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City hints at roundabout on west end

Project is scheduled for 2023, but could save \$350K

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison City Council approved an application for a grant for federal funds to potentially help fund constructing a roundabout at the intersection of Hwy. 61 and 53rd Street on the west end of Fort Madison.

At Tuesday's meeting the council voted 7-0 to approve applying for the grant, but discussion focused



DRISCOLL

on the cost benefit of a roundabout vs. the traditional four-way intersection.

Larry Driscoll, the city public works director, said a roundabout would cost roughly \$850,000 to build, but upgrading the intersection with additional turning lanes and new traffic lights would cost roughly \$1.2 million.

Concerns from public meetings about future plans for Old Highway 61 and from councilman centered around the delays north and south bound at the intersection.

"Do you feel, in general, we would spend less to do this roundabout than all the other stuff we've talked

about and still have a new intersection," Councilman Chad Cangas asked.

"Correct, last year I came here with HRGreen and we gave a proposal for that intersection and it was \$1.2 million for right turn lanes and new traffic lights," Driscoll said.

"The roundabout, I feel, is just a good solution to eliminate the long-term traffic lights there."

Councilman Bob Morawitz asked what the impact would be to semi-traffic and said he could see it slowing down traffic as they work through the roundabout.

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Hunold challenges board to keep listening

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE - Don Hunold rapped the gavel, so to speak, on his last county supervisor's meeting on Tuesday.

Hunold, a retired businessman who now farms in rural Lee County, served in his last Lee County Board of Supervisor's meeting, after not seeking re-election for another four-year term this year.

Hunold was honored with a plaque and a standing ovation from the other members on the board after adjourning the quick meeting in Montrose.

He said he feels the county is in pretty shape as far as services to it's residents, and said although budgets are constantly in flux, the county's financial shape is stable.

"I think the county is financially stable and we should try to keep it that



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Outgoing Lee County Supervisor Don Hunold cuts an acre of cake after the regular board meeting Tuesday morning. Hunold didn't seek re-election and will be succeeded by Rich Harlow. Lee County Budget Director Cindy Renstrom and Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise look on.

way every year regardless," Hunold said. "I think the county is in good shape with all we've done with sheriff's department and emergency preparedness and those types of services. But I think it will be a challenge next year

because everybody's down in incoming revenue for whatever reason. With all the hiring that's been going on you'd think it would be the other way around."

Supervisor Rick Larkin presented Hunold with a

plaque for the four years on the board.

"You came on the board four years ago and you told us why, that you had read that the supervisors made \$100,000/year,"

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Council votes down cemetery fee increases

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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FORT MADISON - Several city councilman said they weren't comfortable setting cemetery fees that were intended to discourage local families from picking a weekend to bury loved one.

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Fort Madison City Council, the council took up discussion on bumping city cemetery fees in some instances more than 100%, eventually voting 7-0 against the increase in lieu of another proposal that would show increases more reflective of city costs.

Under the proposal put together by City Public Works Director Larry Driscoll and City Clerk Melinda Blind, services for adults would increase from \$850 to \$1,500 on Saturdays, a 76% increase. On Sundays and holidays, the rate would go from \$950 to \$2,000 an increase of 111%. Saturday services for children/infants would go from \$400 to \$500 and on Sundays/holidays the rate would increase from \$600 to \$900. Children/Infants in Babyland would go from \$400 to \$600 on Saturdays and \$600 to \$1,000 on Sundays/holidays.

Other price increases were also proposed for urn vault services. There are no current charges for those services, but on Saturday, city staff is recommending

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For the Record/Celebrations

First details released on Governor's Empower Rural Iowa task forces

State may look at creating Office of Rural Affairs

DES MOINES - Gov. Kim Reynolds this month received initial recommendations from three task forces charged with identifying needed legislative, regulatory and policy changes as part of the Governor's Empower Rural Iowa Initiative. The governor established the initiative by executive order in July. It is co-chaired by Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg and Iowa Rural Development Council (IRDC) Chair Sandy Ehrig.

"I'd like to thank our dedicated task force members for bringing forth excellent recommendations to meet the needs of rural Iowa - access to quality housing, leadership in our small communities and sustainable broadband connecti-

ty," Gov. Reynolds said. "For Iowa to truly be successful, we have to see growth in every corner of our state. We've seen positive things happening in our rural communities, but there's still a lot to do. These recommendations are just the beginning, and I can't wait to see how we will continue to empower rural Iowa in the future."

