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Bar Stool donations

Five county fire and rescue departments including Denmark, St. Paul, West Point, Houghton, and Donnellson all received \$780 each compliments of the 15th annual Bar Stool Open fundraiser. Representatives accepted checks Thursday night in West Point from organizer Phil Kruse, center.

Central Lee grad Haynes running for supervisor

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELLSON - Economic development, county services, and telecommunications are on the mind of Lee County Supervisor candidate Larry Haynes.

Haynes, a Democrat, is joining Democrat Rich Harlow and Republican James Steffen as candidates for the District 3 Supervisor seat being vacated by Don Hunold at the end of the year. Harlow and Haynes will face off in a primary June 5.

Haynes said after living in more than 20 places he settled in at Central Lee High School where he graduated, attended Southeastern Community College, and then went to work in Lee County. He held positions at the Lee County Youth Services near Charleston, then worked at Heintz Electrical in sales, before he went to work for himself in the construction business. His pasttime is riding motorcycles and following his wife who runs 5Ks, half and full marathons.



HAYNES

He said his position at the youth services home has encourage him to give back.

"When I got out of high school I went to work there. I came from that life and wanted to give something back. I've been able to better myself in my life and now I know that I want to help better the county," Haynes said.

A common theme of all three of the candidates has been the county's economic development. Haynes said he feels like the \$200,000 the county gives the Lee County Economic Development Group is not being well-spent.

"I think all three of us running see the economic development problems in this county. All three of us have talked about that. I don't think they're doing the job they need to be doing and we're giving them \$200,000 a year?" Haynes said. "There is nothing that's growing in Lee County, so why do we keep spending that money?"

Haynes pointed to the slow progress of the Mills Group that took over the Steel Castings facility in Keokuk. He said there was confusion out of the gate as to where local grant money was coming from and, after

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Loeb sack takes Iowans questions to Zuckerberg

WASHINGTON D.C. - During a House Energy and Commerce Committee hearing Wednesday, "Facebook: Transparency and Use of Consumer Data," Congressman Dave Loebsack took the questions that Iowans told him they wanted answers to directly to Facebook's Founder and CEO, Mark Zuckerberg. Last week, Loebsack asked Iowans to

submit the questions they would ask Mr. Zuckerberg. As a result, hundreds of questions were submitted and during the hearing, Loebsack was able to get answers to the question Iowans were interested in.

A video of Loebsack's questions can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VJEsLCzkYSE&feature=youtu.be>

"I am honored to be able to bring the questions that Iowans told me they wanted answers to directly to the source. One of the main themes throughout the questions that were submitted concern the loss of trust. People want to know that they can trust Facebook and that they will actually do what it says they are doing when taking actions to

protect the consumer's data and privacy. While Facebook has moved to provide greater privacy and protection of data, there are still steps that must be taken. I look forward to working with my colleagues as we move forward and discuss ways to reassure the American people that their privacy and personal data is secure."

Alliant Energy customers will see savings from new tax code

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa - April 10, 2018 - Alliant Energy's Iowa customers will see savings this summer and into the future through lower federal taxes. As a result, customers will see lower costs for energy in Iowa.

For customers of Alliant Energy's Iowa energy company, the annual savings is expected to be nearly \$75 million, including tax-related savings from Alliant Energy's transmission providers.

"These tax savings are

great for our Iowa customers and the new, lower corporate tax rate will benefit our families, businesses and communities today and in the future," said Doug Kopp, President of Alliant Energy's Iowa energy company. "In the

last six years, we've delivered about \$500 million in other separate tax-related savings to customers, reducing energy costs."

For typical residential electric customers, tax reform will result in an annual savings of \$50-\$60.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Play sports for more than scholarship opportunities

By Bob Gardner, Executive Director of the National Federation of State High School Associations and Alan Beste, Executive Director of the Iowa High School Athletic Association

Many parents across America are trying to live the dream through their sons and daughters. It's a popular dream: Land a college athletic scholarship by prioritizing traveling sports teams or specializing in a single sport year-round.

Unfortunately, most of these dreams are never realized. The odds of a sports scholarship paying for even a portion of a student's college education are miniscule.

