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Supervisors interview County Attorney candidates

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FORT MADISON - Two local attorneys and a third from the Quad Cities are vying for the position of Lee County Attorney.

The Lee County Board of Supervisors held interviews this morning with Fort Madison attorney Ross Braden, Lee County Assistant Attorney Clinton Boddicker, and Amy Christen, a public defender in Scott County.

The position is being filled by the board after former County Attorney Mike Short retired on Jan. 31. The position is an appointment by the board due to Short's retirement date, but will be on the next general election ballot in 2018.

CLINTON BODDICKER



Boddicker has been in the Lee County Attorney's office for close to nine years and said his experience and current working



knowledge of the office makes him a good candidate.

"Well, I think the main strength I have is the amount of experience. I'll have been practicing for 21 years July 1. I've been in the county attorney's office the past nine years in July and for about the last five years or so, I've been the first assistant," Boddicker said. "I've been in charge of the Fort Madison office and I can hit the ground running. I can move right into the job with no office or practice to close up."

Clinton also said he has good working relationships with area law

enforcement.

"Most of my criminal cases have been in Fort Madison except for the last couple of weeks after Mike retired. "I have a good relationship with the Fort Madison police department and I have a good relationship with the sheriff's office."

Boddicker said he's recently been able to meet with some of the newer officers in Keokuk and those relationships are solid as well.

He said he liked the direction law enforcement is going with body cameras and dashboard cameras. Boddicker says the video evidence helps in getting

the facts of a case correct, but the public disclosure of that evidence will be a tricky topic.

"I think at some point we're going to need some legislation on how that information is turned over to the public. We've had officer-involved shootings on Fort Madison cameras and our rule here is always to get an independent set of eyes on it so we send it the State Attorney General's office.

"There will always be people that criticize you for doing too much or not enough," he said. "These cameras help with that."

Boddicker said the position gives him the oppor-

tunity to keep doing what he's loved for the past nine years and he's decided a couple years ago that career in prosecution is what he wants. He said the only changes he would envision would be maybe organizationally how caseloads are handled, but he said he would like to see the drug court and fine collection programs continued.

Boddicker lives with this family in Keokuk.

ROSS BRADEN



BRADEN

Braden a Fort Madison native who lives in West Point with his family, is currently a law partner at Saunders and Braden Law Firm in Fort Madison a position he's held since 2012. He graduated from Western Illinois University with a psychology major, and a minor in law enforcement and justice administration.

He earned his juris doctorate from Southern Illinois University School

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REGIONAL BASKETBALL

HTC gets 3rd win over NL

Crusaders advance to face Notre Dame on Tuesday

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FORT MADISON - Holy Trinity Head Coach Tony Johnson had visions of a collapse in his head, but the HTC Lady Crusaders put those fears to rest with a 59-34 win to kick off Region 6 district play.

HTC came out in a three-quarter press and raced to a 7-0 lead in the first quarter capped by a steal and layup by Mya Lawlor right after Lawlor had converted inside on the previous possession. The Tigers first three buckets came from Camryn Blint who had two buckets and a 3-pointer, but by the time she converted the second bucket Holy Trinity was already up 18-7 with about six minutes left in the first half.

Junior Brett Schneider led Holy Trinity in the first quarter with eight points including two 3-pointers and senior Ali Randolph had six in the quarter including two free throws to give HTC a comfortable lead 22-8. Sophomore Taylor

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Fort Madison man facing charges after eluding police

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FORT MADISON - At around noon on Wednesday a 40-year-old Fort Madison man led police on a chase through town.

Bernard Eugene Boggs, of Fort Madison, was arrested without incident

after the pursuit and was taken to Lee County Correctional Center and jailed.

According to reports, Fort Madison police were notified at 12:22 p.m. of a white male subject driving a gray vehicle near 16th Street and Avenue H, driving strangely and possibly impaired.

Officers located the vehicle at 14th Street and Avenue D with the driver kneeling outside the vehicle. The subject then got back in the vehicle and began driving.

Officers followed the vehicle and observed it being operated in a reckless manner and nearly causing a collision with

another motorist. Officers attempted to initiate a stop at which the driver allegedly refused to stop.