"I am thankful Gov. Reynolds has made rural Iowa a priority in our administration and has entrusted me with leading the charge on this important initiative," Lt. Gov. Gregg said. "Gov. Reynolds heard the concerns of Iowans, identified three of the main challenges and used this process to help identify solutions. That kind of lead-

ership is rare, but I know it makes this effort that much stronger."

The Investing in Rural Iowa Task Force, the Growing Rural Iowa Task Force and the Connecting Rural Iowa Task Force held Ideas Summits in six rural locations around Iowa - Earlham, Holstein, Maquoketa, Mount Pleasant, Pella and Stanton. They considered ideas submitted by task force members and the public.

Several common themes were identified in the initial recommendations. One was to create an Office of Rural Affairs to assist with rural policy development and provide a permanent rural perspective. Another was to create a database for rural communities to share available programs, best practices and development strategies.

Specific task force rec-

ommendations include:

- Investing in Rural Iowa Task Force
- Assist rural Iowa communities in obtaining housing needs assessments
- Reform the workforce housing tax credit to make it more competitive and dedicate additional resources to the rural set-aside
- Growing Rural Iowa Task Force
- Create an Empowered Rural Communities recognition program
- Create leadership pathways for recognized empowered rural communities
- Connecting Rural Iowa Task Force
- Optimize the existing broadband grant program to ensure state funding stretches as far as possible
- Identify a consistent source of funding for the broadband grant program

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

12/17/18 - 10:33 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 900 block of Avenue G.

12/17/18 - 11:46 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of shoplifter in the 1800 block of Avenue H.

12/17/18 - 12:04 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1600 block of Avenue G.

12/17/18 - 4:02 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit & run in the 4600 block of Avenue J.

12/17/18 - 6:07 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Franklin McCollum, 22, of Fort Madison, at the police station on a charge of fifth-degree theft. He was released on a promise to appear.

12/18/18 - no time given - Fort Madison Police arrested Riley Ann Little, 23, of Fort Madison, in the 1799 block of Avenue G, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was released on a promise to appear.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

12/17/18 - 3:36 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kevin Lamond Clayville, 32, of Fort Madison, at the Lee County Jail, on a charge with assault with bodily injury. He was held in custody.

12/18/18 - 12:35 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's cited Gerald Michael Hughes, 60, of Fort Madison on Skyline Drive in Fort Madison, on a charge of driving while license denied/revoked. He was released upon citation.

Those listed above are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

12/17/18 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls and two assists.

Celebrations

LUCAS ELLIOT ALLEN

BURLINGTON - Amanda Knottnerus and Tyson Allen are proud to announce the birth of their son Lucas Elliot Allen, on Dec. 14, 2018 at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Lucas is joined at home by Ellie Allen.

Grandparents of the couple are Karen and Bob Erickson of Burlington; and LuAnn Olson of Burlington.

Pen City Current congratulates the family on this wonderful news.

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From the Front/Local News

Council asks city staff to revisit cemetery fee bumps

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a \$1,200 charge and a \$1,700 charge for Sundays/holidays.

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City Councilman Matt Mohrfeld said he heard from quite a few residents after the proposed increases were reported in local news outlets.

"I'm sure all of you have gotten feedback on this issue from people in town," Mohrfeld said. "A couple of observations, I don't know what's driven the disproportionate amount on the Saturday. We can see we are trying to push people away on Saturday and I don't agree that's an appropriate use of a fee."

Mohrfeld said the regular rates are lower than other areas and didn't know why the city was in that position and didn't know why the Saturday rate was so high. He said he understood an upcharge for Saturday.

"I buy my steaks the same price on Saturday at Fareway, as I do on Friday. So I guess I have to ask the question what is truly driving us now wanting these on Saturday," Mohrfeld said.

Blind said during the month of November, four of

six were on Saturday and she said one of those deaths was on the Saturday the week before.

"It was a choice of convenience, more or less, to have the burial on Saturday and this gets very difficult for the limited number of workers the city has to perform these duties," Blind said.

Sara Jan Garza, of Fort Madison told the council the new rates favor the wealthy.

"What I'm hearing here is if you're rich, you can afford Saturday or Sunday, if not...tough," she said.

Mohrfeld said he would be in favor of finding the true costs of the services and set the percentage to contribute to the cost of overhead and spread that over each and every day.