The College Board, a not-for-profit organization comprised of 6,000 of the world's leading educational institutions, reports that a moderate budget for college students who attend a public university in their state of residence is \$25,290 per year. The annual average budget at a private college checks in at \$50,900.

Meanwhile, the most recent data from the NCAA reveals that the average Division I athletic scholarship is worth only \$10,400. More significantly, the same study shows that fewer than two percent of all high school student-athletes (1 in 54) will ever wear the uniform of

an NCAA Division I school.

Even if the dream of getting a college athletic scholarship is realized, parents likely will spend more money on club sports than they will regain through college athletic scholarships. Because of the costs of club fees, equipment, summer camps, playing in out-of-state tournaments, and private coaching, youth sports have become a \$15 billion per year industry.

There is another way to get competition, camaraderie, and life lessons from sports, and it's a financially viable one: Encourage your sons and daughters to participate for their high school.

In education-based high school sports, student-athletes are taught, as the term implies, that grades come first. The lessons learned through high school sports experiences offer insights into leadership, overcoming adversity, and mutual respect that cannot be picked up anywhere else. Coaches in an education-based athletic setting are held accountable by the philosophy, mission, and goals of their school district. And the cost of participating in high school sports is minimal in most cases.

While there is a belief that the only way to get

noticed by college coaches is to play on club travel teams year-round, many top-tier Division I football and basketball coaches recently have stated that they are committed to recruiting students who have played multiple sports within the high school setting. They believe there are physical, emotional, and social benefits to being a multi-sport student-athlete.

By focusing on academics while playing sports in a school setting, students can earn scholarships for academics and other talents – skillsets that are oftentimes nurtured while participating in high school activities. These scholarships are more accessible and worth more money than athletic scholarships. While \$3 billion per year is available for college athletic scholarships, more than \$11 billion is awarded annually in the United States for academic scholarships and other financial assistance.

The Iowa High School Athletic Association firmly believes students will have more fun, make more friends, and be better prepared for life beyond sport by participating in multiple sports and activities offered by their high school.

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CURRENT-LEE

Bridges group to hold next meeting April 16 in Keokuk

The steering committee is hosting the next community-wide Bridges out of Poverty training in Keokuk on April 16th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church located at 1101 Blondeau Street. The Public is invited to attend

FMHS music dept. spring craft, vendor show Saturday

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison High School 2nd Annual Spring Craft/Vendor Show will take place on Saturday, April 14th at the high school from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

More than 70 vendors will be on hand with items such as woodcrafts, toys, soaps, candles, home storage, purses, leather crafts, hair and makeup products, clothing, home decor, personal nutrition and more.

Lunch options will be available at the concession stand, and door prizes will be awarded from each vendor. Proceeds will benefit the FMHS Music Dept.

Pen City Current will list your event in this highly visible CURRENT-LEE section in increments of 25 words for \$15. Add a photo for \$5. Non-profit organizations are eligible for the reduced rate of \$10 per 25 words and \$3 per photo. To place your listing, click here or call Lee at (319)371.4125.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

04/09/18 - 9:47 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2400 block of Avenue I.
 04/09/18 - 1:54 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested a 15-year-old female from Fort Madison at the police station on charges of 3rd degree criminal mischief and possession with intent to deliver. She was released to a parent.
 04/09/18 - 3:31 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 300 block of 23rd Street.
 04/09/18 - 11:59 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Stephen Michael Waggoner, 36, of Fort Madison in the 1100 block of 14th Street on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 04/10/18 - 9:16 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft reported at the police station.
 04/10/18 - 9:38 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report

of a larceny/theft in the 400 block of Avenue H.
 04/10/18 - 3:44 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1100 block of Avenue G.
 04/10/18 - 8:46 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Chase Paul Beach, 22, of Fort Madison in the 1500 block of Avenue D on two arrest warrants. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 04/11/18 - 12:07 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

