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FM schools could save \$1.3M with refi deal

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison School district is considering a way to save \$1.3 million over the next ten years.

At Monday's regular school board meeting, the district heard from Tim Oswald of Piper Jaffray, the firm the district typically uses as bond counselors, who indicated a 10-year moratorium on refinancing the bonds used to build the current Fort Madison Middle School will expire in July.

"You sold those bonds in 2009 and, when you did, you weren't allowed to pay them off or refinance them for 10 years, but that will be up in July, which means you can take advantage of lower rates if you choose to," Oswald told the board.

He said the bonds were sold at 4.7% interest, but now

rates are as low as 2.9% with some lenders.

The board's decision on Monday was simply to engage the firm in researching the options for the refinancing of the bonds.

The bonds were sold against the 1-cent local sales tax option called SAVE, the Secure an Advance Vision for Education, program, an option that became available after district voters approved its use in a special election. No property tax dollars were used to pay for the construction or furnishings of the Middle School.

Voters have defeated three times a measure to issue general obligation bonds to build a new Prek-3rd grade elementary school on school property off Bluff Road on the western side of Fort Madison. An attempt in the fall was defeated with 59% of district voters voting for the new building. State law requires a 60%+1 vote supermajority to pass the issuance of bonds.

Oswald said Piper Jaffray would research what options

were best for refinancing the bonds, but the refinancing would amount to contracting with another lender to pay off the bonds and then financing the remaining debt at a lower rate, resulting in a savings to the district.

In a related issue, the district also voted 7-0 to place another referendum attempt on the ballot for seven weeks from today, on April 2. The language of the ballot question includes \$30 million to build and furnish the new school on the campus at 48th and Bluff.

District Business Manager Sandy Elmore presented the board with petitions of 321 signatures who agreed to have the question put on the ballot.

The ballot will also include filling two spaces on the school board. Brian Steffensmeier and Josh Wykert are both holding seats that were filled by appointment. Anyone who is interested in running for those seats can submit the proper documentation to the Lee County Auditor's office.

"Harvey" takes stage Friday

Shows Feb. 15-17, 22-24. Friday shows at 7:30, Sunday at 2 p.m.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The very capable Old Fort Players bring a six (to six-and-a-half) foot white rabbit to the stage starting Friday in the winter production of "Harvey". Above Mark Philip (Judge Gaffney) watches as Karen Schumaker (Veta) and Diana Wilson (Myrtle Mae) get Veta settled after a trying afternoon at the sanitarium. See Wednesday's edition for the full story.

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



Our outside temperature gauge told me it was -21° F at 2:00 a.m.—the time I usually get up to read and write. I could hear the wind howling outside and the house popping and banging (frost quakes?), like pond ice cracking under the weight of too many skaters. The wind-chill factor had to be ungodly.

Looking at the thermostat on the wall, I noted that our furnace was struggling to keep up, and was running continuously. Set at 70°, the temperature in the house was 67°. This was troubling information. I piled the lap blankets on and settled in, making a nest out of blankets, papers and books.

After a couple of hours of work, and having a little trouble keeping my fingers warm on the keyboard, I got up to use the bathroom. When I flushed the toilet, I noticed the bowl didn't refill. Uh, oh. I took the lid off the tank and looked in. Water was not running into the tank. I checked the faucet on the bathroom sink. There was no cold water. Hot water yes, but no cold. Dang.

I went to the kitchen and tried the sink there. Same thing. No cold water. Evidently, a water line was frozen somewhere. Great.

At 5:00 a.m., I got Ginnie out of bed so that she could go to work. I told her about the water problem—that we had hot, but no cold water. When she used the toilet (we have

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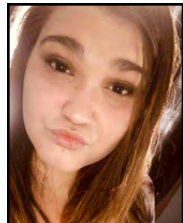


Obituaries/Weather

OBITUARIES

CALOVE LYNN SACKMAN

CaLove Lynn Sackman, 27, of Keokuk, IA died Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at UnityPoint Health in Keokuk.



SACKMAN

She was born July 26, 1991 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of Daniel Huston and Traci Sackman.

CaLove graduated from Metro High School in Cedar Rapids, IA with the class of 2010.

She was a stay at home mom while her kids were younger and most recently started working at Henniges in Keokuk, IA.

