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# PCM EXPLORER

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The cast of "Mamma Mia!" practices their dance moves during an after school rehearsal at the middle school auditorium. The musical will hit the stage this weekend with performances Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Jamee A. Pierson/PCM Explorer

## Here we go again!

### "Mamma Mia!" hitting the PCM Theatre this weekend

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Get ready to be whisked away to the Greek islands and surrounded by fun music, creative dancing and exciting storytelling as the PCM Theatre presents "Mamma Mia!" Running

four shows 7 p.m. Friday, 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday at the middle school auditorium, the high energy performance is sure to entertain guests of all ages.

"It has been going good. It is very different from a play because there is the whole other

element of the music and dancing," director Samantha Pohl said. "I really want, always want it to be very student driven. I want there to be student choreographers, a student stage manager, a student lighting person.

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## MONROE/PRAIRIE CITY

### Prairie City, Monroe city and school election results

#### PCM Revenue Purpose Statement passes with more than 87 percent approval

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Monroe Mayor Doug Duinink has retained his seat in the one contested race for both Monroe and Prairie City in the 2021 election. The PCM Revenue Purpose Statement also passed after receiving more than 87 percent approval.

According to unofficial results from the Jasper County Auditor's Office, Duinink received 344 of the 425 votes cast while challenger Gale Perrin brought in 77 votes. Four write-in votes were also cast in the mayoral race. All three incumbents for Monroe City Council – Jennifer St. Peter, Andrea Steenhoek and Jean Goemaat – were re-elected, receiving 320, 300 and 296

votes, respectively. There was also 100 write-in votes for city council, for a total of 1,016 votes.

In Prairie City, Eric Imerman was elected mayor, taking over for Chad Alleger, who will now serve on city council. Along with Alleger, Dianne Taylor was re-elected to council and Emily Simmons will join as a new council member.

Scott Grass, Ryan Van Der Kamp and new to the board, Lori Jungling were elected to the PCM School Board.

Reasnor sees Dale James the victor in the uncontested mayoral race. Marcy Simbro-Woodhouse, Rebecca L. Soderblom and Richard McClelland were all also elected to the city council.

## JASPER COUNTY

### Happy trails

#### Red Rock Prairie Trail progressing, spring construction planned

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Work on the Red Rock Prairie Trail will be moving forward come spring, and maybe even earlier, after bids were received for the project. The selected bid came in under the engineer's estimate, beginning the next steps for the more than \$3 million project.

"It was let for bid and the bids came back in and the lowest one came in under the engineer's estimate, so that is really good," Jasper County Conservation Director Keri Van Zante said. "The contractor doesn't have to start until next spring, but the contract does give

him free working days in the winter ... So if the contractor wanted to get started this winter, if it is a mild winter and they have time, none of their time that they would spend this winter working days. They have a lot of free winter working days if they wanted to get started."

The portion of the trail that will begin construction in the spring spans from Monroe through Prairie City to the entrance of the Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge. Currently, the trail has a gravel base but will become a concrete pathway for bikers, runners, walkers and more to use.



Construction for the Red Rock Prairie Trail, which will run from Monroe to Prairie City, is planned for spring 2022. The City of Monroe is currently fundraising for a Trailhead Pavilion to be located near Red Rock Park. Photo credit goes here

"It's a huge project. It has gone in little phases at a time. The first being actually purchasing the rail bed, which was a huge project in itself. Then,

putting rock on the first part to get it

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## JASPER COUNTY

### Talsma on board with Thorup's Senate District 19 campaign

#### Jasper County supervisor to serve as rep's committee chairman

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Iowa Rep. Jon Thorup, R-Knoxville, has enlisted the help of a Jasper County supervisor to help his campaign for the new Iowa Senate District 19 seat.

Following up his announcement last week to run for a redistricted senate position in 2022 that includes portions of Jasper, Mahaska and Marion Counties, Thorup revealed his committee chairman is Jasper County

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### Shop PCM | New online store available to shop Mustang apparel, items

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Mustang fans have a new spot to shop. The Shop PCM Mustangs website is now available on the

district web page with a wide variety of items available for fans of the school.

"We are launching a shop PCM Mustang store from our website. This is a store that is open

24/7, 365 days a year. You can click on it and get what you want. We have (apparel for) children's, adults, toddlers and even onesies,

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