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## City turns over pool management to Y

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - It's official. The City of Fort Madison is now only partially in the swimming pool business.

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Fort Madison City Council, the council voted unanimously to turn over operations of the municipal pool to the YMCA from May 1 to Sept. 3.

Mayor Brad Randolph asked City Manager David Varley to address the issue when the agenda item came up.

"It's a good deal. You should pass it," Varley panned, and then went on a five-minute update on



RINK

the agreement with the YMCA.

The basis of the agreement is that the YMCA would be responsible for all operational expenses and the city would act as a landlord being responsible for all capital expenses and upkeep. The city will pay a \$2,000 yearly management fee and would pay for any deficits

up to \$35,000. The city incentivized efficiency on the part of the YMCA by offering a 25% bonus on any savings. If the YMCA runs at a \$30,000 deficit, the city would pay the YMCA an additional \$1,250 for running a more efficient operation.

"This allows us to focus on our parks, while the YMCA gets to do what they're good at, which is rec-



WILSON

reation."

City Councilman Kevin Rink asked YMCA Executive Director Ryan Wilson, who was in attendance, if people would be able to use their YMCA passes for the city pool.

Wilson said the two are separate entities, but said pass prices would not

go up as part of the agreement. He said the YMCA is also looking at the possibility of letting people use city pool passes at the YMCA if the pool is closed due to weather. However nothing has been finalized and that decision would rest with the YMCA.

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### Pheasants Forever wins excellence award

Submitted article

AMES - At the annual Pheasants Forever state meeting held in February in Ames, Iowa, the Lee County chapter received the Habitat Excellence Award from the national Pheasants Forever office for exceeding \$1.75 million in habitat and educational expenditures.

"Nationwide, only a handful of chapters have surpassed this historical mark," said Eric Sytsma, southern Iowa Regional Biologist at Pheasants Forever. "This is a true testament of the Lee County chapter's commitment to habitat development, our natural resources, and youth outdoor education."

"When it comes to getting things done on the ground, there is no chapter more willing to making a difference than the Lee County Pheasants Forever chapter," Sytsma said. "The Lee County chapter is seen as one of the leaders among Iowa Pheasants Forever chapters, with their efforts providing assistance to landowners, developing or maintain habitat, acquiring critical parcels of land that are turned over to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources or the Lee County Conservation Board to provide permanent wildlife habitat, and, more importantly, providing public hunting and fishing opportunities."

Much of this work is done because of strong partnerships with the Natural Resource Conservation Service, USDA Farm Service Agency, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Lee County Conservation Board, and Iowa State Extension. These agencies work together to provide information on conservation practices, staff people who work in the field, and seed and equipment resources to accomplish shared goals.

The Lee County chapter has contributed to the purchase of more than 2000 acres of land that have



Courtesy photo

From left to right are Rick and Ann Tebbs of Lee County Pheasants Forever, and Howard Vincent, CEO of Pheasants Forever.

become public hunting areas within Lee County. They have also assisted with the acquisition and/or development of habitat on another 20,000 acres of public land within the state of Iowa. In addition, the Lee County chapter assists local landowners who provide wild-

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# HTC's Blue & Silver fundraiser planning underway

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Plans for the fourth annual Blue & Silver Celebration is under way and sponsors are needed to help pull off another successful fundraiser for the Holy Trinity Catholic teachers' fund.

Last year's event raised more than \$61,000, which set a record that enabled the committee to offer Christmas bonuses to the teachers of the school system.

All proceeds from the March 17 event at McAleer Hall, which will include a raffle, will go directly to the teachers in the form of bonuses at the end of 2018.

Those wishing to sponsor or donate to the event can do so in several ways. Tables are available for sponsorship, auction items are available, or donations can be made directly to the fund.

A social hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner being served at 7 p.m. Tickets are available for \$50 each or tables can be purchased for \$500. Tables seat eight and entitle buyers to personalized service along with wine for all guests at the table.

There will also be a live auction, entertainment, and the HTC system's Teacher of the Year Award will be presented.

Sponsorships are available at the following levels: Diamond - \$5,000 and above; Platinum - \$2,500 to \$4,999; Gold - \$1,000 to \$2,499; Silver - \$500 to \$999; Bronze - Less than \$500

For more information on the event, contact Shelley Sheerin at <a href="mailto:sheerin@holytrinityschools.org">sheerin@holytrinityschools.org</a> or Donna Borst at <a href="mailto:donna.borst@holytrinityschools.org">donna.borst@holytrinityschools.org</a> or call the administration office at 391-372-2486.

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#### For the Record/Weather

#### For the Record

#### **Fort Madison** Police report

02/16/18 - 7:05 p..m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of burglary in the 2300 block of Avenue M. 02/17/18 - 12:12 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of hit and run in the 1300 block of 14th Street. 02/17/18 - 2:12 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Levi Ian Swanson, 28, of Burlington, at Johannsen Drive and Highway 61 in Burlington on charges of eluding police and assault causing bodily injury. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held. He was also cited for driving under suspension. 02/17/18 - 8:20 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue M. 02/17/18 - 10:09 a.m.

