City moves forward with downtown projects

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Agreements continue to be processed to move the plans forward to finally begin renovations of three historic buildings in Fort Madison’s Main Street district. During next week’s Fort Madison City Council meeting, which will be held on Monday rather than Tuesday, the city council will vote, and likely pass, three resolutions that terminate existing agreements with Franz Community Investors of Cedar Rapids, who backed out on the work, taking with them a portion of the $3 million that was earmarked for the projects.

Now, Barker Financial Group of Iowa City has stepped to the plate to finish the work on the Cattermole Library and the old Lee County Bank building. The Sears building was also in the original plans, but what improvements will be made to that building are still undecided. The city will function as the funding pass-through for the project, but the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission will administer the work for the city.

City Administrator David Varley said Friday that the agreements are a formality, but legally extracts the city from any pending agreements between the city and the Franz group.

“This is the legal way to go about ending those agreements,” Varley said. “There was a longer process but we prepared these agreements and the Franz group and the Barkers have signed them along with the city and now we can move forward.”

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For the Record

Fort Madison Police Department Report
04/27/17 - 2:40 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1400 block of Avenue E. Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 100 block of 24th Street.
04/28/17 - 3:22 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 100 block of 24th Street.
04/28/17 - 4:07 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1700 block of 39th Street.
04/27/17 - 3:34 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Cody Allen Cheely, 23, of Fort Madison, at the courthouse in Fort Madison on judgement. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Lee County Sheriff’s Department Report
04/27/17 - 3 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a report of a vehicle accident on Hwy 61 northbound. A vehicle driven by Brian Dale Hutson, 35 of Keokuk lost control and entered the northbound ditch several times according to reports. He was transported to FMCH for evaluation and was charged with OWI 1st offense.
04/27/17 - 12:56 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Terrance Antonie Parks, 27 of Burlington, in Coralville on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Fort Madison Fire Department Report
04/25/17 - Fort Madison police responded to five medical calls and one false alarm.
04/26/17 - Fort Madison police responded to two medical calls and one false alarm.
04/27/17 - Fort Madison police responded to one medical call and one burn complaint. The individuals listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Lee County Jail and Friends program

The library and get the cards punched. After going through all the sections, the cards were entered into a drawing for a Kindle prize.

The sessions included games, craft programs, adult programs including the library’s e-book program and Learning Express, which provides a multitude of educational tools for all ages.

The library also gave away prizes in its Design a Bookmark contest. Winners were Addison Rump, Karrington Wardlow, Kylene Newkirk, and Jeannine Dean, all of Fort Madison.

Jacob Cook, with the Leadership Academy, said the program was intended to help the library with programming and membership, and was selected out of a group of proposals sent to the Lee County Leadership.

“Tara was one of the ideas that was brought to our attention. Lee County Leadership, said the idea was geared toward showing the community the value of the Friends of the Public Library and how they help with programming at the library.

“The library has had a Friends of the Library group since 1985. Over the last couple years membership has been getting a bit older and we’re losing some who are no longer able to actively contribute…” - Sara Clendineng, Library Director

Leadership program went to the community and asked around what are some possible ways the leadership group could really contribute to the community. Cook said, “Sarah submitted the idea and had ideas to create awareness for the library and Friends of the Library and increase membership a little bit.”

Clendineng said the event is geared toward showing the community the value of the Friends of the Public Library and how they help with programming at the library.

“Tara has had a Friends of the Library group since 1985. Over the last couple years membership has been getting a bit older and we’re losing some who are no longer able to actively contribute so we’ve been looking for ways to increase the public profile and awareness in the community of what the friends do and how people can help with that,” Clendineng said.

“When Lee County Leadership sent out requests for proposals one thought I had was an event to do with the community to see what the library does and how the friends help with that and then in turn help with membership.”

Leadership group, library building Friends program

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NELLIE ROSE POHLPEITER

Nellie Rose Pohlpeter, 76, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 11:04 a.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at Trinity Medical Center in Rock Island, IL. She was born on Jan-
uary 18, 1941 in Mt. Hamill, IA to Fred & Ruth Choate Thompson. She married Royce Lee Pohlpeter on July 3, 1965 in Fort Madison, IA. He preceded her in
death on June 2, 2007. She worked in the food service area at Richard & Jefferson Schools and was a homemaker. She was a member of Sts. Mary & Joseph Church.

