**HTC wants West Point to chip in $210K**

School project includes $439,711 in work on city streets, sewers, and sidewalks

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**

WEST POINT – Holy Trinity Catholic schools is looking to the city of West Point to help pay for street and sewer replacements and upgrades that are planned as part of the new elementary construction project. At Monday night’s regular city council meeting, John Hansen of Midwest Construction Consultants, told the council that engineers had identified improvements associated with the project.

Hansen said $76,932 has already been paid to replace some mains and add manholes and storm structures in the intersection of 5th Street and Avenue C.

He also proposed an option for water management for storm water that will run west toward Merschman Seed. Hansen proposed installing two inlet structures on each side of Avenue C that would run to the south at a proposed cost of $12,300. Proposed road and sidewalk improvements at a cost of $332,479 would include grading and replacing of 5th Street from the intersection of 5th Street and Avenue C, to the alley south. Avenue C would be replaced from intersection to intersection and the alley would be paved. All sidewalks would be ADA compliant.

Engineering and staking costs would total $18,000 for a combined total of $439,711 in road, sidewalk and storm water improvements.

“We have to do the project, the school understands that, and we’re doing some improvements around there, but we’re hoping the city would commit $210,000 of this $439,000 to the project either in one year or over the course of two years to assist the school in getting this all done at one time,” Hansen said.

“We don’t have a choice in the ACA and getting this

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**RBD taking fundraiser to a new height**

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Riverfront Business District is literally taking it’s Sensational Chefs fundraiser to a new level.

The annual fundraiser the helps promote activities in the downtown district will be held this year in the newly remodeled top-floor luxury apartment in the Kingsley Inn, 707 Avenue H in Fort Madison.

Tickets are still available for the event this Saturday night at $60 per person. Lost Duck Brewing company is the premier sponsor with Lost Duck chef Sean Crank pitching a Tuscan feast for attendees.

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RBD member David Taylor said the district is putting a new twist on the event.

“If you buy a ticket, pack a bag,” he said. “This year we’re going to draw a ticket during dessert and one couple will be picked to stay in the 1,700 square foot upper apartment.

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The evening will kick off with a social hour downstairs at The Kingsley where Chris Swed will be playing piano during a social hour.

Crank’s menu plans include an Italian spin with an appetizer course beginning at 6 p.m. featuring brus-

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**USDFA expands non-insured crop disaster program**

WASHINGTON D.C. – USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) today announced that higher levels of coverage will be offered through the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), a popular safety net program, beginning April 8, 2019. The 2018 Farm Bill also increased service fees and made other changes to the program, including service fee waivers for qualified military veterans interested in obtaining NAP coverage.

“When other insurance coverage is not an option, NAP is a valuable risk mitigation tool for farmers and ranchers,” said FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce. “In agriculture, losses from natural disasters are a matter of when, not if, and having a NAP policy provides a little peace of mind.”

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of commercial crops for which insurance coverage is not available in order to protect against natural disasters that result in lower yields or crop losses, or prevent crop planting.

NAP Buy-Up Coverage Option

The 2018 Farm Bill reinstates higher levels of coverage, from 50 to 65 percent of expected production in 5 percent increments, at 100 percent of the average market price. Producers of organic and crops marketed directly to consumers also may exercise the “buy-up” option to obtain NAP coverage of 100 percent of the average market price at the coverage levels of between 50 to 65 percent.
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THU 11 Apr
- Overcast
- High– 70.4º F | Low – 45.5º F

FRI 12 Apr
- Overcast
- High– 44.0º F | Low – 36.8º F

SAT 13 Apr
- Clear
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For the Record/Weather
OBITUARIES

ANNETTE LAUGHARY

Annette Laughary, 55, of Ft. Madison passed away on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 3:40 PM at the Donnellson Health Care Center.

She was born on October 12, 1963 in Ft. Madison to Ronald and Lucille Hansen Laughary. Annette loved putting puzzles together and going to McDonald’s for happy meals. She attended day services at Hope Haven. She also enjoyed looking at magazines, carrying her purse when she went out, and her favorite color was blue.

Survivors include her mom, Lucille Simmons of Mediapolis; three sisters, Teresa Laughary; Deborah (Joe) Kamp and Laura Russell of Ferris, IL; one brother, Ronald (Dawn) Laughary all of Ft. Madison; two nieces and two nephews, Melissa, Megan, Matt, and Nick Kamp and her friend whom she thought as a sister, Deb Quigley of West Point. She was preceded in death by her father and a brother, Jason Cramblit.