Lee County Sheriff's report

04/08/18 - 7:42 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on Hwy. 61. A vehicle driven by Jessica Suzanne Kramer, 19, of Burlington was northbound on Hwy 61 and lost control due to snowy weather conditions. No injuries or citations were issued at the scene.
 04/09/18 - 11:21 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Richard Wayne Mattix, 41, of Keokuk in the 2500 block of 255th Street in Montrose on

a court-ordered hold.
 04/09/18 - 12:15 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Robert Eugene Teesdale, 53, in the 600 block of 22nd Street in Fort Madison on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and then released on bond.
 04/09/19 - 4:44 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jessica Erin Weinreich, 39, of Fort Madison, in the 3900 block of Bluff Road on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 04/10/18 - 7:00 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested William Jay Kirchner Jr., 28 of Fort Madison, in the 2100 block of 270th Street, on charges of eluding at speeds of 25 mph over speed limit, possession of stolen property, unlawful possession of prescription drugs, driving under suspension, fraudulent use of registration and speeding. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 04/10/18 - 9:17 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Paul Douglas Bowden, 33, of Fort Madison in the 1200 block of

Avenue G, Fort Madison, on a warrants for voluntary absence from custody and a court-ordered hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 04/10/18 - 10:30 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Angel Michelle Daniels, 35 of Fort Madison at the sheriff's office on a warrant for violation of probation and a charge of 5th degree theft.
 04/10/18 - 9:25 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Daniel Roland James, 40, of Kirksville, at 200th Street and Hwy. 218 on a warrant for simple assault and a charge of being a fugitive from justice. *Those listed above should be presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.*

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

04/09/11 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls, one assist, and one odor investigation
 04/10/11 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to four medical calls and one assist.

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Sports

Schneider, Mendez, and Lampe lead FMHS at Pen City Relays

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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Hamblin of Cedar Rapids Kennedy, and ushered the Hounds to a 9th place finish. Senior Kamryn Bailey also scored in the event with her 6th place finish at 2:38.50.

Fort Madison got a second-place throw from Leigh Johnson in the shotput. Johnson came up short of Iliyah Moore of West Burlington by 5'-10". Johnson's throw of 33'-0" scored eight points for the Bloodhounds.

Senior Claire Mendez put up nine points for the Hounds with a 6th place finish in the 1500-meter run at 5:49.03 and a 3rd-place finish in the 3000-meter run at 12:11.70.

Reyna Lampe took 3rd place in the 100-meter hurdles with a 17.16 mark good for six points. Lampe put up another two points with a 7th-place finish in the 400 hurdles at 1:20.85.

In the relays, the Hounds scored two points with a 7th place finish in the 4x100 relay with Taylor Barnes, Olivia Williams, Lampe, and Kylie Cashman running for the crimson and black.

The 4x400 relay team of Nadia Boeding, Bailey, Schneider, and Sierra Howardson took 5th and earned four points with a 4:31.62 time.

The 800-meter sprint medley team of Cash-

FORT MADISON - Future University of Northern Iowa runner, Brett Schneider, took first in the 800-meter run at the Pen City Relays on Tuesday evening at Richmond Field.

The senior set the pace at 2:29.70, scored 10 points winning by 1.5 seconds over Olivia



Sophomore Anna Kester hands off to Claire Mendez in the 4x200 meter relay on Monday night at turn 3. Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

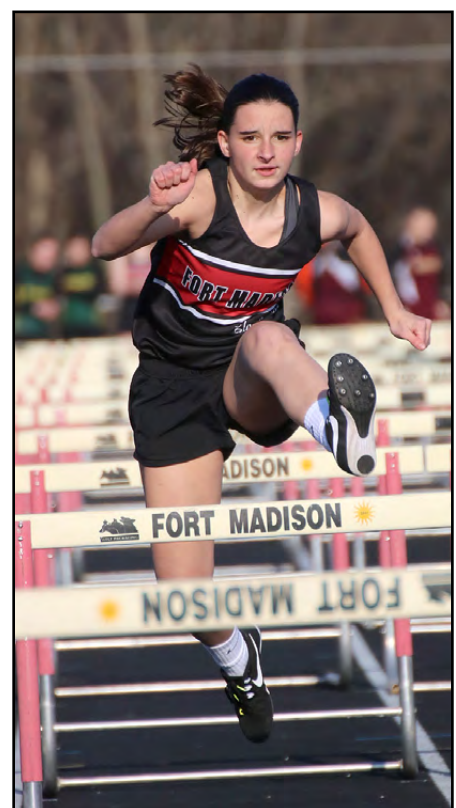
man, Williams, Boeding, and Schneider earned three points with a 5th place time of 2:01.57.

