Down to the foundation

Construction workers continue to pull at the foundation of the former County Market location at the southwest corner of Ave. H and 18th Street. The demolition is part of the new Fareway Grocery that will be erected on the lot in 2017. A spokeswoman for the chain said progress is on schedule, but they are now at the mercy of the weather.

Fareway progress on schedule

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Big moving equipment, trailers and a lot of dirt are taking up about four square blocks on the southwest corner of 18th and H, but it’s all in the name of progress.

Fareway Grocery, of Boone, Iowa announced the new opening and broke ground this fall and began demolition right away.

Corporate Outreach and Communications Director, Emily Toribio said work on demolition right away.

The building is planned to be 19,000 square feet located at 1820 Avenue H. But Toribio didn’t have an idea late summer.

“We leave that up the open interview process and corporately stripping everything down to the earth the former County Market building was built on. Toribio says there haven’t been any snags so far. "Not to my knowledge. We are all good and our hope is to open in the fall," she said.

When asked for an opening date, Toribio said Fareway sets new openings for seasons so they can adjust to any unforeseen circumstances... such as the weather.

We set it for a season and hope that we can reach that. We'll have something of a more concrete date by late summer.

The building is planned to be 19,000 square feet located at 1820 Avenue H. But Toribio didn’t have an idea on when the building would be open.

“We set it for a season and hope that we can reach that. We'll have something of a more concrete date by late summer.

All things so far seem to be on schedule with our current timeline. But we clearly are at the mercy of the weather over the next few months.”

-Emily Toribio  
Fareway spokeswoman

New PreK-3 building still on board’s mind

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
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FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison School District continues to set their gaze upon a new elementary school in the near future.

At Monday’s meeting of the district’s school board, Superintendent Erin Slater questioned the board on their feelings of moving forward again with placing a bond issue on the ballot.

According to state election laws, the district could put the question on the ballot again as soon as February, but April, June and September were also options.

Board members were not in favor of the February date as it wouldn’t be enough time to address the concerns of those that voted against the issue earlier this month, when the bond failed with only 49% of the vote. Sixty percent + 1 voter was needed to pass the bond, which would have provided $27 million in funds to build the new PreK-3 building.

Ken Hagen, of DLR the
architecture firm handling
the project, was present
at the meeting to answer
questions. The board, in
a separate discussion did
vote to approve a standard
agreement between DLR
for the district for the
next bonding work.

“We had a conference
call earlier and talking
with DLR, and having some
reflections with Tim, we tried to talk
about two things; time frame and focus. Do
we want to focus on the original bond question or
tax statements and they’re gonna be angry with that,”
board member Tim Won-
dra said.

Lamb said you also run
into the same problem
with April as far as taxes
and said September gives
the board more time to
address other issues.

“Maybe they want to
see a bus-
ing plan, maybe even
a trial bus-
ing plan. And then
dress some of the
concerns of it being in flood plain
and show them that (the property) is no longer in a
flood plain,” Board Pres-
ident Timm Lamb said.

“September allows us to
answer those questions.”
Board member Dianne
Hope said she was more
inclined to move quicker with
the issue.

“I’m concerned about
September because we’ve
lost everyone for June,
July and August and now it’s September and you’ve
got Labor Day and Rodeo
and I just hate to lose
what momentum we have
going,”

Slater said September
Gives her and volunteers
on the referendum’s ‘Kids
Committee’ time to seek
out and address specific
voter issues on why they
didn’t support the new
building.

“This will give me time
to get out to people who
have concerns and talk to
them and try to answer
the questions they have.
I could go out and find
those groups, with the
Kid’s Committee and ask,
“What would it take for
you to vote in favor of
this?” Slater said.

She said some of the
things people had con-
cerns over included hav-
ing an auditorium includ-
ed in the plans, athletic
fields and busing issues.

But she said there are
still a lot of comments
coming in on social
media, including on
Monday, that can help
the district prepare better
for a second run at the
referendum.

Lamb said he didn’t feel
the voters rejected the
school, but more of the
planning and the issues
around the building that
need to be addressed this
time around.

HOPE
Kirk/Rump
get engaged

Katherine Rump, formerly of Wever, and Lt. Christo-
pher Kirk, USAF, formerly of Burlington, are engaged.
Rump is a 2012 graduate of St. Ambrose University,
Davenport Iowa, with a B.A. in Marketing and a Minor in
Spanish. She is currently a strategic account associate
with the HON Company.

Kirk, is a 2013 graduate of the United States Air
Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Col. with a B.S. in
Management and a Minor in Spanish. He is currently a
lieutenant in the United State Air Force

The wedding has been set for July 2, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.
at the USAF Academy Catholic Chapel in Colorado
Springs, Col. , A reception will be held at Spruce Moun-
tain, in Larkspur, Col., 80118

They couple is hoping to honeymoon on the Greek
islands.