The family will meet with friends on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory from 10 AM until 10:30 AM. The funeral service will be held at 10:30 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Reverend Dan Baker officiating. Burial will follow in Oakland Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in her memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

JULIAN THOMAS WHITE

Julian Thomas White was born on Friday, April 5, 2019 at 2:08 a.m. to Brett Alan White & Larissa Lenore Eastman. He was 8lbs 1oz, 21.5 inches long with beautiful reddish brown curls, his daddy’s big hands and his mommym’s toes.

He is survived by: his parents: Brett White & Larissa Eastman both of Fort Madison, IA; maternal grandmother: Debra Eastman of Montrose, IA; maternal grandfather: Dennis Eastman of Fort St. Lucie, FL; paternal grandparents: Harold & Dawn White of Donnellson, IA; maternal great grandparents: Leon & Frances Wilson of Fort Madison, IA; paternal great grandfather: Harold White Sr. of Keokuk, IA; paternal great grandmother: JoAnne (Merle) Klingele of Liberty, IL; his godparents: Auntie Sara & Uncle John Herr of Mishawaka, IN & several great aunts, uncles & cousins.

He was preceded in death by his maternal great grandparents: Merrill & Joyce Bevenour & Sharon Rae White & 2 uncles: Denny Eastman & Thomas Wilson.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. with the funeral service to immediately follow at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Denise Boyer officiating. Online condolences to Julian’s family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

JANET LUNG

Janet Lung, 61, of rural Niota, IL, died on April 6, 2019 at Fort Madison Community Hospital. King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family.

[Adverts and Classifieds]

FMCH postpones
Tuesday CHE session

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison Community Hospital Community Health Education Series, “Does CBD Oil Really Work?” scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2019 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at FMCH has been cancelled. Dr. Amy Huber is unavailable due to a family situation.

We will look to reschedule this educational seminar on a future date. Please watch the FMCH website for updates www.fmchosp.com.

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Senior Health Clinic
The Lee County Health Dept. will be holding senior health clinics on April 9th at Hillview Village in Fort Madison from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Hillview Village.

Lunch & Learn/Family Fun Night
For those interested in starting a child care center are invited to Lee County Health Dept. Lunch & Learn at Iowa Wesleyan College from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. on April 12. A family fun night will follow with a free family concert with Tom Pease from 4 to 6 p.m.

United Methodist Ham Dinner
The Fort Madison United Methodist Church will host it’s annual Ham Dinner on Palm Sunday, April 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Menu will include ham, party potatoes, corn, green beans, salads, desserts, rolls and beverages. A free will offering is appreciated.

Fort Madison Community Clean up
The Fort Madison Chamber will be holding it’s annual Community Clean up on Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to noon. with registration at Central Park. Free lunch will follow in the park. Call the Chamber at 372-5471 to register and for details.

Holy Family Parish breakfast
Roling Hall will be the site for a Easter Sunday, April 21, pancake breakfast beginning at 9:30 a.m. A free-will donation will help defray costs of the HFP youth attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis.

FM Partners Paint-A-Thon
Volunteers are needed for the annual Paint-A-Thon taking place April 22-27 in Fort Madison. Contact Fort Madison Partners at 372-5471 to volunteer.

BSC Auction, Social Tour
The 2nd annual event will be held on April 27, 2019 beginning at 1 p.m. at the Baxter Sports Complex with transportation by SEIBUS. Dinner will follow by Fat Jimmy’s Smokehouse and the auction begins at 7 p.m.

Salute to Small Business Breakfast
The Fort Madison Chamber will be holding it’s annual Salute to Small Business Breakfast on Thursday, May 9 beginning at 7:30 a.m. at Quality Inn & Suites.

Soroptomist Princess Tea Party
The annual Princess Tea Party is set for Saturday, May 11th at Quality Inn & Suites in Fort Madison. Ages 3-5 will attend from 10 a.m. to noon, while 6 and up will attend from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Registration deadline is April 5. For more information email Dr. Lauri Wondra at laurisorop@gmail.com.

Clean Home. Clean Planet.
Do your part during this year’s Spring Cleaning activities by making sure you’re choosing products safe for our planet.

