Ft. Madison Center.

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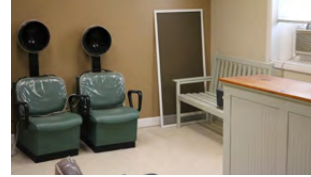
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Send resume to:
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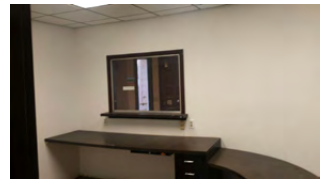
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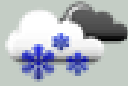
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High – 37.2° F | Low – 31.2° F

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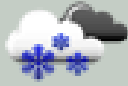
Broken Clouds
High – 41.9° F | Low – 36.7° F

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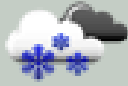
Light Snow
High – 36.4° F | Low – 28.3° F

MON 12 Mar



Light Snow
High – 30.8° F | Low – 28.1° F

TUE 13 Mar



Snow
High – 35.0° F | Low – 27.8° F

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CURRENT-LEE

Spring vendor show coming to Fort Madison

FORT MADISON - Spring Vendor Show, Saturday, March 10th, 9am-1pm, Roling Hall, 2217 Ave. I, Ft. Madison. Featuring 16 Vendors. Bake sale items will be available for sale from the Holy Family Parish BFF group

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/.



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.holytrinityschools.org. [Click here](#) to download & print your registration form.



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