Nellie is survived by: 2-daughters: Rose Pohlpeter of Fort Madison, IA & Renee (John) Fish of Dallas City, IL; 2-brothers: Joe (Jackie) Thompson of Fort Madison, IA & Fred (Joann) Thompson of Mt. Hamill, IA; 3-sis-
ters: Lucille Garmoe of Montrose, IA, Louise Carr of Rock Island, IL & Shirley (Clarence Snyder) Burroughs of Davenport, IA; 6-sister in laws: Florence Thomp-
son of Houston, TX; Carmen (Robert) Runker of Fort Madison, IA, Carmen Pohlpeter of Fort Madison, IA, Peggy Pohlpeter of Fort Madison, IA, Ann Pohlpeter of Fort Madison, IA, Glenda Pohlpeter of Des Moines, IA, 1-brother in law in Larry (Frances) Pohlpeter of Terral, OK, numerous nieces & nephews and great nieces & nephews. She was preceded in death by: her parents, husband & 3-brothers.

Friends may call after 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 30, 2017 with the family to receive friends from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. with a wake service to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday evening all at King-Lynn Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 1, 2017 at St. Mary & Joseph Church with Rev. Mark P. Spring officiating. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery. and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

KRISTINE K. KROGMEIER

Kristine K. Krogmeier, 52, of Burlington and for-
merly of Fort Madison, passed away on Friday, April 28, 2017 at 2:45 AM at the Great River Hospice House. She was a twelve year breast cancer survivor and unfortunately the cancer came back and overtook her body. She was born on February 15, 1965 in Ft. Madison to Patrick and Joyce Jones Krogmeier. Kris had lived at Hope Haven for thirty years and for the past several years resided at the Krogmeier Site at Hope Haven. She loved the color purple. Kris also enjoyed music, scary movies, chocolate and doing crafts. She was an avid fan of Kyle Busch #18 NASCAR driver and Chuck Norris.

Survivors include her parents, Pat and Joyce Krogmeier of Ft. Madison; her sister, Gina Hansen of Glad-
stone, Oregon and her children Nicole Schukow, Jessica and Jennifer Hansen; a brother, Perry (Rita) Krogmeier of Wilmington, NC and their children, Cory and K
Krogmeier; aunts and uncles including her favorite un-
cle, Steve “Gus” Jones of Ft. Madison. She was preceded in death by her maternal and paternal grandparents.

A memorial has been established for Hope Haven and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

FM woman leads police on chase, arrested on bridge

HAMILTON - A 33-year-old Fort Madison woman has been arrested after leading police on a 16-mile chase that ended with a collision on the Burlington Northern-Santa Fe Bridge in Niota.

According to a release from Hamilton Assistant Po-
lice Chief Nick Jamerson, at about 2:40 a.m. Friday morning a Hamilton Police Officer conducted a traffic stop just east of the city on U.S. Highway 136. The driver of the stopped vehicle, Jennifer L. Leggett, 33, of Fort Madison allegedly fled the scene in her vehicle.

A deputy with the Hancock County Sheriff’s Department assisted in the chase which ended at the bridge, when Leggett is reported to have rammed the deputy’s patrol vehicle. No injuries were reported but the patrol vehicle sustained heavy damage.

Leggett was taken into custody without further incident and transported to the Hancock County Jail in Carthage.

Leggett was charged with aggravated fleeing and eluding, reckless driving, criminal damage to state supported property, aggravated assault with the motor vehicle, driving under the influence of drugs, possession of methamphetamine, and multiple other traffic violations.

Assisting the sheriff’s department and Hamilton po-
lice were the Fort Madison Police Department and the Hancock County State’s Attorney’s office.

Leggett is being held pending an initial court appear-
ance.
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3684 Argyle Road, Keokuk
Listing #20164982 • $191,500

4BR • 2BA • 2 car garage
1,260 sq. ft. • 4.59 acres
Custom Designed, Energy Efficient home with an open floor plan, cathedral ceilings, on a hard surface road. Includes large deck extends the entire back length of the house, master bedroom that opens up to the back deck, jack and jill master bath and second bedroom. The property also includes an oversized 2 car garage with a heated workshop attached.

3BR • 1BA • 2 car garage
1,488 sq. ft. • 16,247 sq. ft. lot
Has been owned by this seller since 1960!!! Large eat-in kitchen with newly tiled floor includes stove, microwave, washer and dryer, main floor laundry (in bedroom), formal dining room with built-in hutch, and spacious living room. The house sits on a HUGE lot and has a nice 2 car garage in back. Home has Gas Heat and central air with maintenance-free siding on house and garage.

4911 Bluff Road
Listing #20164861 • $157,500

3BR • 1.75BA • 2 car garage
1,772 sq. ft. • 0.57 acres
Great family home with LOTS OF NEW! New kitchen, bathroom, windows, most flooring, wrap around deck, ceiling fans, light fixtures, furnace and central air! Beautiful neutral decor and window treatments make this a must see! All this and a 2 car heated garage.

1703 Avenue L
Listing #20165151 • $55,900

1712 Avenue E
Listing #20164725 • $92,000

4BR • 1.50BA
1,706 sq. ft. • 7,250 sq. ft. lot
This spacious home has it all, the character of a turn of the century home; beautiful woodwork, beamed ceilings, window seat, columns, and large covered front porch, yet also includes MANY updates. Call today for your private viewing!