Here are just a few of the ways you can help:

- Properly dispose of your household hazardous waste materials, construction debris, & electronic waste
- Use environmentally-safe cleaning products
- Reduce • Reuse • Recycle
- Check out our website for proper disposal methods, acceptable materials, & more

This year, do your part to keep our environment clean, too!
Producers have until May to get coverage

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50 and 65 percent of expected production. NAP basic coverage is available at 55 percent of the average market price for crop losses that exceed 50 percent of expected production.

Producers have a one-time opportunity until May 24, 2019, to obtain buy-up coverage for 2019 or 2020 eligible crops for which the NAP application closing date has passed.

Buy-up coverage is not available for crops intended for grazing.

NAP Service Fees
For all coverage levels, the new NAP service fee is the lesser of $325 per crop or $825 per producer per county, not to exceed a total of $1,950 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties. These amounts reflect a $75 service fee increase for crop, county or multi-county coverage. The fee increase applies to obtaining NAP coverage on crops on or after April 8, 2019.

NAP Enhancements for Qualified Military Veterans
The 2018 Farm Bill NAP amendments specify that qualified veteran farmers or ranchers are now eligible for a service fee waiver and premium reduction, if the NAP applicant meets certain eligibility criteria.

Beginning, limited resource and targeted underserved farmers or ranchers remain eligible for a waiver of NAP service fees and premium reduction when they file form FSA-1220 and Beginning Farmer or Rancher Certification.

One-time opportunity for a service fee waiver and premium reduction when they file form FSA-1220 and Beginning Farmer or Rancher Certification. For NAP application, eligibility and related program information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/nap or contact your local USDA Service Center. To locate your local FSA office, visit www.farmers.gov.

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From the Front

Fye Excavating gets WP lagoon contract

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all done. We're hoping the city will contribute to some this cost that were experiencing seeing as it will help the city in the long run.”

Mayor Paul Walker said the council will have to dis- cuss the cost. He said the city’s budget is already final- ized and the city is just starting a $1.7 million lagoon improvement project and money is tight.

“Adding something like this to that – really we could go broke,” Walker said. “We want to help as much as we can, but I don’t know if we can come up with that kind of money or not.”

Walker said the city does have programs in place where they can cost share on some of the sidewalks and those kind of public/private partnerships. Dennis Menke, the chairman of the HTC Elementary building committee, said the committee is counting on pledges that have been made over a five year period to secure financing for the construction.

“We’re going to have to borrow some money because we’re going to have the school built, but not going to have all our pledge money,” Menke said. “So we can be a little flexible if you want to spread this out over an amount of time. It’s a hell of a gift to the city to have a new school in here.”

Hanson said construction on the streets could start shortly and Walker said the city would need to be in- formed of the closings so they can get signage up.

Menke said closing X23 is going to be a “bear” and Walker said the longer it is closed, the more damage will be done on the side streets. Suggestions to alleviate the problems included detouring trucks as far back as Hwys. 2 and rerouting truck traffic down the bypass or other highways to keep them off the city’s side streets.

In other action, the council:
- approved a $1.74 million contract with Fye Excavat- ing out of Sperry to handle the sewer lagoon improve- ments. Bid letting on the work was done Thursday with three bids. Projected estimates for the work was $1.53 million. Walker said all three bids were close.
- heard of plans for the 2019 RAGBRAI that will come through the town on Saturday. Katie Wilson, heading up the town’s RAGBRAI committee Riders will be ushered out of town by 1:30 p.m. Bikers will come into the town on Main Street. Local vendors will be allowed to set up in the park with applications being accepted with with space rental rates of $250 for non-profit and $300 for-profit. Applications can be obtained at City Hall.

Crank bringing Tuscan flare to RBD dinner

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Crank will then bring his training from the Culinary Institute of New York to bear on “Steak Tuscan” with twin filet medallions on truffled toast points with fire choke hearts with kalamata olives tossed with a Tuscan vinaigrette and topped with fried goat cheese

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Tickets can be obtained at the Fort Madison Partner’s office at 614 9th Street between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or by calling the office at 319-372-5471. Chris Swed will be providing coffee service during the dinner. Fareway Grocery will be providing wine pair- ings for the evening events.