"I think the cost should be the same every day, whether that be \$500 or whether that be \$750, I think that would be the appropriate way to go."

David Varley, City Manager, said cemeteries are never going to pay for themselves. It's just something we inherit and in this city we have a lot of cemeteries and it's always going to be a money loser.

"Which ever way you guys want to go, we'll make it work. It's not a deal killer, we're just trying to find

ways to be a little more efficient. We thought we'd try this and if you're not comfortable with it, we'll try something else," he said.

Councilman Bob Morawitz agreed that the rates should be spread out over each day of the week.

"Sounds like it's just a manpower issue, more than a budget issue. We should spread that out all the days and not just the weekends. We're just doing this to discourage people from doing it on the weekends because we have a manpower issue," Morawitz said.

"That's part of it," Driscoll said.

Mayor Brad Randolph said the city should set the rates at a justifiable costs that cover the city's costs and go from there.

"If we are able to justify or cover the costs in performing the service on a special day, I don't think we should do a whole lot more than that. I would be more inclined to take the current \$450 and current \$200 and raise them all to \$650 and leave the \$850s on the weekends and assume the \$200 difference covers the cost of my overtime," Randolph said.

After the council rejected the fee increase, Randolph asked the city to return the discussion to the agenda at a later date with substantial changes to the structure for the council to consider again.

City tables preliminary agreement with Viking Cruises

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Driscoll said it would be constructed with aprons on them that allow for the bigger turning radius needed for truck traffic.

City Manager David Varley said he's been involved in the construction of about a dozen roundabouts and cited data that indicated they were a better way to handle intersections than traditional street lights where applicable. The City had discussed putting a roundabout at

the Avenue H and 18th Street intersection a few years back.

"Just a quick reminder that data shows a decreased amount of time getting through the intersection about 82% and it also reduces the frequency of accidents at 73%. He said the accidents that do happen are less severe as traditional intersection accidents are usually t-bones," he said. "They work. I can't think of a single downside to them."

Councilman Chris Greenwald said when the city first discussed the roundabout for 18th Street he didn't like the idea, but after using the one recently constructed in Burlington, he's now on board with them.

Cangas agreed that he didn't like change, but the roundabouts he's encountered, he likes.

The reconstructed intersection isn't on the city's schedule until 2023 and Driscoll said the city could amend the pur-

pose of the grant at some point if they decided the roundabout wasn't the way to go.

In other action, the council:

- voted to appoint

Varley to the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission effective Jan. 1, 2020.

- tabled a preliminary agreement with Viking Cruise lines to coordi-

nate efforts to secure docking for the company's future Mississippi River excursions with Fort Madison being a port of call.

Tree of Love Gatherings

Lee County Health Department would like to invite you to a series of gatherings that will take place in LCHD's lobby along with our annual Tree of Love which will be making it's first debut in its' new home.

These sessions are being offered to help bring people together during the holidays & to support those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. You are welcome to join any or all gatherings. Light refreshments will be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact
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Obituaries/Area News

OBITUARIES

RONALD DAVID "RON" KUTZNER

Ronald David "Ron" Kutzner, 64 of Keokuk, IA died Monday, December 17, 2018.

He was the son of Ronald Keith and Mabel Ann Thornsberry Kutzner and was raised by his grandparents, Alfred and Vercie Thornsberry. On November 26, 1976 he was united in marriage to Barb Shinn in Keokuk. She survives.

Other survivors include one daughter, Amy (Jim Mehsling) of Des Moines, IA, one sister, Kathy McCartney of Keokuk, two brothers-in-law, Paul Shinn (Alice) of Montrose, IA and Monk Shinn of Keokuk, five sisters-in-law, Connie Davis (Moe) of Keokuk, Judy Schmitt of Keokuk, Tammy Wilson (Steve) of Fort Wayne, IN, Peggy Duke (Earl) of Keokuk and Debbie Pezley (John) of Keokuk, and one special uncle, Wayne Thornberry (Judy) of Cantril, IA.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, three brothers-in-law, Tony Schmitt, Dan McCartney and Don Shinn and his parents-in-law, Lloyd and Lois Shinn.

Ron graduated from Van Buren High School with the Class of 1972. He later attended Southeastern Community College in Keokuk.

He had been employed by Principal Financial in Keokuk as a senior agent for thirty-three years.