3098 County Road 103
Listing #20164991 • $129,900

3911 Bluff Road
Listing #20164861 • $157,500

2BR • 2BA • 3 car garage
1,404 sq. ft. • 1.42 acres
Upgrades, improvements, updates...call it what you like, this home has had MANY in the last 2 plus years. This seller has completely refurbished the hill to the north of the home with new landscaping finishes. This is a must see property!!! It has enough room for your family and then some!!!

1708 Avenue G
Listing #20165237 • $92,500

3BR • 1BA
1,432 sq. ft. • 5,500 sq. ft. lot
This UPDATED, MOVE-IN READY, CHARMING 3 bedroom home will make an awesome family home!!! This gem has all new windows throughout, exterior doors, deck, plumbing, & NEW roof on house & garage. So come check it out! This is a MUST SEE!!!
3 BR • 2 BA • 2 car garage
1,168 sq. ft. • 0.54 acres
Quality and beauty! Many updates and upgrades including a new concrete patio/carport with surround sound and mood lighting, new kitchen, bath and lighting throughout. This is an AMAZING house that you MUST see to appreciate!!!
Listing #20164622 • $88,000

3 BR • 2 BA • 2 car garage
1,168 sq. ft. • 0.54 acres
Lovely family home comfortably situated at the end of a cul de sac, where you can enjoy the woods and the privacy! There is an inviting deck off the back of the home overlooking the woods and beautiful vinyl fencing. There are newer mechanicals and a newer roof, 2 fireplaces and lots of storage!! Don't miss out on this beauty.
Listing #20163951 • $129,000

5BR • 2.5BA • 2 car garage
2,834 sq. ft.
14,868 sq. ft. lot
Amazing family home on a large corner lot in Farmington, IA. 2 fireplaces, beautiful woodwork, a beautiful open front porch, a large yard and an oversized garage!!
Listing #20164117 • $127,500

2BR • 1BA • 1 car garage
928 sq. ft. • 1,087 sq. ft. lot
A house with character! Wrap-around porch, original hardwood in formal dining room/ living room combo, main floor laundry, nice size eat-in kitchen including appliances, dining room has original fireplace, basement and 1 car garage.
Listing #20162543 • $53,000

5BR • 1.75BA • 1 car garage
1,904 sq. ft. • 1,903 sq. ft. lot
Great family home on large corner lot in the middle of Ft. Madison. Large living / dining area with original craftsman woodwork and built-ins, 14 x 22 garage on the alley with 2 additional storage sheds. Nice front porch, rear deck, and a great sunroom on the East.
Listing #20162346
$86,950

3 BR • 2 BA • 2 car garage
2,260 sq. ft.
6,784 sq. ft. lot
Lots of new! Semi open floor plan, new flooring, great open basement family space, and many updates including heat/air units, kitchen back splash, counters and more! Fenced in back yard with stamped concrete patio and awning. Call today to see this great home in a quiet neighborhood.
Listing #20164544 • $139,900

5BR • 3BA
3,119 sq. ft.
14,500 sq. ft. lot
From the period wrought iron fencing to the amazing stained oak staircase...from the impressive arches to the large wrap porch, this beautiful turn of the century (20th) home offers all the beauty and elegance of that era. This is a beautifully appointed home with all the modern conveniences. There is an extra large lot for your family to enjoy!!
Listing #20162159 • $164,000

3 BR • 2 BA • 1 car garage
2,260 sq. ft.
6,784 sq. ft. lot
Gorgeous, turn-key home with large patio minimum maintenance. UPDATES GALORE!!! Practically perfect in every way, this 1841 home includes the latest improvements while keeping its Victorian charm.
Listing #23006122 • $99,999

3BR • 1BA • 1 car garage
1,224 sq. ft.
7,250 sq. ft. lot
This 2 bedroom home in Montrose has been a rental property and sells as is. Priced way below assessed value to sell quickly!
Listing #20164279 • $38,500

3BR • 3 BA • 3 car garage
1,168 sq. ft. • 0.54 acres
Lovely family home comfortably situated at the end of a cul de sac, where you can enjoy the woods and the privacy! There is an inviting deck off the back of the home overlooking the woods and beautiful vinyl fencing. There are newer mechanicals and a newer roof, 2 fireplaces and lots of storage!!
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2BR • 1BA • 2 car garage
1,087 sq. ft. • 0.54 acres
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3BR • 1BA • 1 car garage
930 sq. ft. • 7,280 sq. ft. lot
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Listing #20161431 • $42,500

2BR • 1.75BA • 2 car garage
679 sq. ft. • 6,500 sq. ft. lot
Nice, small home. Seller has purchased and remodeled. Excellent condition.
Listing #20164161 • $62,500