Local police and Lee County Sheriff's deputies were led on a "low-speed" pursuit through the streets of Fort Madison at which times Boggs allegedly committed several traffic offenses.

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Local News/Obituaries

Two candidates are local, third comes from QC area

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County supervisors should vote on Short's replacement at Tuesday's regular meeting

of Law in 2011 and passed the Iowa Bar Admission in 2012.

"As corny or cheesy as it may sound I've always wanted to be a prosecuting attorney," Braden said. "Even when I applied to law school they require a letter as part of your application and I talked about how I wanted to be a prosecutor. I was born and raised in FM, I live in West Point, love my home, my community and want to be able to work for the people of Lee County."

Braden said his diligence and work ethic make him a viable candidate for the post. He also said he's well versed in criminal law and has the ability to exercise good judgment in the position. And even as a defense attorney he has solid relationships with the local law enforcement.

"I think even for a defense attorney, I have a very good working relationship in particular with the Lee County Sheriff's Department and the deputies there. I'm very familiar with law enforcement officers moreso in Fort Madison than south Lee County.

Regarding body cameras, Braden also said it's helpful in building cases and officer accountability as well.

"It gives an objective viewpoint of what actually happened for any specific incident. Regardless of what someone may say, the video will speak for itself."

Ross said he didn't want to take a position at this time

on the issue of video evidence as a public record.

Ross said he didn't really see anything warranting change in the county attorney's office, but did indicate he would want to see the drug court continue and said closures such as the Mental Health Institute in Mount Pleasant have created resource gaps in dealing with community drug problems.

Ross said he if he's fortunate enough to be selected for the post, he had no plans to go anywhere else.

"Like I said to the board, if I am their guy for the position. I'd be their guy for the next 30 years. This would be my career choice. I have no other aspirations to pursue a judgeship or anything."

AMY CHRISTEN

Currently a public defender in Davenport, Christen said she was interested in the position because she's seen the other side of the courtroom and that would enable her to be an effective prosecutor.

"While almost all of my legal work experience is in criminal defense, I can and will use that experience to fulfill all prosecutorial duties," Christen said. "I have been very successful in breaking down and analyzing a case for the weaknesses that lead to reasonable doubt and acquittal verdicts. I will take that same skill and experience to find and fix those weaknesses in a case to obtain a conviction."

Christen said the use of body cameras and dashboard cameras are also a great thing for proof and evidence, but said any releasing of those records should be done with care and only after a case has been closed.

"There's just too many way to jeopardize a case," she said. "I would only be in favor of the release after the case has been officially closed."

Christen graduated from the University of Iowa with a degree in sociology and a juris doctorate and has had stints with the Johnson and Dubuque County attorneys offices. She was a member of the Air Force ROTC program at Iowa and worked at the Youth Law Center. She's been part of several high visibility cases as a public defender while in the Scott County office and said that exposure has helped prepare her for a lead position.

Supervisors will in all likelihood approve one of the three candidates at Tuesday's regular Board of Supervisors meeting.

“ Like I said to the Board...if I'm their guy for the position, I'd be their guy for the next 30 years. This would be my career choice. I have no other aspirations to pursue a judgeship or anything.”

-Ross Braden, County Attorney candidate

OBITUARIES

JOANN GUNN

Joann Gunn, 82 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died Tuesday, January 31, 2017 in Belton, Texas. She was born April 29, 1934 in Fort Madison, Iowa, the daughter of Willard "Bus" and Lucinda Phillips. On June 16, 1957, she married Dr. Ronald Charles Gunn in Fort Madison. They had two children, Scott and Sherri.

After Joann raised her children she went to work with her husband, Dr. Ronald Gunn, DDS at his dental office. Later she volunteered at the Community of Christ Historic Site Center in Nauvoo, Illinois. She was a member of the Community of Christ Church. She enjoyed reading and her dog, Scruffy.