Ron enjoyed riding his Harley, going fishing, and attending car shows. He loved golfing and had made six holes in one in his lifetime. He liked trapshooting and had shot a perfect 100 straight. Ron also liked traveling to Sturgis and going on golf trips with his buddies. He enjoyed a good game of Craps and always played to win. Ron took pride in maintaining his yard and spent many hours to make it immaculate. He loved animals and made room for a number of family pets over the years.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Pastor Mike Shea officiating.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home with family meeting with friends from 6-8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Every Step Hospice or the Keokuk Animal Shelter.

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



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Pen City Current will not publish an e-Edition Sunday, December 23 through Tuesday, January 1. Our special 2018 Recap editions will publish Wednesday, January 2 through Tuesday, January 8. Breaking news will continue to be published on our website 24/7.

As we enjoy the holidays with family and friends, we thank you for your support and patronage and wish you all a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

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OBITUARIES

JOE JAMES MILLER

Joe James Miller, 85, of Bonaparte, Iowa, passed away at 4:09 p.m. Monday, December 17, 2018, at his home in Bonaparte.



MILLER

Born on December 18, 1932, in Mt. Sterling, Iowa, the son of Eddie and Florence (Stevenson) Miller. On November 14, 1953, he married Bertha Edna Parker in Bonaparte, Iowa. She preceded him in death on May 28, 2018.

Survivors include one daughter:

Debbie Miller of Bonaparte; five grandchildren: Lezlee Miller of Bonaparte, Chad (Jennie) Simmons of Keosauqua, Amy (Josh) Simmons of Bonaparte, Lyle (Kaitlin) Sedore of Birmingham and Brady (Jessica) Sedore of Keosauqua and five great grandchildren: David, Mason, Bailee, Conner and Emery.



He was preceded in death by his parents; wife: Edna and one daughter: Cindy Sedore and one brother: Fred.

Joe was a United States Army Veteran having served in Korea. He retired from the Chevron Fertilizer Plant. He was member of the Bonaparte American Legion. Joe was an avid Democrat and Chicago White Sox fan. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, going to auctions and smoking his pipe.

Friends may call after 12:00 noon Friday, December 21, 2018, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington where the family will receive friends from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. that evening .

A funeral service will be held at 6:00 p.m. Friday, December 21, 2018, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington with Pastor Michael Elrod officiating.

Following the service his body will be cremated.

A Graveside Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 22, 2018, at the Bonaparte Cemetery with Pastor Michael Elrod officiating. Full Military Rites will be presented by the Bonaparte American Legion.

Memorials have been established in his memory for Bonaparte First Responders or Farmington EMT's.

Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

OBITUARIES

DONALD L. REU

Donald L. Reu, 90, of Ft. Madison passed away on Monday, December 17, 2018 at 11:24 PM at the Ft. Madison Community Hospital.



REU

He was born on April 6, 1928 in Kenneth, Minnesota to Hardy and Loretta Adamson Reu. Don was raised by Joe and Mary Reu Eid. On November 10, 1951 he married Heiress St. Clair in Ft. Madison and she passed away on May 31, 2016. Don worked at US West

Telephone Company and retired after thirty nine years of service. He was a member of St. Johns UCC, the Elks Club and also served in the US Army during WWII.

Don collected telephones, golf balls and beer cans. He enjoyed hunting, camping, fishing, walking his dog, doing yardwork and especially spending time with his family and friends.



Survivors include his daughter, Debbie (Gary) Kramer of Ft. Madison; his son, Jeff Reu of Ft. Madison and a granddaughter, Hannah Reu of Ft. Madison; two step granddaughters and four step great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; a sister in law, Gerry St. Clair of Ft. Madison and a brother in law, Gary St. Clair of Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents; Joe and Mary Eid whom raised him; his wife; a cousin Evelyn Laughlin; two brothers; one sister and most recently his beloved fur baby, Charlie.

The funeral service will be held at 11 AM on Friday, December 21, 2018 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Pastor Cheryl Simpson officiating. The family will meet with friends from 10 AM until the time of the service. Burial will be held in Soldiers Circle, Oakland Cemetery with military rites performed by the Ft. Madison Veterans Honor Guard.