CaLove enjoyed crafting and was good at everything she did. She also enjoyed girls night out at the casino with her mom, sister, and grandma. She was a loving

and generous person who was always willing to help out her friends and family. CaLove deeply loved her children and was a wonderful mom. She brought joy to their lives and will be greatly missed by everyone who loved her.

CaLove is survived by two sons, DaKovion Silver-Jones and Landon Trimble of Keokuk, two daughters, Elaina Padgett and Willow Huston of Keokuk, her mother, Traci Sackman of Hamilton, IL, three brothers, Joseph Sackman (Rachel) of College Station, TX, Justin Sackman (Samantha) of Cedar Rapids, IA, Danny Huston of Iowa City, IA, one sister, Nicole Sackman-Davis (Patrick) of Cedar Rapids, IA, her step-father, Jason Feikert of Rushsylvania, OH, step-sister, Kelsey Feikert of Montrose, her grandparents, John Todd of Cedar

Rapids, IA, Peggy and Walter Tweedy of Montrose, IA and Cathy Searsen of Keokuk, IA, great-grandmother, Janet Haage of Keokuk, many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Daniel Huston, grandparents, Vesta Todd, Ralph White and Richard C. Huston, great-grandparents, Delbert Haage and Gordon and Marjorie Huston and cousins Elizabeth and Dylan White.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Reverend Brett Laszlo officiating. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Friday at the funeral home with family meeting with friends from 6-8 p.m.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

TUE 12 Feb

Light Snow
High- 28.6° F | Low - 20.2° F

WED 13 Feb

Scattered Clouds
High- 20.3° F | Low - 14.5° F

THU 14 Feb

Moderate Rain
High- 39.5° F | Low - 39.3° F

FRI 15 Feb

Light Snow
High- 24.7° F | Low - 16.7° F

SAT 16 Feb

Snow
High- 25.7° F | Low - 21.0° F

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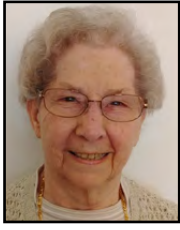


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Obituaries/Area News

OBITUARIES

DORIS IRENE BARTLETT



BARTLETT

Doris Irene Bartlett, 88, of Montrose, IA, passed away at 4:27 p.m. on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at the Kensington. She was born on November 27, 1930 in Fort Madison, IA to Bernard & Irene Palin Groene. She married Eugene R. Bartlett on April 15, 1950 in Fort Madison, IA. He preceded her in death on May 28, 2011. She worked at the Sheaffer Pen Company, DuPont and also at Midwest Wax Paper. She was a former member of St. Joseph's Church in Montrose and is currently a member of Holy Family Parish in Fort Madison. She loved reading, quilting, gardening, animals and watching the eagles in the winter and the martins in the summer.

Doris is survived by: 2-daughters: Debbie (Tom) Gregg of Wever, IA & Dee-Ann Bartlett of Anaheim, CA; 1-son: David Bartlett of Titusville, FL; 3-grandchildren: Evan (Bonnie) Gregg, Emy (Wendy) & Elise Gregg; 2-great grandchildren: Caelan & Coy Gregg and 1-brother: Richard Groene of Kansas City, MO. She was preceded in death by: her parents, husband, 2-brothers: Bob & William Groene & 1-sister in infancy: Mary Groene.

The family will receive friends from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at Sacred Heart Church. The funeral mass will be held at 10:30 a.m., immediately following the visitation, at Sacred Heart Church with Rev. Mark P. Spring officiating. Burial will be held at Sacred Heart Cemetery. A memorial has been established for the Montrose Library. Online condolences to Doris' family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com. King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family.

Heritage Club Activity Day cancelled

BY PCC STAFF

Donnellson, IA – Pilot Grove Savings Bank's monthly activity day for its Heritage Club has been cancelled for Tuesday, February 12. This event is usually held at the Pilot Grove Savings Bank Community Room in Donnellson.

For an up to date listing of Heritage Club events visit www.pilotgrovesavingsbank.com, click on Heritage Club, and select upcoming events.



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OBITUARIES

DENNIS LEE HUFFMAN

Mr. Dennis Lee Huffman, 68, of Lomax, IL, passed away at 4:56 a.m. Saturday, February 9, 2019 at his home.