Table decorations are being provided by downtown businesses Under the Sun, Dana Bushong, and Junk-to- Gems, and settings will be from Burlington’s Hopefully Yours.

District board members will be milling about talking with guests, clearing tables and bringing food.

Chris Swed will be providing coffee service during dinner and dessert and playing piano during cocktail hour in the lobby.

Fort Madison’s Brian Wright will be the bartender for the night.

We have great news!

$1,000 Grants for New Students

Holy Trinity Catholic Schools are pleased to announce that we have $1,000 grants for incoming students (grades 1-12) transferring from another school. These are one-time grants awarded to students for their first year of attendance at HTC.

We have a limited number of spots available in each grade level so grants will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

The New Student Grants can be used in conjunction with all other forms of tuition assistance, including STO Grants, Foundation Grants and scholarships. Our kindergarten students receive a new student discount, so the grant program will not apply.

We welcome you to learn more about the excellence and affordability of Holy Trinity Catholic Schools.

Please contact Shelley Sherian at 319-372-2486, ext. 7.

www.holytriniytyschools.org

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PUBLIC NOTICE GREAT PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MARCH 12, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Great Prairie Area Education Agency was held on March 12, 2019, at the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center, 200 N Main, Fairfield, IA. I. Meeting was called to order by President Stephens on 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Melissa Ballard, Marge Wilhelm, Margaret Kelly, Janet Smith, Victoria Stephenson, Joyce Wauters, Patricia Mileitch, and Himar Hernandez. Also Present: Dr. Cindy Velick, Dr. Sally Lindgren, Dr. Lonna Anderson, Dennis Gourley, Greg Manske, and Jennifer Woodley.

II. Open Forum - No action. The following citizens contacted the Board Secretary prior to the meeting per board policy 213.2 to address the Board:

a. Karen Ackerman
b. Lisa Jacobs
c. Steve Siegel
d. John McKinley
e. Chris Laursen
f. Phil Miller
g. Mary Stewart

III. Motion was made by Wauters and seconded by Ballard to approve the Agenda as posted. Motion Carried Unanimously.

IV. It was moved by Wauters and seconded by Ballard to approve the previous minutes. Motion Carried Unanimously.

V. Motion was made by Ballard and seconded by Greiner to approve the Treasurer’s Report and Invoices Payable. Motion Carried Unanimously.

VI. Motion was made by Greiner and seconded by Kelly to approve the new employee contract as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

VII. Motion was made by Greiner and seconded by Wauters to approve the 2019-20 certified staff appointments. Motion Carried Unanimously.

VIII. Reports to the Board - No action.

IX. Board will go into Exempt Session in accordance with Iowa Code 20.17(3).

Roll call vote:

Ballard
Greiner Time in: 6:13 p.m.
Hernandez Time out: 7:44 p.m.
Kelly Mileitch
Smith
Stephenson
Wauters
Wilhelm
X. There being no further business President Stephens adjourned the meeting. Time: 7:44 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board President

PUBLIC NOTICE Fort Madison Community School District 1930 Avenue M Minutes of the Regular Meeting March 18, 2019

I. The meeting was called to order by President Won-dra at 6:01 p.m. Directors Wyckert, Ross, Hope, DiPra-ma and Steffensmeier were present. Also present were Director of Curriculum and Student Services Harmon and Secretary Elmore. Di-rector Hotop was absent.

II. Recognition of guests. President Wondra welcomed members of the audience in attendance and explained the procedures for the meeting. III. Reading of Foundation documents. The Board read and reviewed the Founda-tion documents consisting of the Vision, Mission and Belief statements and the Goals for the Fort Madison Community School District. IV. Monthly communica-tions

A. Student Rep report. There was none.

C. “Did You Know?” The “Did You Know?” document was accepted as presented.

D. Superintendent Goal Report – The Superintendent Goal will be discussed at the April meeting.

E. District Presentations. CEP Update - Tiffany Fullhart provided an update to the Board on the Community Eligibility Provision program.