A memorial has been established for PAW Animal Shelter or St. Johns UCC and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

County to offer online rentals

MONTROSE - Lee County Conservation is launching a new cabin reservation process at the beginning of the year. All reservations will be taken online through mycountyparks.com. Mycountyparks.com is the Iowa County Conservation System's website that provides information about all 99 County Conservation Boards in Iowa. Currently, there are 30 other counties using this website for reservations.

People will be able to start making reservations on Jan. 2nd at 9 a.m. The Lee County Conservation staff encourages everyone to visit mycountyparks.com prior to January 2nd

This will ensure individuals have everything in place to make their first reservation quickly and successfully.

The benefit of the new system will give cabin renters real time updates about the availability of the cabins and reduce the amount of steps they have to take to make a reservation. Currently, people have to call or visit the Conservation Office during normal business hours to learn about the availability of the cabins and to complete the reservation. Renters will now be able to make a reservation from anywhere at any time of the day. The change will also allow individuals to reserve cabins for the next two years.



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Sports

Holy Trinity boys drop eight straight to start season

Crusaders wrap up first half on Friday night at Cardinal

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A sluggish second quarter from the field is what separated Holy Trinity from an upset bid of West Burlington Tuesday night.

The Crusaders scored just four points and took just three shots in the second quarter as West Burlington ran away with a 56-42 win at Shottenkirk Gymnasium.

“That’s a really good West Burlington team, and really there’s no such thing as a moral victory, but I kinda felt like we played a pretty good game tonight,” head coach John Hellige.

Holy Trinity, which falls to 0-8 on the season, stayed within two points of the Falcons most of the way through the first period until junior Matt Hellige fouled West Burlington’s Marvion Jackson under the hoop. The 6’5” sophomore buried both from the free throw stripe with :20 left in the period.

The Crusaders would miss three shots on the next trip down the floor and trailed 13-17 at the end of one.

Kyle Bredemeyer hit a bucket a minute into the second period to keep the deficit at four, but Jonah Marlow and Colton Sherwood would hit back-to-back 3-balls from the Falcons to take a 10 point lead. Fehseke would counter with a bucket at the 2:48 mark, but the two teams would then combine for six turnovers in the final two minutes.

Jackson would score on a drop-step that got around HTC’s Matt Hellige in the paint. Quentin Schneider would then go full court on the inbounds and get an open layup that rolled off the back of the rim as time expired in the first half with the Crusaders down 17-27.

Out of the break, Schneider would put a foul on the Falcon’s Tanner Snodgrass who would make the front end of the one-and-one, but miss the second. Holy Trinity would commit two turnovers on their next two possessions and Jackson would capitalize with buckets out of the next two West Burlington offensive sets. John Hellige would call for a full time out, and out of the



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

West Burlington’s Colton Sherwood drive’s the land against HTC’s Brant Holtkamp (2) and Matt Hellige (33) in the Crusaders’ 56-24 loss Tuesday at home.

break Sherwood hit another long-ball from the top of the key to open up a 35-17 advantage,

HTC senior Brant Holtkamp would hit a three from the right baseline at the 5:33 mark that would set off a 10-0 run where Hellige would get an inside bucket sliding around Jackson in the lane, Holtkamp would hit a runner in transition and Fehseke would spot up from the left wing to close the gap back to eight 27-35.

The Falcons’ senior Tanner Snodgrass broke the run with a jumper from about 12 feet. Fehseke would miss on the next possession, but the Crusaders would force a turnover and Hellige would score again moving against the bigger Jackson to cut the lead again to eight at 29-37. Snodgrass would score again in transition and Holtkamp and Schneider would miss in the next two trips down to lead HTC down by 10 at the end of three.

West Burlington came out hot in the third quarter outscoring the Crusaders 10-5 behind eight straight from sophomore Darian Johnson to put the Falcons up by 15 34-49 and HTC wouldn’t be able to cut into the lead. HTC did put together an 8-1 run after a Blake Crabtree 3-ball in front of the Holy Trinity faithful, but the Falcons would convert six straight free throws as Holy Trinity went into hack-a-Falcon to try get some possessions.

Sherwood would bury two freebies after being fouled by Crabtree to finish the scoring at 56-42.

Matt Hellige was in double figures for the first time in three games with 13 points on the night. Head coach John Hellige said he’s been looking for more from his post.

