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## Braden gets county attorney nod

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE – In a split vote this morning, Fort Madison attorney Ross Braden was appointed the new county attorney effective this afternoon.

At the regular meeting of the Lee County Board of Supervisors, the supervisors voted 3-2 to appoint Braden. Chairman Rick Larkin, and supervisors Ron Fedler and Don Hunold voted for Braden, while supervisors Matt Pflug and Gary Folluo voted against the motion offered by Fedler. The appointment will be through 2018. The position will be subjected to

a primary in June of 2018 and the general election in that fall.

“I am planning on being sworn in this afternoon,” Braden said when contacted this morning. “And I plan on getting going from day one. I’m very excited, thrilled, and honored to be in this position and to serve the people of Lee County.”

“I’ve got a lot of work to do today. I’m just beginning the process of withdrawing from court cases, transitioning out of custody cases and family issues.”



BRADEN

Folluo and Pflug were vocal in support of current assistant attorney Clinton Boddicker.

“I think, first off all, that Clinton would play in a much better role, he’s been around it for nine or 10 years and he’s already takin’ on the additional load when Mike left. I don’t think this is the time for a learning curve. I think he is ready to step in and do that job. He already is doing that job so he took on Mike’s caseload as he walked out the door. Again, I think that should be noted.”

Fedler said his review of

the interviews that were conducted last week made the decision very tough.

“I went through all my notes after all the interviews and it was very close...very close between Clinton and Ross, but I just found myself leaning more toward Ross and Clinton would hopefully still be there in the office.”

“I think it’s important for the taxpayers, Lee County residents, that we have a seamless transition with the retiring county attorney. And we do have a letter of recommendation for Clinton from our retiring attorney and



LARKIN



FEDLER

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–Gary Folluo  
LCBS board member

others in the area recommending Clinton,” Folluo said.

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## Local man caught with pot

PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of a Fort Madison, Iowa man on a felony drug charge.

Robert Roland Harper, 26, of 1722 Avenue D, Fort Madison, Iowa was arrested on February 13, 2017 at



HARPER

the Lee County Sheriff’s Office on a felony drug charge. Harper is charged with Possession With Intent To Deliver Marijuana, a class D felony. If convicted, Harper faces up to 5 years in a state correctional facility.

The arrest of Harper stems from a traffic stop conducted by a Lee County Sheriff’s Office Deputy. Items that support the charge were discovered during the traffic stop.

The Lee County Attorney’s Office and the Lee County Sheriff’s Office assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation.

The defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The Lee County Narcotics Task Force is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Justice and the funds administered by the Iowa Governor’s Office of Drug Control Policy.

## 12th-ranked Nikes dump HTC girls from tourney

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
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BURLINGTON - Nike senior Johanna Myers scored from just about every place on the floor and the Holy Trinity girls squad really had no answer as the Crusaders’ season came to an end on Tuesday night at Father Minnett Gymnasium in Burlington.

The 12th ranked Nikes dropped HTC 63-41 and move on in Class 1A district action, while the Lady Crusaders turn an eye to next year.

The only time the game was really close was just out of the gate at 2-2. Junior Brett Schneider and senior Ali Randolph each had four points in the

opening period but the Nikes’ Myers put up 15 in the first half including pulling up for a 3-pointer that was almost closer to the half-court line than the 3-point arc.

Notre Dame had a 19-10 lead after the first period, HTC was able to cut the lead to seven with just one minute gone in the second period but then Notre Dame went on a 6-0 run that saw HTC miss many shots including a 1-for-9 through seven minutes of play.

In the third period the Crusaders made a short-lived run at the Nikes to cut the lead to 10 with two-minutes left in the period including a 6-0 run on steals with layups in transition, but the rally stalled with about four



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

### In the lane

HTC junior Brett Schneider drives the lane for a scoop layup in the first half of Tuesday’s season-ending loss to Notre Dame 63-41. The Crusaders finished the season one game under .500 at 11-12.

minutes left in the period. The Nikes then returned the favor and went on

a 7-0 run to push their lead to 45-27 going into the fourth quarter and

outscored HTC 18-14 in

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## Boddicker says he may ask county for special election

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Pflug said when the board has to appoint an elected position it should be seamless, especially with what's in front of the office.

"As a board we don't need...if I can use the word, headaches, we need somebody in there who knows how to run it. This isn't a time when we need a learning curve. All three were very good candidates and interviewed very well. With that spot coming up for election next year I think it's best to put Clinton in that spot and then anyone can run for the office in the election," Pflug said.

Supervisor Hunold said change isn't always a bad thing and he was looking for some more efficiencies in the office.

"I heard everyone of them say they could get on board very fast. This is going to be one of the toughest decisions we will make," Hunold said. "I do see that sometimes we're too close to the work and for a change to happen someone new comes in and says 'Why do we do it this way'. I'm looking for more efficiencies, I'm not a court guy, like I said this is one of the toughest decision I've had to make. But I feel sometimes a change isn't a bad thing."