- Fort Madison Police

02/17/18 - 11:18 a.m.

- Fort Madison Police

responded to a report

of a property damage

accident at 11th and E.

02/17/18 - 11:18 a.m. - Fort

Madison Police cited Cory

Madison in the 1100 block

operating an unregistered

vehicle. He was released

upon citation. Fort Madi-

Jacob Porter, 23, of Fort

of Avenue E for driving

under suspension and

responded to a report of a

burglary on Tammy Lane.

son police also cited Kurt Michael Kenel, 36, of West Point for failure to yield right of way. He was also released after citation. 02/17/18 - 12:00 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident at 35th Street and Avenue L. 02/17/18 - 12:20 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of property damage accident in the 500 block of 2nd Street. 02/17/18 - 3:26 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 4600 block of Avenue J. 02/17/18 - 4:05 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of property damage accident in the 3400 block of Avenue L. 02/17/18 - 4:56 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Hayley Rayes-Barrera, 33, of Fort Madison at the police department on two counts of forgery. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 02/17/18 - 6:59 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2800 block of Avenue M. 02/1718 - 7:53 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3000 block of Avenue P. 02/17/18 - 10:05 p.m.

- Fort Madison Police

responded to a report of

stolen vehicle in the 2600

block of Avenue G. 02/18/18 - 1:34 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Justin Phillip Kirchner, 45, of Fort Madison in the 1200 block of 38th Street on a charge of OWI - 1st offense. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 02/18/18 - 9:52 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Christopher Edward Guzman, 18, of Fort Madison at the police department on a charge of 3rd-degree burglary. He was released on a promise to appear. 02/18/18 - 9:57 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run reported at the police department. 02/18/18 - 10:33 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2500 block of Avenue F. 02/18/18 - 7:00 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L. 02/18/18 - 7:08 p.m. - Fort

Madison Police responded

to a report of hit and run in

02/18/18 - 10:28 p.m. -

Samantha Sue Dowell,

Fort Madison Police cited

21, of Fort Madison in the

simple assault. She was

released upon citation.

Madison Police arrested

Joseph Theodore Gene

2700 block of Avenue O for

02/18/18 - 11:46 a.m. -Fort

the 1000 block of Avenue E.

Gray, 33, of Fort Madison, in the 1000 block of 32nd Street on a warrant for probation violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond. 02/19/18 - 11:23 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2600 block of Avenue L. 02/19/18 - 12:19 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 5400 block of Avenue O. 02/19/18 - 4:43 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of shoplifter in the 4800 block of Avenue O. 02/20/18 - 7:49 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of property damage accident in the

#### Lee County Sheriff's report

2400 block of Avenue A.

02/16/18 - 1:07 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jessica Kim Bower, 27, of Fort Madison on a charge of failure to appear. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 02/16/18 - 4:03 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Terry James Schoonover, 47, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond. 02/16/18 - 8:08 p.,m. - Lee

County Sheriff's deputies arrested Christina Marie Markey, 51, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on a court order release. 02/17/18 - 9:36 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies accident on St. Paul Road near West Point. A vehicle ther, 36 of West Point, had County Sheriff's deputies cited Andrea Lynn Gunther, 36, of West Point, in the 2100 block of St. Paul Road in West Point for driving while license on a promise to appear. County Sheriff's deputies accident near the intersection of 303rd Avenue and Hwy. 61. A vehicle driven slipped down a ditch and

the night before and was coming back to get the vehicle out of the ditch. No citations or injuries were reported at the scene. 02/19/18 - 10:17 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tiffany Renee Turner, 29, of Kahoka, Mo.,, in the 3800 block of Main Street in Keokuk, on a warrant for forgery. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond. 02/19/18 - 2:18 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Christopher Michael Sanderson, 45, of Keokuk, at the intersection of 340th Street and Hwy 27, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on bond. 02/19/18 - 7 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Steven Edwin Carlisle Sewell, Jr., 41 of Burlington at the Des Moines County Line, on a warrant for failure to appear.. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

responded to a one vehicle driven by Andrea Lynn Gunslid off the road into a ditch. 02/17/18 - 10:54 a.m. - Lee revoked. She was released 02/18/18 - 10:08 a.m. - Lee responded to a one-vehicle by Brianna Jo Layman had into a small creek. Layman said she had the accident

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#### FRI 23 Feb



**Light Snow** High- 37.2° F | Low - 31.9° F

#### SAT 24 Feb



Clear Skies High - 44.9° F | Low - 32.8° F

#### SUN 25 Feb



Light Snow High- 41.7° F | Low - 31.0° F

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#### **CURRENT-LEE**

## Pheasants Forever raffle tickets available now

LEE COUNTY – Raffle tickets for Lee County Pheasants Forever 25 Gun Raffle are available from any club member or at the banquet. Tickets are \$10 each and are limited to 3,000. The raffle will be held during the chapter's annual banquet on February 24, 2018. Proceeds from the raffle are used to support the Tri-State Young Guns and Fort Madison Clay Crushers High School Trap Shooting Teams. For more information about the raffle, go to <a href="http://www.leecountypf.org/raffles/">http://www.leecountypf.org/raffles/</a>.



