HTC new building campaign just $250,000 short of goal

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FORT MADISON - The Holy Trinity Catholic elementary school fundraising efforts are still a bit short of the goal and officials are looking to raise $250,000 to finish off the project.

Dennis Menke, of West Point, who has chaired the committee charged with raising the funds and seeing the project to completion said Monday that he's pleased with how the campaign has gone over the past year.

"I'm really happy with how far we've come," Menke said. "It was a year ago we started this and in one year we're this close. We're all very happy with the generosity of people and we're getting there."

The fundraising campaign in still in progress and the committee is also auctioning off a sports car with tickets for sale.

"We had a sports car donated to us from Dr. Mark Panther and we're still selling chances to win that car. It's an $18,000 red sports car. With that drawing and the ongoing fundraising campaign, we hope to reach our goal soon. But we need to shake some trees, we're really close to our goal."

"The school system needed to have 60% of the cost of the construction before they could get authorization from the Davenport Diocese to approve the project. Menke said that funding level has been achieved and the project is a go with the Diocese."

"We're there on that," Menke said. "Our next visit with the diocese will be when we sign the contract. We have to do that before we can go out for bids, but we hope to have that done in the next 30 days and then get the bids out and hopefully be opening those a few weeks after that."

He said Catholic Schools Week is this week and the bishops will be in town for a large mass at the Holy Trinity Catholic High School gym that will be attended by the Holy Saints of Keokuk, St. Peter and Paul of Nauvoo, Burlington Notre Dame, and the HTC. He said there should be meetings at that time to get things moving.

The Holy Trinity Catholic elementary building committee is giving away a red Nissan donated by Dr. Mark Panther. Ticket information is available at www.htccampaign.org or 319-837-8006.

Eight schools competed at the Fort Madison middle school site with FMHS having two jazz bands in the competition. FMHS' Jazz Band I received a II rating and the FMHS Jazz Band II received a I rating which is the highest mark you can get at the festival.

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The Constitution can’t need a revision...

I was sitting at my laptop with two warm blueberry muffins. The house smelled of muffins and my wife was sitting in the chair next to me taunting the Google Home we got for Christmas.

That thing freaks me out. She's got an agenda. I always have the television on as a curve ball to my brain and my fingers that go about tapping out something I hope is worth your five minute read. And something has caught my attention

One of my all-time favorite movies is Aaron Sorkin’s The American President...it just started. Sunday afternoon television is the best.

President Andy Shepherd gives his daughter Lucy a seventh grade history textbook with a copy of the constitution in the front. She reads the first sentence and my wife says, ‘The Constitution needs to reviewed, it doesn’t apply to today’s society.’

She makes a good point, not to mention that the country’s top grammar experts need to comb over it for proper meaning. But she’s also off her rocker.

At no point has this country ever been trying to form a more perfect union. The sentence itself stares at infinity because in terms of a society, I’m not sure any civilization can attain a written goal to “form a more perfect union”. Can’t we always be more perfect?

The conversation inherently ran to the 2nd Amendment. It’s a big part of the movie, too.

That’s complicated and scary to write about. I don’t engage in political discourse on social media, well not often anyway. I made that mistake earlier this week and it blew up, which I knew it would, but a good friend said debate among friends is healthy. I felt excited at that point, but reaffirmed that Facebook is a dangerous place to talk about your political leanings. It gets dicey.

She said if the military and the police were the only ones with the guns, wouldn’t that be better than where we’re at now.

You can’t stop people from hunting, it really is a God given right. So we give them the shotguns and rifles to hunt with. They don’t need a pistol or anything semiautomatic or automatic.

I proposed the maniac who storms into a church and unloads on the parishioners, with a shotgun and/or rifle...
JANET ELAINE CUNNINGHAM

Janet Elaine Cunningham, 89, of Keokuk, IA died Monday, January 29, 2018 at River Hills Village in Keokuk.