She is survived by her son, Scott Gunn (wife Sherilyn Pearce), of Cincinnati, Ohio; her daughter, Sherri (husband Gerald) Tripp, of Belton, Texas; and one granddaughter, Courtney (husband Max) Stuck, of St. Joseph, Minnesota. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

A graveside service and burial will be held at 11:00 am Thursday, February 16, 2017 at Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison, with Elder Lachlin Mackay officiating. A memorial has been established for the Community of Christ Historical Sites Foundation and Outreach International. Contributions may be left at the graveside service or the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Barr Memorial Chapel is in charge of the local arrangements. Online condolence may be made at the Barr Memorial Chapel website, www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

FMCS D readiness screenings set

PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON- The Fort Madison Community School District Readiness Screenings have been set for March.

Children must be five years of age by Sept. 15, 2017 and must meet the requirements of the Iowa immunization laws to be eligible for Kindergarten. Parents or guardians should bring the child's birth certificate and immunization records to the screening.

Parents or guardians are also asked to call the school in the child's attendance area to be put on the screening list. A letter with appointment time and additional information will be sent prior to the screening.

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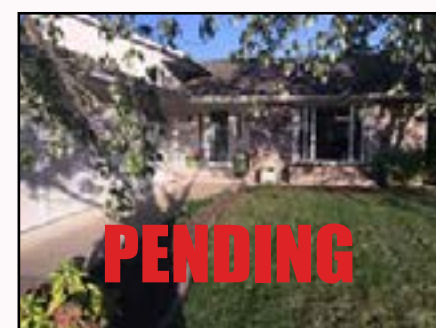


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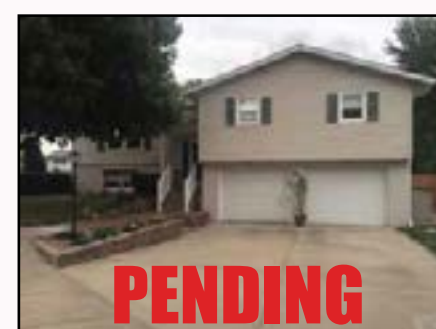


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PENDING

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From the inviting entrance to the serene back yard, you will enjoy it ALL and everything in between!!!! This very well maintained 4 bedroom, 3 bath home has everything your family will need to call this Home. There is a beautiful screened porch and a deck off the back of the house, all overlooking a meticulously landscaped large yard. Call today on this amazing home situated on a quiet, safe cul de sac!!!

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3 BR • 2 BA • 2 car garage • 1,168 sq. ft. • 0.54 acres

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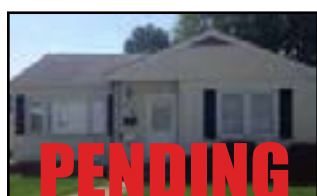
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1 car garage
1,904 sq. ft.
1,903 sq. ft. lot
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1 car garage
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\$53,000



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1 car garage
888 sq. ft.
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Crusaders able to clean up in 4th quarter

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Boeding got a 3-pointer with 2:50 left in the first half to push HTC's lead to 25-8. Blint scored again with about 10 seconds left in the 2nd quarter to send the teams into the locker-room 25-10.

Johnson said one of the keys to the win would have to be containing New London's Madysen Wahls who leads the conference in assists with 138 on the season and is averaging about 11 points per game. Wahls didn't score until about 2 minutes left

in the game.

"Our biggest thing was defense tonight. We had to keep the Wahls girl from driving and we just had to stay patient on offense...not get crazy and stay under control," Johnson said.

The third period started slowly for both teams. Randolph converted a three-point play right off the bat but then neither team could find the net until about four minutes left in the quarter when Boeding scored on a drive

from the right side of the lane. New London's Sydni Coleman scored on back-to-back trips down the court for the Tigers before Randolph made both ends of a one-and-one situation to push HTC's lead to 18, 32-14.

Johnson then started having flashbacks to Saturday's loss to Wapello where his team had an 18-point lead at the end of the 3rd quarter. After a few quick sloppy possessions by both teams, Johnson had seen enough and

called a time out at about the five minute mark in the 3rd. Freshman Ashlyn Haas came out of the timeout and promptly dropped a 3-pointer for her first points of the game. New London came down the floor and got an easy inside bucket from sophomore Alisha Boles.