Dennis was born on April 19, 1950 in Burlington, IA, the son of John Harvey and Hazel Idell Bennett Huffman. On August 3, 1975 he married Sandra Rae Ferguson in Burlington. She survives.

Mr. Huffman was a graduate of the Burlington High School. Following high school he served in the United States Navy from 1969 – 1973. Dennis then worked for J.I. Case in Burlington for several years, retiring in 2004. He served on the Lomax Fire Department for 30 years and also served as an EMT on the Lomax Ambulance. Dennis was a Director on the McDonough Telephone Co-Op Board for 25 years and had been a member of Lomax Township Board. He enjoyed woodworking, fishing and listening to Johnny Horton songs.



He is survived by his wife, Sandra, three children, Jennifer Huffman of Orlando, FL, Christopher (Laurin) Huffman of Port Byron, IL and Sara (Jordan Merritt) Huffman of Lomax and five grandchildren.

Mr. Huffman was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Dick and David Huffman and one sister, Delores Norton.

The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, February 15, 2019 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City with Pastor Maxine Dennison officiating. Burial with Military Rites will be in the Crane Cemetery, Lomax. Friends may call after 3:00 p.m. Thursday at Banks & Beals where the family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. A memorial fund has been established in Mr. Huffman's memory.

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We are seeking an individual this Spring who will plan, plant, cultivate, harvest and lead other volunteers in our Community Garden (garden is located at 2606 Avenue L, Fort Madison, Iowa behind Hy-Vee).

Must enjoy working outside, gardening and harvesting. Will direct garden activities with other volunteers and may require some bending, stooping and lifting of 10 lbs. or less...Times: 1 hour, 2 times per week.

If interested and for more information, please call – Tammy at 319-372-8043.

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REAL ESTATE

OPEN HOUSE
 Sun., Feb. 17, 11-3



IT MAY BE COLD OUTSIDE.....but it's nice and warm with this GEOTHERMAL FURNACE 3 bedroom home with garage and out building near the west edge of Ft Madison. Approximately 1,275 square feet upstairs and 1,140 square feet down stairs. This home has a large living area downstairs that sports a second kitchen. Also a second bathroom and a ground floor laundry. This home is newly remodeled with NEW Frig, New Stove, and New microwave, New Dishwasher New counter top and New light fixtures and ceiling fans thru out . Also has new carpet and new paint thru-out, Brand new roof and new garage door opener. With its GEOTHERMAL heating and air conditioning it will have a very conservative utility bill. Also has city water along with a sand point well and a septic leech field that was recently inspected. The address is 2311 263 ave Ft Madison. Priced at \$145,000 For a private showing call Todd at 319-470-8711.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
PROCEEDINGS
FORT MADISON
CITY COUNCIL
2/5/2019**

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, February 15, 2019, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Randolph presided with Council Members Greenwald, Morawitz, Rink, Andrews, Mohrfeld, Lair and Cangas present.

On motion, Council approved the agenda as written. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 1/15/2019; Resolution 2019-19, Air Evac, 5433 Avenue O, Resolution 2019-20, R & K Management Corp., 2001 Avenue L, Resolution 2019-21, Bonni-lynn and Preston E Neyens; Setting public hearing for 2/19/2019, at 5:30 P.M. to amend Title 10, Zoning, Chapter 1, Title; Purpose, and Chapter 10, Administration; Payment of Claims; New 5-Day Liquor License: Buffalo 61 Bar & Grille, 415 - 11th Street (McAlear Hall) effective 2/21/2019 - Class C Liquor; New Liquor License: Columbus Club, 807-809 Avenue H, effective 2/5/2019 - Class C Liquor with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales; and Liquor License Renewals: Buffalo 61 Bar & Grille, 6111 Reve Court, effective 2/25/2019 - Class C Liquor with Sunday Sales, and Under the Sun, 733 Avenue G, effective 3/1/2019 - Class B Native Wine with Sunday Sales.

At 5:35 P.M. Mayor Randolph opened the public hearing Concerning Not to Exceed \$1,550,000 Sewer

Revenue Capital Loan Notes (Sponsored Project). With no oral or written comments, on motion, Council closed the public hearing. On motion, Council adopted Resolution 2019-22, instituting proceedings to take additional action for the authorization of a Loan and Disbursement Agreement and the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$1,550,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes.