Barnes, Lampe, Lauren King, and Madelyn Swigart earned a point in the Shuttle Hurdle Relay at 1:20.00 good for 8th place.

Cashman had a leap of 14'-2" in the long jump good enough for 6th place and three points to round out the scoring for the Lady Hounds.

Complete results are listed below.
100-meter dash Olivia Williams 14.58 (15th), Anna Schroeder 18.43 (19th)
200-meter dash - Anna Kester 31.12 (11th), Jada Lamm 33.76 (15th), Anna Schroeder 39.74 (18th).
400-meter dash - Nadia Boeding 1:11.49 (11th)
800-meter run - Brett Schneider 2:29.70 (1st-10 pts.), Kamryn Bailey 2:38.50 (6th - 3 pts.)
1500-meter run - Claire Mendez 5:49.03 (6th - 3 pts.)
3000-meter run - Claire Mendez 12:11.70 (3rd - 6 pts.)
100-meter hurdles - Reyna Lampe 17.16 (3rd - 6 pts.),

Taylor Barnes 19.37 (15th), Madelyn Swigart 21.10 (19th)
400-meter hurdles - Reyna Lampe 1:20.85 (7th - 2 pts.), Madelyn Swigart 1:29.09 (10th)
4x100 relay - Barnes, Williams, Lampe, and Kylie Cashman 57.67 (7th - 2 pts)
4x200 relay - Kester, Claire Mendez, Raigan Munson, and Cashman, 2:05.00 (9th)
4x400 relay - Boeding, Bailey, Schneider, and Sierra Howardson 4:31.62 (5th - 4 pts.)
800-meter sprint medley - Cashman, Williams, Boeding, and Schneider 2:01.57 (5th - 3 points)
Distance Medley - Bailey, Barnes, Howardson and Schneider, 5:38.87 (8th)
Shuttle Hurdle Relay - Barnes, Lampe, Lauren King, Madelyn Swigart - 1:20.00 (8th - 1 pt.)
Long Jump - Kylie Cashman 14'-2" (6th-3 pts), Olivia Williams 12'-3" (13th)
Shot put - Leigh Johnson 33'-0" (2nd - 7 points), Kamryn Bailey 22'-6" (13th)
Discus throw - Leigh Johnson 79'-3" (11th), Dalyn Wondra 73'-4"
Junior varsity results:
4x100 meter relay - Emma Torgler, Jada Lamm, Raigan Munson, and Dalyn Wondra - 1:03.28 (5th - 4 points)
Distance Medley - Swigart, Lamm, Munson, and King - 5:28.41 (1st - 10 points)



Freshman Taylor Barnes pushes the first leg of the Hounds' shuttle hurdle relay on Tuesday at the Pen City Relays. The Hounds finished with 51 points and 9th place.