3 BR • 1 BA • 1 car garage
1,248 sq. ft. • 0.37 acres
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Listing #20164234 • $119,900

2 BR • 1 BA • 1 car garage
528 sq. ft. • 5,600 sq. ft. lot
Super deal on this cream puff home, offering 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, new roof, newer windows, siding and REALLY nice garage!
Listing #20164597 • $29,900

4 BR • 1.75 BA
3 car garage • 2,052 sq. ft.
8,700 sq. ft. lot
Beautiful 4 bedroom home with large rooms, recently redecorated and ready to move into. This home features stainless steel appliances, main floor laundry, eat in kitchen and formal dining room, main floor office or bedroom, open staircase, large living room and big bedrooms. Newer roof, siding and gutters on house. 24' X 36' insulated garage and workshop, plus carport. Large wrap porch great location near Old Settlers Park.
Listing #20163776 • $129,500

3 BR • 2.50 BA
2 car garage • 1,194 sq. ft.
10,400 sq. ft. lot
Great family home is move-in ready. Nice-sized kitchen with all appliances, dining area, and nice living room all on the upper level. Completely re-modeled family room with a wood burning fireplace on lower level. Many updates include newer flooring, roof and HVAC system.
Listing #20164531 $114,900

3BR • 1.75BA • 1 car garage
888 sq. ft. • 9,450 sq. ft. lot
RARE RANCH with large fenced back yard and attached garage! Updated windows and kitchen, newer HVAC and water heater. Family Room in the basement. Just waiting for your own personal touch!
Listing #20163423 • $74,900

2 car garage • 2,527 sq. ft.
UNIQUELY beautiful 9.38 river bluff acreage. This home boasts many updates including complete master suite, heat and A/C, Septic system, deck, roof & gutters, flooring, and the list goes on. This private property includes fenced in barn area for animal lovers, mature fruit trees plus trees have been dropped for a beautiful panoramic river view that will last for years! Owner also plans to leave a John Deer mower and new snow blower!!
Listing #20162733 • $269,000

Land
14.65 acres • 638,514 sq. ft.
Just outside city limits, perfect for housing development or small farm for horses or small livestock, over half tillable. City water is available. 30' X 60' building is totally insulated, heated and air conditioned with 200 amp service.
Listing #20162574 • $249,000

Land
50.82 acres • 2,213,719 sq. ft.
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KEOKUK - Three quick goals by Keokuk to start the second half were enough to give Fort Madison it’s first loss in five games.

The two teams battled without a goal with Keokuk controlling the ball on their side of the field for most of the first half, but the Lady Hounds defense held and goalie Josie Pumphrey had four saves in the first 10 minutes. But with 9:34 left in the first half, Keokuk dumped a soft shot over Pumphrey’s head into the right side of the goal to take a 1-0 lead.

The Lady Hounds had several break chances to score, including one ball that got past the Keokuk goalie, but a trailer was able to foot stop the ball prior to rolling over the line and Keokuk held their 1-0 lead going into the half.

The wheels came off temporarily to start the second half, but after Keokuk took a 4-0 lead, the Hounds battled back heading north on the field. Kalifa McCaleb scored for the Hounds and Dezire Kline put another ball into the net shortly after. Allison Brune had assists on both FMHS goals.

Keokuk regrouped and put on some clock management tactics to put the game away.

“They had come to Keokuk wanting to win and so they did not give up and kept attacking,” said head coach Sebastian Seifert. “Time was running out and Keokuk used pretty smart clock management towards the end. We had a few more chances but could not convert.”

Kalifa McCaleb was awarded Player of the game by her teammates.

The Lady Hounds are now 5-3 and 3-2 in conference, and travel to Mediapolis on Tuesday and host Davenport West on Friday.
New FMHS Head Football Coach Tony Shiffman, left, and new Head Volleyball Coach Kent Bailey, right, answer questions from the media on Friday at a Meet-and-Greet in the FMHS media center.

Hounds blanked by Keokuk Friday

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Bloodhounds dropped a 6-0 match to Keokuk in Friday high school boys soccer action at the Bloodhound Sports Complex.

Junior Carson Donaldson and sophomore Javier Trejo each had four saves for the Bloodhounds. Keokuk scored two of it’s goals in the first half and four in the second.

Audrae Vincent took three shots for the Bloodhounds two on goal. AJ Nolting and Chase Rogers each took one shot.

The Hounds won the junior varsity match with Kelly Russel scoring two goals and Reuben Eid and Miguel Trejo with one each. Chris Kistner and Miguel Trejo each had and assist and Javier Trejo had two saves.

Fort Madison falls to 3-6 overall and 0-5 in the loop and hosts Fairfield Monday night.

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