Katherine is originally from Wever, Iowa. Her parents
are Charles and Rebecca Schroeder Rump. Christopher
is originally from Burlington, Iowa. His parents are
Steve and Julie Kirk. Katherine and Chris will make
their home in Sunter, SC. More information about
their wedding is available at https://www.theknot.com/

Grocery brings history of service

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History

The first Fareway Store opened for business at 624
Story Street in Boone, Iowa, on May 12, 1938. Accord-
ing to the Fareway website at www.fareway.com, the
first ad featured coffee at 14 cents a pound and a “regu-
lar package” of Wheaties for 10 cents.

Fareway’s concept of a self-service grocery store was
considered revolutionary, allowing shoppers to pick
out their own groceries rather than submitting a list
to someone who would package everything for them.

Shopping carts were a novelty, referred to as “rub-
er-tired gliders” that carried shopping baskets.

The name Fareway was originally chosen to convey
a “wide range of stock of foods,” with the word “fare”
meaning food. “Bill of fare” was also the commonly
used phrase for “grocery list.” The name also symbol-
ized the idea of treating employees and customers
fairly where hard work deserved a fair wage, customers
could expect to pay fair prices.

We don’t want to lose that mo-
mentum that we created with the
Kids’ Committee and social media
and we could start that back up
in January.”

- Erin Slater,
FMSCD
Superintendent

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Board looking at Sept. ballot

From the Front
she asked Quereto. "It's like a report of a larceny/theft in Madison Police responded to a property damage accident in the 2200 block of Hwy. 61. Paul Eugene Bell, 20, of Kanocka, Mo., was traveling southbound slid on icy roadways into the ditch. No injuries were sustained. No citations were issued. At 2:27 p.m. on Dec. 16, the Lee County Sheriff’s Dept. responded to a three-vehicle accident in the 3000 block of Hwy. 61. A vehicle driven by Byron Keith James, 37, of Hannibal, Mo. jack-knifed and slid into the ditch due to weather and road conditions. No injuries were sustained. No citations were issued. At 3:20 p.m. on Dec. 16, the Lee County Sheriff’s Dept. responded to a property damage accident at the intersection of Old Dimond Road and 330th Avenue. Olivia Joyce Williams, 15, of Denmark, slid on icy road conditions and struck a legally parked vehicle. Williams was charged with failure to maintain control.

District looking hard at handling overdue meal accounts

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For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

12/18/2016 - 2:00 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a hit & run accident at the intersection of 37th Street and Avenue O. 12/18/2016 - 1:37 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 4800 block of Avenue O. 12/18/2016 - 12:59 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of 12th Street. 12/18/2016 - 1:37 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 4000 block of Avenue O. 12/18/2016 - 2:00 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit & run at the intersection of 37th Street and Avenue O. 12/18/2016 - 3:13 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 5400 block of Avenue O. 12/18/2016 - 8:25 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 700 block of Avenue D. 12/18/2016 - 11:06 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Louis Eugene Metcalfe III, 28, no address given, on a charge of contempt of court (violating a no-contact order) - simple misdemeanor. He is being held at the Lee County Correctional Center. 12/18/2016 - 11:30 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident on Alta Drive. 12/18/2016 - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the Lee County Correctional Center and released on bond. Matthew Joe Townsend, 27, of 245th Avenue, Fort Madison was arrested at 12:00 a.m. Dec. 17 in the 4800 block of Avenue O on a charge of 5th degree theft. He was jailed at the Lee County Correctional Center and released after paying a fine. Taj Michael Kte, 27, of 195th Avenue, Argyle, IA was arrested at 11:06 p.m. in 2070 block of 295th Avenue, Argyle, IA on charges of 7th-degree harassment. He was housed at the Lee County Correctional Center and released on bond. David James Kojoh, 57, of Belfair Drive, West Point, Iowa was arrested at 7:02 p.m. Dec. 16 at the Lee County Sheriff’s Dept. on a judgment entry/nittinna. He was housed at the Lee County Correctional Center. 12/19/2016 - 11:29 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 303rd Avenue and Airport Road. Lee County Sheriff’s Report

Jerry Myer Caviness, 43, of Alexandria, Mo. was arrested by LCSO at 10:43 a.m. on Dec. 18 at the Lee County Jail on charges of Failure to appear/ Criminal contempt, Criminal Mischief 2nd-degree and eluding police. He was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and released on bond.

Pigskin Pick ’Em standings

After our first week of the Pigskin Pick ’Em contest, Fort Madison YMCA Director Ryan Wilson is in first-place going a perfect 7 of 7 on the week. Wilson didn’t even give Cincinnati respect at home against Pittsburgh but picked the Saints to win on the road at Arizona? Who does that think the Eagles will beat the editor.

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