She was born February 5, 1928 in Keokuk the daughter of William and Justine Verberg Hornung. On November 10, 1950 she was united in marriage to Carroll Cunningham. He preceded her in death. Janet graduated from Keokuk High School with the Class of 1946. She had been employed at Sheller Globe in Keokuk, Ogilvie Mills and later at Dr. Kantamini’s office also in Keokuk.

Janet was a member of New Testament Christian Church in Keokuk. She volunteered at Keokuk Area Hospital for many years and was also a member of their auxiliary. She had served as secretary and treasurer for AARP.

Janet enjoyed knitting, reading James Patterson books and working crossword puzzles. Her faith was an active part of her life. She loved her church and church family and had participated in many Bible studies through the years. Janet adored her grandchildren and cherished the time she spent with them.

She is survived by three sons, Carroll Cunningham, Jr. (Christina Smeltser) of Wayland, MO, Craig Cunningham (Ginger) of Warsaw, IL and Curtis Cunningham (Diane) of Montrose, IA, ten grandchildren, Courtney Tallman, Corby, Janine, Wayland, MO, Craig Cunningham (Ginger) of Warsaw, IL and Curtis Cunningham of Montrose, IA, ten grandchildren, Courtney Tallman, Corby, Janine, Wayland, MO, Craig Cunningham (Ginger) of Warsaw, IL and Curtis Cunningham (Diane) of Montrose, IA and ten great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Corby Todd Cunningham, one sister, (Diane) of Montrose, IA, ten grandchildren, Courtney Tallman, Corby, Janine, Wayland, MO, Craig Cunningham (Ginger) of Warsaw, IL and Curtis Cunningham (Diane) of Montrose, IA, ten grandchildren, Courtney Tallman, Corby, Janine, Wayland, MO, Craig Cunningham (Ginger) of Warsaw, IL and Curtis Cunningham of Montrose, IA, ten grandchildren, Courtney Tallman, Corby, Janine, Wayland, MO, Craig Cunningham (Ginger) of Warsaw, IL and Curtis Cunningham (Diane) of Montrose, IA, ten grandchildren, Courtney Tallman, Corby, Janine, Wayland, MO, Craig Cunningham (Ginger) of Warsaw, IL and Curtis Cunningham (Diane) of Montrose, IA, ten grandchildren, Courtney Tallman, Corby, Janine, Wayland, MO, Craig Cunningham (Ginger) of Warsaw, IL and Curtis Cunningham (Diane) of Montrose, IA, ten grandchildren, Courtney Tallman, Corby, Janine, Wayland, MO, Craig Cunningham (Ginger) of Warsaw, IL and Curtis Cunningham of Montrose, IA, ten grandchildren, Courtney Tallman, Corby, Janine, Wayland, MO, Craig Cunningham (Ginger) of Warsaw, IL and Curtis Cunningham of Montrose, IA and one brother, Donald Hornung of Keokuk.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday at the Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the New Testament Christian Church.

Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

DEVIN RICHARD LORENZ

Devin Richard Lorenz, 54 of Keokuk, IA died on January 27, 2018 at his home.

He was born on April 4, 1963 in Keokuk, IA the son of Richard Lorenz and Barbara Steenberg. He was proceeded in death by his parents and his uncles, Ron and Jerry Lorenz. Devin graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 1981. He had been employed at Credit Plus in California and Montrose Care Center in Montrose IA.

He liked getting on the computer and Facebooking. Devin enjoyed the company of his friends and especially loved seeing his nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by his family.

He is survived by one brother, Darren Lorenz of Salt Lake City, UT, one sister, Patti Rashid (David) of Kahoka, MO, one aunt, Pauline Lorenz of Keokuk, IA, several nieces and nephews including, Kristianna Lorenz, Ellysa Rashid, David Rashid, and George Rashid, two close friends, Angel & Juanita and several cousins.

A Gathering of Remembrance for family and friends will be held from 2-4 p.m. Thursday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA. Memorials may be made to Angel for Housing Expense.

Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences may be left for the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

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Dalton Wayne Maynard, Madison Police arrested 01/26/18 - 6:05 p.m. - Fort of harassment, She was and Avenue L, on a charge of North Liberty, at the Fort Madison Police Department on a charge of trespassing. She was released upon citation.

Bryce Laurence Peterson, Madison Police arrested 01/26/18 - 4:33 p.m. - Fort to a report of a property damage accident in the 1400 block of 38th Street.

Dawn Shackleford, 37, in Madison Police arrested Kaci of domestic abuse assault. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Chloe Alexys Williams, 21 Madison Police arrested Josh- of domestic abuse assault. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

For the Record

IOWA LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS

Penn City Current encourages you to play responsibly.
A vehicle driven by Rochelle Marie Phelps, 54, of Fairfield, had lost control and rolled several times coming to rest facing north. Phelps was taken to Fort Madison Community Hospital and then to University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics for treatment. She was cited for failure to maintain control and failure to wear a seatbelt.

01/28/18 - 11:50 - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Kristy Kay Ahlen, 63 of West Point in the 2000 block of County Rd. 103 on a charge for false reporting to law enforcement. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear.

01/28/18 - 8:13 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Tracy Deän Ter- ry, 48 of Keosauqua, on a warrant for a judgment entry. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

01/28/18 - 6:32 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Michael Shane Gasaway, Jr., 31, of Fort Madison on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

01/26/18 - 2:30 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Ashley Jo Sturm, 28, of Keokuk, at the Lee County Jail and released on personal recognizance.

01/28/18 - 6:49 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 1700 block of West Point Road. A vehicle driven by Jason Robert Mann, 28, of West Point, was traveling northbound when it left the roadway and over corrected causing it to slide into the west ditch and roll over. No injuries were reported. Mann was cited for failure to maintain control.

01/28/18 - 9:14 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested James Rafael Cain, 29, of Kahoka, at the Lee County Sheriff’s office on charges of disorderly conduct. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

01/28/18 - 9:18 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Jason Lee Davis, 36, of Keokuk, at the Lee County Sheriff’s office on charges of disorderly conduct. He was taken to the Lee Count Jail and held.

01/28/18 - 11:39 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Amanda Jo Picton, 28, of Keokuk in the 400 block of North 10th Street on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court.

01/29/18 - 02:44 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Tanner Martin White, 20, of Keokuk, at the intersection of South 18th Street and Johnson Street, on a charges of driving without a license and no insurance. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. Those listed above are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

**Election are when you get to send your message**

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and the only recourse is waiting for the police to show up! An armed citizen-zeny has a better chance of ending that tragedy. And it’s happened that way.

But an armed citizen-ry is the very reason we have jobs picking off innocent people waiting on a concert in Las Vegas or a bowling alley or schools.

Second amendment advocates say we need to enforce the laws on the books. One could ask if those laws are far-reaching enough. Even if we can legislate a person’s sanity to own a gun or the ammunition that makes it dangerous. It’s what Sorkin called “advanced citizenship”. I’m a big advocate that there are better answers,

but it takes better people making the laws. Some of these laws haven’t even been thought of yet.

This will be a big election year. There’s lots on our plates, but the one trait of Americans that has always held true for the past 250 years is that cooler heads prevail. We have legislators at the local and national level that are in place specifically because of the emotion of our times. You can be emotional about your life and your lot in your life, but that’s called passion. It shouldn’t run amok. We need calmer, more sympathetic leaders. Those who consider the entire electorate when making decisions, not just those of the same mind and socio-econom-ic status.