On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2019-23, accepting the submitted plat of survey and waiving subdivision requirements (Title 11 - Subdivision Regulations) for Michael and Amy Hayes for property located at 2426 - 270th Street.

On motion, Council approved the Mayor's appointment of Linda Marshall to the Civil Service Commission, to fill an unexpired term, term ending March 31, 2021. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on an Engagement Agreement with Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., of Des Moines, Iowa, for their services as Bond Counsel in connection with the issuance of not to exceed \$1,550,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes - SRF Sponsored Project.

At 5:43 P.M. on motion, Council adjourned until February 19, 2019, at 5:30 P.M.

At 5:45 P.M. a Council Work Session was held. The Work Session closed at 9:07 P.M.

/s/ Bradley A. Randolph, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

EXPENDITURES		REVENUES		1/16-1/31/2019
General	\$ 78,099.93	General	\$ 55,650.90	
Special Rev.	106,406.63	Sp. Rev.	222,449.66	
Road Use	73,175.29	Road Use	25.00	
Capital	8,043.41	Debt	1,077.18	
Water	52,814.24	Capital	13,092.72	
Sewer	92,868.27	Water	255,944.37	
Solid Waste/IW	10,953.05	Sewer	756,148.10	
SW Utility	802.75	Solid Waste/IW	64,892.32	
	\$423,163.57	SW Utility	17,646.89	
			\$1,386,927.14	
PAYROLL		PAYROLL		2/1/2019
General	\$185,438.04	General	\$173,185.62	
Spec. Revenues	9,913.86	Spec. Revenues	4,057.60	
Road Use	28,759.01	Road Use	27,539.07	
Water	28,539.00	Water	28,914.29	
Sewer	41,420.59	Sewer	39,550.34	
Solid Waste	11,996.91	Solid Waste	14,576.52	
Airport	486.54	Airport	486.54	
Storm Water	4,350.35	Storm Water	4,169.24	
	\$310,904.30		\$292,479.22	

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ALTOFER MACHINERY CO., LAMP 503.81
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LOGAN CONTRACTORS SUPPLY, SCRAPER BLADES 158.54
LUBY EQUIPMENT SERVICES, COUPLER/PLATE 1,990.20
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MCFARLAND, CLEANING SUPPLIES 162.46
MENKE PROFESSIONAL AUTO PARTS, BELT 27.05
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MIDLAND SCIENTIFIC INC., SODIUM/PHOSPHATE 422.91
MIDWEST SAFETY COUNSELORS, AMMONIA 288.80
MIGUEL LANDEROS, SNOW REMOVAL 1,300.00
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PITNEY BOWES, MACHINE RENTAL 171.00
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QUARRY CREEK ELK AND BISON, SAFETY BOOTS 75.50
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TESTAMERICA INC., SLUDGE 316.58
TREASURER, ST OF IA, LEGAL SERV 54.00
TRUCK REPAIR INC., DOSE/MOUNT/FILLERS 942.91
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U.S. CELLULAR, PHONE 537.24
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UPS, SHIPPING 45.36
USA BLUE BOOK, BORIC/SULFURIC ACID 491.65
UTILITY EQUIPMENT COMPANY, CRETEX 1,231.81
VRADENBURG, DAVE, INSTALL SECURITY LOCK 650.00
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED, CAUSTIC SODA 7,216.12
YOUR HEAT AND AIR GUY LLC, REPLACED THERMOSTAT 150.00
ZIMMER & FRANCESCON INC, PUMP 1,539.93
TOTAL 161,321.52
GENERAL 44,880.26
SPECIAL REVENUES 7,724.80
ROAD USE 29,208.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS 7,783.85
WATER 30,931.32
WASTEWATER 30,313.61
SOLID WASTE 8,564.43
AIRPORT 1,112.50
STORM WATER 802.75
TOTAL 161,321.52