F. Approve the agenda. It was moved by Ross and seconded by DiPrima to ap-prove the agenda as amended. Item VBC1 Approve Audit for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018 was tabled until the April 2019 meeting. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

VI. Consent agenda. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Hope to approve the consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the February 11, 2019 regular meeting; minutes from the March 4, 2019 work session; financial re-ports including the February Balance Sheet, February Revenue Summary, Expen-diture Report and Student Activity Report, accounts payable for the February General Account Board bills for Approval, March Gen-eral Account Board bills for approval, Student Activity Board bills for approval and Nutrition Account Board bills for approval; resignation from Charisse Purch-atke as kindergarten teacher at the end of the school year, Terry Rashid as bus driver, Tracy Madsen as National Honor Society advisor at the end of the school year, Diane Mitchell as Middle School art teacher at the end of the school year, Erin Stiff-er as TLS Coordinator at the end of the school year; em-ployment of Krysta Young as associate at the Middle School, Angel Harr as associ-aate at the Middle School, Joe Ahendola as associ-ate at the Middle School, Abbey Guzman as At-Risk Coordinator at Richardson, Christina Thee as associate at Lincoln, Misty Durbin as Secretary to the Super-intendent, Mercedes White

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as food service at the high school and Tabatha Helmick as food service at Richard-son and the Fundaisers within the athletic department. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

VII. Action Items
A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services.
1. Approve revised 2018-2019 school calendar. The Board reviewed the 2018-2019 school calendar. Discussion followed. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve the 2018-2019 school calendar as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

B. Superintendent.
1. Consider approval of the sharing agreement between FMCSD and Keokuk High School for Boys Swimming for the 2019-2020 school year. The Board reviewed the sharing agreement. Discussion followed. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve the sharing agreement between FMCSD and Keokuk High School for Boys Swimming for the 2019-2020 school year as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

2. Consider approval of the sharing agreement between FMCSD and Keokuk High School for Girls Swimming for the 2019-2020 school year. The Board reviewed the sharing agreement. Discussion followed. It was moved by Hope and seconded by Wykert to approve the sharing agreement between FMCSD and Keokuk High School for Girls Swimming for the 2019-2020 school year in the athletic department. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

3. Consider approval of the sharing agreement between FMCSD and Holy Trinity for Boys Tennis for the 2019-2020 school year as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

4. Consider approval of the sharing agreement between FMCSD and and Holy Trinity for Boys Track and Field for the 2019-2020 school year as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

5. Consider approval of the sharing agreement between FMCSD and Holy Trinity for Girls Track and Field for the 2019-2020 school year as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

6. Consider approval of the sharing agreement between FMCSD and Holy Trinity for Girls Cross Country for the 2019-2020 school year as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

7. Consider approval of the sharing agreement between FMCSD and Holy Trinity for Football for the 2019-2020 school year. The Board reviewed the sharing agreement. Discussion followed. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Wykert to approve the sharing agreement between FMCSD and Holy Trinity for Girls Cross Country for the 2019-2020 school year as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

8. Consider approval of the sharing agreement between FMCSD and Holy Trinity for Wrestling for the 2019-2020 school year. The Board reviewed the sharing agreement. Discussion followed. It was moved by Hope and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve the sharing agreement between FMCSD and Holy Trinity for Boys Wrestling for the 2019-2020 school year as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

9. Consider approval of the sharing agreement between FMCSD and Holy Trinity for Girls Track and Field for the 2019-2020 school year as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

10. Consider approval of the sharing agreement between FMCSD and Holy Trinity for Football for the 2019-2020 school year as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

11. Consider approval of the request for travel from Tiffany Fullhart to attend School Nutrition
Management in Oxford, Mississippi on June 10-14, 2019. The Board reviewed the trip request. Discussion followed. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Steffenesmeier to approve the request from Tiffany Fullhart to attend School Nutrition Management on June 10-14, 2019 as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

C. Board Secretary/Business Manager

1. Approve audit for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018. Consider approval of the Audit for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2018. This item was tabled until the April 2019 meeting.

2. Approve Engagement Letter with Bond Attorney for Refinance of Sales Tax Bonds. The Board reviewed the Engagement Letter. Discussion followed. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Wykert to approve the Engagement Letter as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

3. Set Public Hearing Date for Certified Budget FY2019-2020 for April 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Fort Madison Community School District, will levy property tax for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa.

4. Set meeting date for the next regular meeting for April 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Central Office. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

5. Award roof coating bid for administration building and Pella Roofing. The Board reviewed and discussed the bid results. It was moved by Ross and seconded by DiPrima that the Board accept the bid for Pella Roofing & Insulation Inc. for the Roofing improvements in the amount of $37,900.

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