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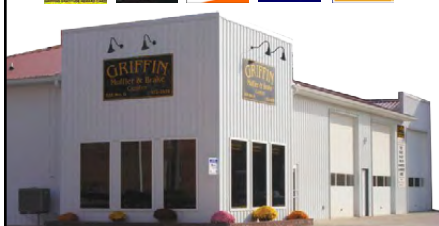
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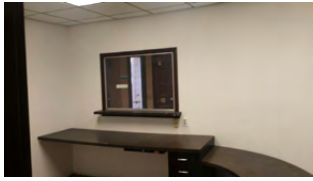
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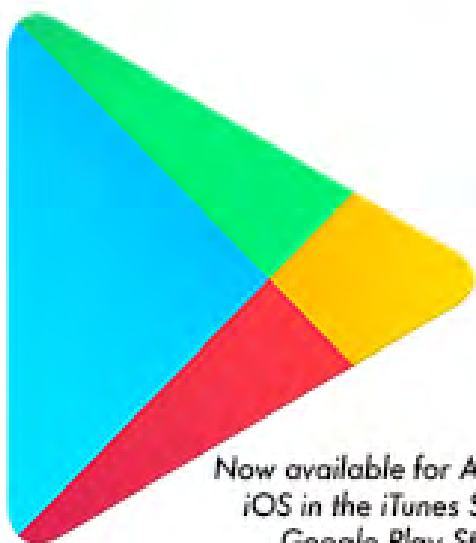
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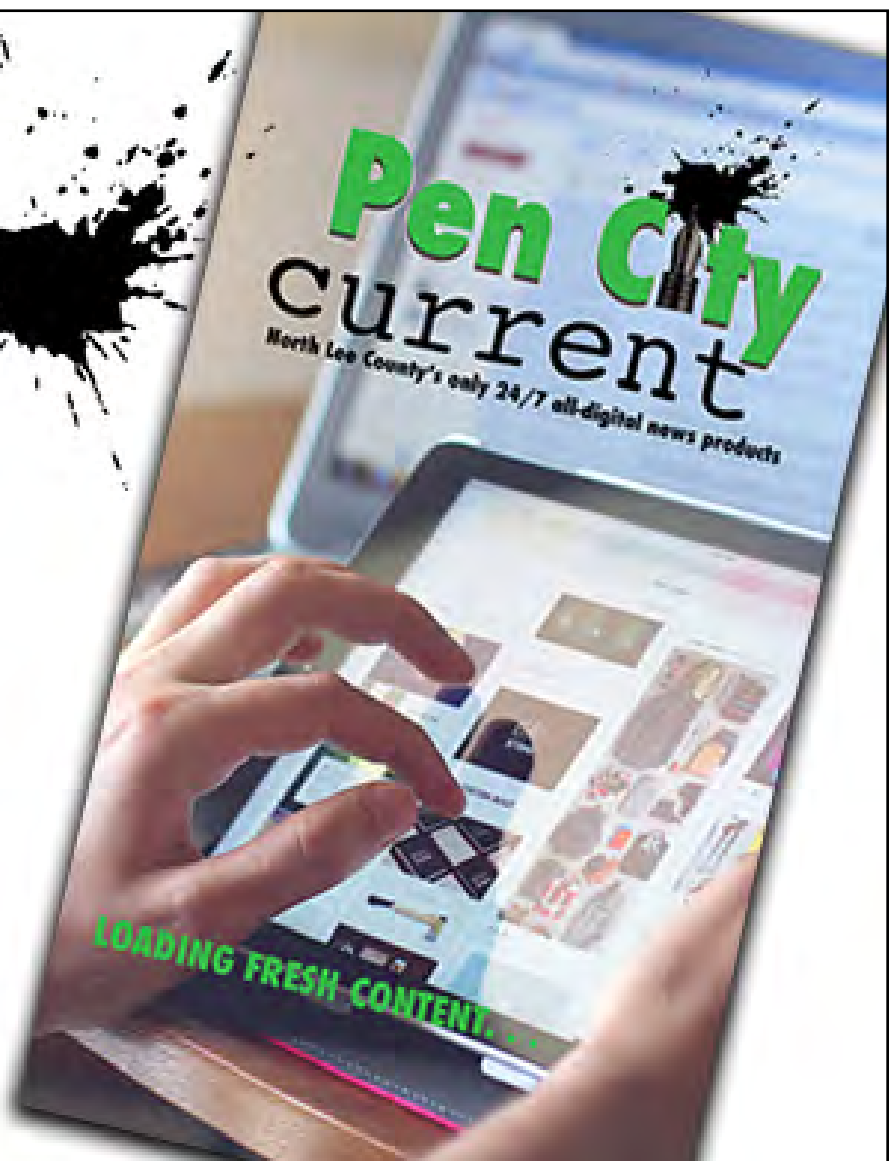
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From the Front/Weather

Secondary roads, sheriff's department on Haynes' radar

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two years, the facility is still a ways away from full capacity.

The county budget is also a concern for Haynes and said the time is right to start looking at what expenses can be cut because of the state pulling back on assistance to local governments. He referenced Ron Fedler's warning to the county at Tuesday's Board of Supervisors' meeting.