Chairman Larkin said there would be people to help Braden with the transition.

"This is a tough decision, but as far as a seamless transition we do have assistants in the department who can help whomever is appointed to make this as seamless as possible. So someone new is chosen, there are some people who can help him out until he gets his feet on the ground," Larkin said.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber said his department will work with whomever the supervisors appoint.

"We'll work with whomever the board appoints," Weber said. "We hope the assistants will support the county and we'll do our part. We should all work together. No matter who they would've put there, we'll work with that person."

Boddicker, who was in attendance said he will look at options. But said he would be running in 2018.

"I'm very disappointed. I'm thinking of asking for a special election," Boddicker said.

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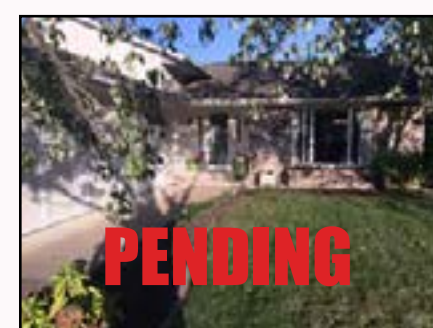


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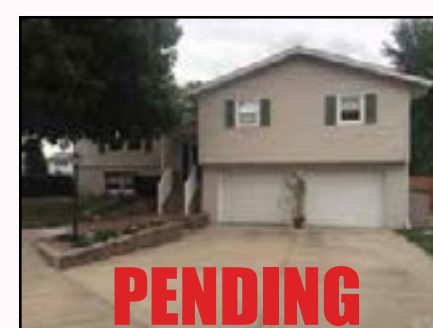
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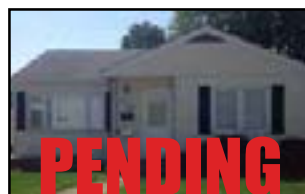
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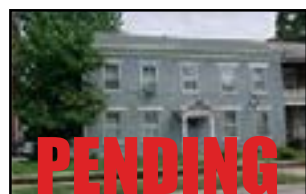
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## Sports

# Next year's Crusaders will be seasoned group

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the final period. Three of HTC's points came on a 3-pointer by Taylor Boeding with just about 15 seconds left in the game.

Head Coach Tony Johnson chose to put his girls in the half-court man defense to try and contain Myers and didn't utilize a full or half-court press at any point in the game.

"Sometimes when we get to pressing we get in foul trouble," Johnson said. "We thought about it. It's just a feel with me and when they get overhyped they tend to get into foul trouble so we just didn't do it."

When the short run in the third period cut the lead to 10, Johnson said he did ramp up the pressure on the guards over the time line.

"We just had to be cau-

tious because if we did too much up front pressure the Myers girl could drive and score."

Myers, who is second in the state in scoring for all classes put up 26 in the win Tuesday.

No Crusader reached double figures. Boeding led the Crusaders with nine points followed by Brett Schneider and Emily Box with seven, Mya Lawlor had six, Ali Randolph and Madison Mohrfeld each had four points.

Ashlyn Haas had three points and Avery Hopper had a bucket.

HTC finished the season at just one game under .500 at 11-12 and will be returning all but two seniors.

"It had its up and downs," Johnson said of the season as a whole.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

### Last game

HTC senior Ali Randolph looks for room inside during Tuesday's action. Randolph finished the season the leading scorer for the Crusaders at about 12 points per game. She was held to 4 in the 63-41 loss to Notre Dame that ended the season.

"It was a roller coaster and we had some games we should have won. We had some young kids that made some mistakes in those games at the end, but they are young and that's to be expected."

The good news is that most of the Crusaders from this year's team will be back with the exception of Randolph and Maggie Walker who missed the last quarter of the season with an injury.

"We got everybody back," Johnson said. "We're gonna lose two but will get Eryn (Anderson) back and everyone else will be back. We're gonna get older and we're gonna get stronger. The future is bright for us and I'm excited about that."

Johnson regularly played two freshmen in Ashlyn Haas and Avery Hopper. Hopper did sit for a couple games with an injury. Lawlor, Boeding and Box, a nucleus of this year's squad are just

sophomores and Schneider, Hoenig and Madison Mohrfeld will all be seniors next year.

Randolph said her team

showed improvement and began to gel as the season went along.

"I thought we improved so much from the begin-



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

### Lawlor scores

HTC sophomore Mya Lawlor scores on a steal in the first quarter of Tuesday's action.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

### Foul!

Sophomore Emily Box tries to get a shot up before being blocked from behind by Notre Dame's Emma Lynch (44).

ning of the season. We continually enjoyed each other. We had a rocky start but as the season progressed we worked really hard," she said.

"They're willing to work extremely hard, and this summer they're definitely going to put in the work so it's doesn't end here like it did for me."

Her advice to her younger teammates... "Just work hard and have fun because that's what it's all about," Randolph said.



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