## Rainbolt family holding benefit to offset son's final expenses

FORT MADISON - A benefit is being planned for expenses related to the death of Dakotah Rainbolt on March 3, 2017 at the Fort Madison Eagles, 4822 Avenue O. from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m.

As part of the benefit a \$10 raffle is being held for a quarter side of beef from Dave's Old Fashioned Meats. Contact Gary's Trading Post at 319-561-1132 for more information or tickets.

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#### **From the Front**

## Pheasants Forever annual dinner tickets still available

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life habitat with seed and limited payments on an annual basis.

Lee County PF has also supported two high school trap teams for the past 8 years, where youth ages 10 and up learn gun-handling safety and compete at a national level with other high schools across the Midwest. They are able to competitively shoot at clay targets on a statewide and national level which would be cost restrictive without the financial support the chapter provides.

In the fall of 2016, as part of Lee County **Economic Development** Group's Grow Lee 2.0 venture, Lee County Pheasants Forever was the main sponsor for the Guinness Book of World Record event in Lee County for "Most people planting flower bulbs simultaneously" with 1,463 people planting about 8,000 flower bulbs in 28 minutes, most of which were school kids representing all private and public schools in Lee County. Most of the flowers planted were tulips, however, about 1,000 of the flowers are prairie blazing stars donated by Lee County Pheasants Forever as part of a

pollination effort. These particular bulbs are part of a pollinator program that enhances pollination for bees, butterflies, and beetles. Pollinating insects are an essential component in global food production. About one-third of all food and beverage products need pollination.

Pheasants Forever's main objectives are to develop, maintain, and enhance wildlife habitat and support youth conservation activities," Sytsma said. "The first Iowa Pheasants Forever chapter was formed some 33 years ago. Since that time, all state chapters collectively have spent more than \$ 65 million on habitat development. The most important fact about that statistic is that these dollars are raised and spent by local chap-

"That's what makes
Pheasants Forever's structure unique among all national conservation organizations — all dollars raised locally remain local and are spent on habitat projects that are most needed for that immediate area. In 2017, Iowa Pheasants Forever chapters spent more than \$ 4.5 million, with the Lee County chapter a

leading contributor with more than \$280,000." This level of expenditure placed the Lee County chapter at third across the nation of over 750 chapters.

Lee County Pheasants
Forever is holding its
spring banquet February
24th in Fort Madison,
Iowa, at The Comfort Inn.
Doors open at 4:30 p.m.,
and dinner starts at 6:30
p.m. with the auction to
follow. Tickets are available
on line at <a href="https://www.leecountypf.org">www.leecountypf.org</a> or from a committee member.

The committee members of the Lee County chapter are very appreciative of the support they have received during the past 30 years. This support has allowed the chapter to pursue the goals they established when it was first organized in 1987 — to help develop and maintain local wildlife habitat, provide public hunting opportunities, and work with getting kids outdoors.

It is the hope of Lee County PF that these public areas will provide opportunities for today's and, more importantly, tomorrow's generation to interact with wildlife and the outdoor heritage of this region.

# City approves 2018-19 union staff contracts

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"We need to make sure we have things for the kids to do in the summer, so that's something we could look at down the road."

Wilson said these arrangements aren't uncommon, noting that the West Burlington City Pool is now under the management of the Burlington YMCA and Washington's city pool is under the management of the YMCA in that city.

Randolph said it was vital that the services be kept at a minimum as good as they were, or preferably better, now that the YMCA is managing the pool.

In an unrelated issue, the council approved three separate settlement agreements with the library staff, fire departments, and local 2003 police department union with a 2.5 across the board pay increases and incremental increases in the employee's contribution to family insurance plans starting next year individual plans are still at no cost to the employee.

Varley dialed up the attorney who represented the city in the negotiations who recommended the city go into an exempt session under Iowa Code. City Councilor Robert Morawitz asked to table the issue until the end of the meeting to enter into the exempt session. Several members of the media contested the exempt session saying there was no foundation in the discussion of a resolution to satisfy exempt status as it would be considered a strategy session since the agreements had tentatively been reached. The agenda items were to approve the agreements.

Iowa Code does allow for exempt meetings. An exempt session is not subject to the open meetings requirements and can be held without public notice, be separate from an open meeting, be held without taping or minutes, and can be held without a vote or motion.

With Randolph discussing options for the session with the attorney, Councilman Chris Greenwald made a motion to call the question, which was seconded by Councilman Travis Seidel.

A vote was then taken to vote directly on the resolution and that vote passed 4-2 with Morawitz and City Councilman Rusty Andrews voting against the motion. Kevin Rink motioned to approve the resolution for the library staff settlement agreement. Seidel seconded and that motion passed 5-1 with Morawitz casting the only nay vote.

The other two resolutions for the fire and police agreements passed unanimously.

In other action,

- the council voted 6-0 to approve the fiscal year 2018-19 budget and set a public hearing March 6, at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers.
- the council voted 6-0 to approve and award construction contracts for the replacement of the bridge over the creek at Avenue I.

# Two heads are better than one.



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