“I challenged him during a time out. I’m like ‘Where’s the Matt from last year? We really need you to look at the basket and look to score and he took the challenge and scored better from that. We came out of the gate with such fierce competition and you go against some

of these teams that have a big and you get a couple shots blocked it makes you tend to second guess yourself and wanna put in your pocket. We have to have Matt want to continue to attack the basket even though he’s undersized.”

He said it’s been tough to Fehseke is struggling to find the bottom of the basket.

“They’ve been really playing red defense on him and he’s facing some tough competition and they know he’s a shooter. Sometimes good shooters just need to see the ball in the bottom of the basket to get going.”

Fehseke finished with eight points on the night. The junior is averaging right at 10 points per game and finished last year at 13 points per contest. Adam Rauenbueler also had eight. Schneider finished with five, while Crabtree and Holtkamp each had three and Bredemeyer finished with two.

The Crusaders travel to Cardinal to wrap up the first half of the season before the holiday break on Friday night.



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HTC junior Quentin Schneider gets a shot blocked from behind by Reece Richards (42) during third quarter action Tuesday night.



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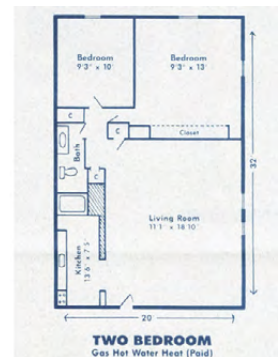
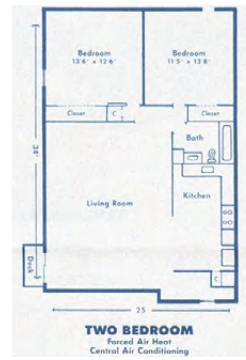
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From the Front/Weather

Harlow to join supervisors at Jan. 2 meeting

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Larkin said with a laugh. "When you looked it up and saw what we really make you actually said, 'Maybe I could do that.' and you ran and you won. It's been a real honor to serve with you and you represented your district well."

"Four years was interesting and I'll tell you what, everyone should serve on this board for four years. It's not what you thing. I think everyone on this board listens to their constituents and tries to the best they can. You can't always win and you don't always lose, but I appreciated you folks working with me and your time."

He said the best part of being a supervisor was getting to meet people in the county and trying to do what's best for them even though it wasn't always a win/lose proposition.

"I know we usually meet people because they have an issue, but its always something where you're trying to help resolve an issue. When you're up here and your trying to settle something - that can get interesting, but you try to do what's best for the county in our eyes."

Several boards have approached Hunold about serving in a volunteer capacity, but he didn't elaborate and said he was still trying to sort out what he

wants to do now.

With family in different spots across the country, traveling will be on the agenda, but Hunold still farms land in the county and he said he considers that part of the fun of retirement. He said after announcing he wasn't got to seek re-election, which he did after discovering he had cancer, he's had second thoughts.

"I've had a couple people ask me to serve on some volunteer boards, but I don't know yet what I'm going to do. Did I have second thoughts, you always do, Maybe I should have done it again, but four years is a long time and kind of eats you up a bit. I have children kind of all over the place and I like to travel. And I had cancer and I whipped it. That changes your thinking a little bit. A guy can't be here forever," he said.

"I just told myself I would shoot for one term and see what life brings and make that decision four years after - and that's exactly what I did."

His advice to Rich Harlow, who won the general election to take his place on the board, and for the other board members was to continue to listen to the people of the county. He encouraged the incoming board to listen to all sides of the issues and sort

out all the noise that can shroud opinions.

"I know a lot of people in the county and I've listened to a lot of people. I wanted to make sure I didn't miss something and that's pretty easy to do."

Harlow will join the board at it's Wed. Jan. 2 meeting at the North Lee County Courthouse where new officers will be selected.



Lee County Supervisor Don Hunold accepts a plaque from current board member Rick Larkin at Tuesday morning's meeting. It was Hunold's last day of a four-year term on the board.

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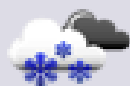
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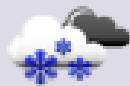
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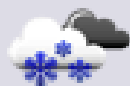
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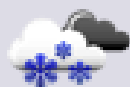
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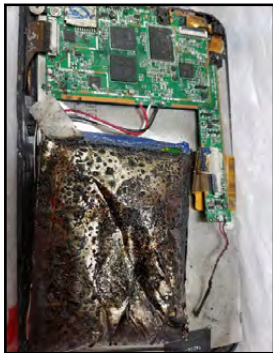


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