There are referendums coming regarding the future of our students in at least two Lee County school districts. There are many elected seats open in what are called mid-terms and I guess you’ll never extract the emotion. So let’s hope we all have a bigger sense of responsibility and thought for all of Fort Madison, the state, and the country.
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William (Bill) Logan's time for departure to heaven came on the 25th day of January, 2018, while at home. He was born on December 30, 1934 in Keokuk, Iowa, the oldest child of William Archie Logan and Carla Huskamp Logan. He graduated from Keokuk Senior High School in 1952. While at KHS, he was named to the Iowa Basketball First Team All State and led the Chiefs to the Iowa State Championship Finals his senior year. Like his father, he was also an accomplished tennis player, competing at the State High School tournament for Keokuk. He was inducted into the Iowa High School Athletic Association Basketball Hall-of-Fame Players in 1970.

After high school, Bill worked for a summer in San Diego until he was recruited by Bucky O’Connor to play basketball at the University of Iowa. It turned out to be a wise decision as Bill went on to not only have an illustrious basketball career, but also meet the love of his life, Joan Tyler from Ottumwa. They were married on August 26, 1956 after Bill’s graduation. He was part of the Iowa Hawkeyes’ “Fabulous Five,” an all-sophomore group of starters who finished second in the Big Ten in 1953-1954, and then swept the conference to win consecutive Big Ten Championships in the 1954-55 and 1955-56 seasons. The “Fab Five” also led Iowa to its first two NCAA appearances in those same seasons. As Seniors, the Fab Five finished second in the nation, losing to Bill Russell and the San Francisco Dons in the NCAA Championship game. After the game, the two centers developed in that contest. Bill Logan’s number remained lifelong friends based upon the mutual respect developed in that contest. Bill Logan’s number was retired by the Iowa legislature along with teammates Sharm Scheuerman, Carl Cain, Bill Seaberg, and Bill School. Only the numbers of the Fabulous Five were retired by an act of the Iowa legislature. Along with two other members of the Fabulous Five, Bill was voted one of twenty players to be a member of the University of Iowa’s all-century basketball team. He was inducted into the University of Iowa Basketball Hall of Fame in 1991.

In 1957, he joined his father working as a community banker at the State Central Bank in Keokuk. During his time at the bank, he played a key role in starting and supporting many local businesses and was still serving as its Chairman of the Board. Bill loved his home town of Keokuk where he took an active leadership role in many community organizations including service as: a member of the Keokuk City Council, YMCA Board of Directors, Keokuk Water Works Board, President of the Keokuk Rotary Club, St. John’s Vestry, Masonic Shriner, Keokuk Airport Commission and others. He also served as the President of the Iowa Bankers Association in 1984 during the farm crisis, supported the University of Iowa: School of Dentistry and Hospital; Lifetime Member of the Foundation Board; President’s Club; and belonged to the Sportsmen’s Pilots’ Association.

Bill and Joan enjoyed traveling and visited all seven continents. He was an avid pilot and outdoorsman who enjoyed: hunting, fishing, trap and skeet shooting, handball, racquetball, golf, boating, skiing and scuba diving.

He is survived by three sisters: Sandy Logan Bishop (Dick), Julie Logan Gaty (Chuck), and Ann Logan Chambers. His five children also survive: William Tyler Logan (Julia); Catherine Logan Piper (Scott); Laura Logan-Saultz; William Archie Logan II (Chris); and William Daniel Logan. He was extremely proud of his grandchildren and enjoyed teaching them whenever the opportunity arose: William Logan II; Tori Logan Smith (Jeff); William Ian Logan; Chase Carla Piper; Kira Logan-Gurrola (Aldo); Logan Piper; Alicia Logan; McKenzie Piper; Brittany Logan; Alexandra Logan; Sydney Logan-Saultz; William Connor Piper; and Nevach Logan.

Arrangements are being made with Vigen Funeral Home. Visitation will be Friday, February 2nd at the funeral home starting at 1:00 p.m. with family meeting friends from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Services will be at St. John’s Episcopal Church at Fourth and Concert Street in Keokuk on Saturday February 3rd at 11:00 a.m. Internment will follow at the Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk, Iowa.

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