"They're leaving us with a real headache, to be honest," he said of state legislators. "Each year things cost more and more and everyone wants to increase their budgets and there isn't any money, I don't think we're at the extreme that Ron was talking about Tuesday, but I think he was just putting a warning out there for everybody. This is what the group had to decide, not something one person decides."

Haynes said cutting staff at the jail isn't the answer. He even suggested that the sheriff's department needs additional staffing.

"The sheriff's department is a big thing right now. We need to grow that department," he said. "The last two sheriffs haven't asked for more personnel and you backlog on hiring and now you have to do all this catchup. But we need to be on top of

crime and public safety.

The population of the jail is growing and he needs to be able to staff that. I think three deputies on duty is sufficient. I know he wants laptops in the cars and the kitchen to save money on meals. We need to be careful with spending but we have to consider those things. That's a big thing with me in this election."

Secondary Roads, which along with the sheriff's department and the Lee County Health Department, make up the largest portion of the county budget, is also something Haynes has given some thought to.

He said with County Engineer Ernie Steffensmeier closing in on retirement, he would support not backfilling that position. Promoting one of the current three supervisors in the department to Steffensmeier's post and running with just two supervisors.

"We need to see improvement in roads. That's a good thing, but is it being done efficiently?" Haynes asked. "I hardly ever see them, but if you hear a complaint you'll see six trucks out there. I don't think the county knows what they're doing day-to-day. I do see the maintainers a lot, however."

He said he also doesn't believe the county needs

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-Larry Haynes, Candidate for Supervisor

all the heavy equipment it's purchased.

"A lot of times they are contracting the work. I know we have a lot of equipment just sitting in sheds that they want for a rainy day. It's paid for, but we could see that and then rent or lease equipment as we need it. Now they want new buildings to store it in."

The campaigning is likely again to focus on delineation of north and south Lee County and

duplication of services.

"I don't think consolidation is a word we want to be using right now. That is a real divider. When the courthouse failed, and I was on that committee, but when the voters spoke and we let that go, I think that was one of the best things we could have done. We heard from the voters and we moved on. I think the county is right where it should be with regard to services."

However he did say that he would support ending driver's license services in the county because a lot of people are already getting their license renewed online and the program bleeds money from the county.

State assistance to local governments is getting thinner and thinner and Hayes said the budget should be adjusted to reflect that despite increasing potential revenues on the horizon from the Iowa Fertilizer Plant and the pipeline that was built two years ago. Aside from payments in lieu of property taxes that increase each five years for the first 20 years while the tax abatements expire, natural gas consumption fees will also be charged to the facility and those revenues could land in county coffers...or a portion of them.

"Nobody knows what

that revenue from the fertilizer plant is going to be," he said. "That money, when it starts to come in, I believe after three years, goes to the state and then they send it to the county. That's how its drawn up anyway. So we don't know what that will look like and, as far as the pipeline, and I haven't heard much on that other than there was supposed to be a charge on the amount of product flowing through the pipes."

He also would like to work with state legislators and help bring enhanced fiber optics and rural Internet to the area.

"How many businesses opened outside the population centers in the county, Harvestville Farms, Appleberry, Fat Jimmy's, people like that trying to grow their business that can't get decent rural Internet service," he said, "As a supervisor, we should work with that and try to help those people. Who supplements that cost and is it worth the effort. I think it is. With all the 1-to-1 school programs with laptops and tablets and students, including SCC students, who can't go home and get good Internet speed. That's worth the effort and that's a topic of my own. I haven't seen the other people running talk about that."

Haynes also said he believes in term limits for certain positions and the county board is one of them.

"I think two terms is sufficient for you to get what you want to get done. If you can't get your agenda done in eight years you should pass it along. Term limits would be a good thing to keep ideas fresh."

He also said mental health is a big problem in the county and said he would like to help the county look for ways to provide a facility closer than the new access centers the state is looking at.

"We, as a county, need to have a house - for battered woman and mentally ill. Temporary housing - nothing like we've had in the past."

He said the funding should come from the county's mental health services budget because the state's mandating a spend down of those funds and that money is just sitting in the fund.

The mental health fund in this year's budget has no tax asking so property taxes will not be used in the that department's budget in the upcoming 2018-19 fiscal year. The department is using the excess funds in the account to fund the year's activities.



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