**MANUALS
JANUARY 2019**
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING, COPIER LEASES 962.81
ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC 66,915.98
B&B PROPANE, PROPANE 385.14
BAIER FORD, 3 VEHICLES 79,084.00
EASYPERMIT POSTAGE, WATER/PAST DUES/RECYCLE SCHEDULES 3,193.39
HY-VEE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, RETIREE MEDS/JANITORIAL 33.17
LIBERTY UTILITIES, HEATING 416.33
LISCO, PHONE/INTERNET/LONG DIST 2,083.91
QUALITY FLOW IOWA, INC, REPAIR PUMP 53RD LIFT STATION 4,225.00
RATHBUN REG'L WATER ASSOC, WATER 25
U.S. CELLULAR, HOT SPOTS 376.54
WELLMARK BC/BS, HEALTH INS PREMIUM 96,102.39
WEX BANK, FUEL CHARGES 8,038.39
TOTAL 261,842.05
GENERAL 33,219.67
SPECIAL REVENUES 96417.7
ROAD USE 43,967.29
CAPITAL 259.56
WATER 21882.92
WASTEWATER 62,554.66
SOLID WASTE 2388.62
AIRPORT 1,151.63
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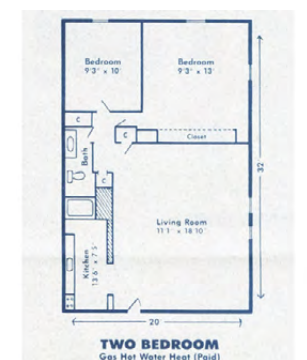
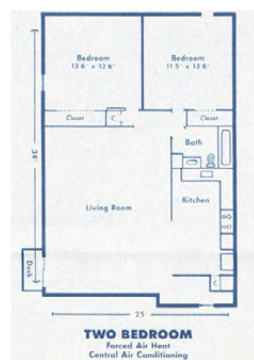
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CURRENT-LEE

FORT MADISON – The following is a list of events and happenings going on in Fort Madison as submitted to Pen 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/co-workers 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.



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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BOB JACKS TURNS 70



FORT MADISON – Bob Jacks, of Fort Madison, will be celebrating his 70th birthday on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019.

Friends can send their happy birthday wishes to BJ's Performance at 2514 Avenue L Fort Madison Iowa 52627.

He is the Son of Dick & Flossie Jacks (both deceased), he is married to Kathy (Beckert) Jacks and the couple will be celebrating their 50th anniversary on March, 23, 2019. Jacks is the father of Amy Hogan (Rob) of Fort Madison; Christine Mohrfeld (Jeff) of Colorado Springs, Co.; Rhonda Hay (Chris) of Solon; and Bobbi Durbin (Jared) of Fort Madison. He has 11 grandchildren. His brother is Jim Jacks (Gale) of Oakville.

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From his knees the water appeared

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“his” and “her” bathrooms), she had one flush, so she was to use it wisely. It was then that I noticed hot water was coming out of the cold side of the faucet. In fact, hot water was coming out of the cold side in all but one faucet in the house. What in tarnation? Thinking this might help thaw things out, I set all the faucets to running a trickle of hot water from the cold side of the faucets.

Around 7:00 a.m., knowing my plumber would be up and going crazy with cold-weather problems, I gave him a call. I told him I had hot water coming out of the cold side of the faucets.

“You have hot water coming out of the cold side of your faucets?!” He was incredulous. “I’ve never heard of this.” (Oh, no.) “You must have a frozen line somewhere, and hot water is back-filling into the cold. I’ll try to come by sometime today, but I can’t guarantee it.”

I spent the rest of the day trying to keep busy (would the plumber come by or not?) and kept the faucets trickling hot water from the cold side, like mixing good with evil. This had to be an awful drain on the propane—another worry, just what I needed. I kept watching the window for the plumber. No one appeared.

Around 4:30-going-on-5:00 o'clock, it was getting dark. The temperature outside was dropping. It hadn't gotten above minus thirteen the whole day. My furnace was running continuously and not sounding so good, like an old man wheezing. There wasn't anything left to do. I dropped to my knees and prayed. “Dear, God. I need your help. My water pipes are frozen somewhere, and I’m afraid a water line will burst. I don’t know what to do. I’ve done everything I can think of and I’m worn out. In Jesus’ name, save this house. Amen.”

I heard something popping and hissing, and then water running full blast. I ran to the bathroom. Cold water was gushing out of the cold side of the faucet, as it was with the other faucets in the house! It was over. The frozen line had thawed. I don’t know how hot water could have been coming out of the cold side of the faucets, and I don’t need to know. What I do know is that I prayed and my prayer was answered, in the blink of an eye. I got back down on my knees and thanked God for answering my prayer. Just another God story.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at curtswarm@yahoo.com or find him on Facebook. Curt’s stories are also read at 106.3 FM in Farmington.



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