HTC inbounded against the Tigers first press of the night and had a bit of trouble holding onto the ball but got across the timeline. Johnson again called time out.

"Well we had an 18-point lead at Wapello and we blew it because I didn't call enough time outs and slow things down," Johnson said. "Sometimes we let things go and sometimes we let things go too far."

Boles scored two more times on easy interior buckets off passes from outside the 3-point arc. New London's Coleman then drained a 3-pointer to start the fourth quarter and then Blint came down on the next possession and hit a 3 of her own and the Holy Trinity lead was down to 12.

Haas stopped the bleeding with a 3-pointer from the right side to push the lead back to 41-26 and



Going for a block Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

New London's Alisha Boles puts up a short jumper while HTC's Emily Box tries to get a hand on the ball in the Crusaders' Round 1 win.

then Randolph took over inside for HTC with two buckets and converting two free throws. Lawlor, who finished with 10 points on the night, also had two-free throws and a bucket in an 8-3 run that pushed HTC back to a 20-point lead 49-29.

New London would only manage five more points the rest of the night while the Crusaders scored 10 points to put the game out of reach.

Johnson put his team in a relaxed press just to put some pressure on New London on the way up the floor.

"It was one of those things that a lot of teams don't like the pressure so even if we don't get a steal, it throws off there half court setup," Johnson said.

The Crusaders now play Burlington Notre Dame

on Tuesday at 7 p.m. on the Nikes court.

The Nikes have beaten Holy Trinity twice this year by an average of 28 points. The Nikes feature Johanna Myers who is second in the state in scoring at 24.0 points per game.

Johnson said he hasn't spent a lot of time working up a game plan for the Nikes but tape watching will be in the near future.

"We will Sunday. I'll probably watch it tomorrow and the girls will probably watch it Sunday," he said.

For the Crusaders, Randolph finished with 17 points followed by Schneider with 11 and Lawlor with 10. Boeding had seven, Haas and Emily Box both had six points and Madison Mohrfeld added two.



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Looking to dish

HTC's Taylor Boeding looks to pass the ball in Thursday's Region 6 district game against New London. The Crusaders won 59-34 and face Notre Dame on Tuesday at 7 p.m. on the Nikes' court.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

02/08/17 - 1:09 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in progress in the 2200 block of Avenue D.
 02/08/17 - 6:41 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of Bluff Road and Chalkridge Road.
 02/08/17 - 9:15 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 18th Street and Avenue L.
 02/08/17 - 12:30 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Bernard Eugene Boggs, 40, of Fort Madison in the 3700 block of Avenue L on charges of eluding a police officer, driving while revoked, 2 counts of failure to obey stop sign, and no valid

insurance/non-accident. He was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and held.
 02/08/17 - 1:56 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 400 block of 20th Street.
 02/08/17 - 7:25 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 5400 block of Avenue O.
 02/08/17 - 9:39 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Thomas Jerral Marshall, 69, of Fort Madison at the intersection of Reve Court and Avenue O on a charge of failure to yield upon entering thru highway. He was cited and released.
 02/08/17 - 9:39 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 6100

block of Reve Court. 02/09/17 - 8:01 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3400 block of Avenue N.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

02/08/17 - 1:31 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Samantha Suzanne Kellum, 28, of Keokuk in the 3900 block of Avenue L, Fort Madison, on charges of possession of a controlled substance, driving while barred, and hold temporary. She was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed, and later transferred to another county.
 02/08/17 - 10:20 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Christina Ann Hardman, 34, of Keokuk in the 1300 block of

Leighton Street, Keokuk, on a charge of failure to appear/contempt of court. She was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and released on bond.
 02/09/17 - 1:05 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Cody Scott Glasgow, 25, of Montrose in the 2800 block of Mississippi River Road, Montrose, on a charge of driving while barred. He was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed.
 02/09/17 - 6:51 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Justin Matthew Curtis, 21, of Keokuk at the Lee County Jail on a charge of failure to appear/contempt of court. He was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed.

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