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## Harlow running on workforce, elected office experience

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - For years, Rich Harlow used his voice for radio, but now he wants to put his voice to work for the residents of Lee County.

Harlow, a former Fort Madison City Councilman, is running for the District 3 Lee County Supervisors seat being vacated by Don Hunold, who's stepping away from the board at year's end.

Harlow (D-Montrose) is running against Jim Steffen (R-Keokuk).

Harlow could be considered a jack of all trades. He current drives a bus for the Fort Madison Community School District, and is employed as a driver with King-Lynk Funeral Home. He's also served stints on area radio stations covering sports, been an announcer for area high school games and spent more than three decades helping people find work with the state's work-

## importance to voters in southeast lowa. Steffen says board needs accountability and more foresight

STEFFEN

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - With deep ties and time in the U.S. Marine Corp and the U.S. Army, ISP employee Jim Steffen wants to bring order and accountability to Lee County.

The 15-year Iowa State Penitentiary correctional officer and father of four is seeking the District 3 Lee County Supervisor seat currently held by Don Hunold. Hunold announced earlier this year that he would not be seeking re-election.

Steffen was born and raised in Lee County and has spent most of his life in uniform, either with the military, the prison, or the Des Moines Township volunteer fire department.

"I read a book about Iwo Jima when I was 12 years old and thought, 'Wow, those people are really brave people and I'd like to do that." Steffen said at age 12 he sent in a recruiting card from a magazine and got a letter from a marine major who wrote that the Marines would love to have him, but he's was too young. Steffen said, even after his house burned in 2007, he still has that letter. At 17, while a senior at Keokuk High School, he joined the Marines and wanted to be in the infantry and not an officer. His ASVAB scores were high enough that the marines put him in the Personnel Reliability Program where

# arrests in connection with 2016 shooting

Crews charged with attempted murder, 1st-degree robbery, burglary, and animal abuse

BY PCC STAFF

KEOKUK - Keokuk authorities have arrested two Keokuk men in connection with a 2016 shooting on Belknap Place in the city.

The Keokuk Police Department released the arrest of Matthew Cameron Crews, age 28, of Keokuk, on Oct. 12th, 2018 at 4:33 p.m., in the 1200 block of Exchange. Crews is charged with Attempted Murder, Burglary 1st Degree, Robbery 1st Degree, and two

counts of animal abuse. He was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center.

Crews' arraignment is set for Nov. 5th at 8 a.m. at the South Lee County Courthouse. He is being held on a \$1M cash only bond. Keokuk attorney Curt Dial has been appointed to represent Crews.



On October 16, 2018 at 3:13 p.m.,

the Keokuk Police Department arrested Drake Dalton Woods, age 25 of rural Keokuk, in the 3400 block of 276th Ave. Woods is charged with Aiding and Abetting Robbery 1st Degree and, Aiding and Abetting Burglary 1st Degree. He was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center.

Woods' is being held on a \$25,000 cash only bond and his arraignment is set for Oct. 26 at 11 a.m.

The arrest of Crews and Woods stems from an investigation into a shooting that happened at 300 Belknap Place, on



force department.

His motto: "Better to wear out than rust out."

"People know me from not only working radio in north and south Lee county, but also for being a workforce leader in the county," Harlow said. "I was there for 30 years and our name changed from Job Service of Iowa, to the Iowa Workforce Development, and now Iowa Works. "

Harlow said he spent 30 years helping people looking

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Jan. 7th, 2016 at around 1 a.m. Officers found a 31-year-old male and two dogs with gunshot wounds at the scene.

Assisting the Keokuk Police Department in the investigation was the Lee WOODS County Attorney's Office, Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, Lee County Sheriff's Department, Lee County Narcotics Task Force, Hamilton Police Department and, Keokuk Animal Services. A criminal charge is merely an accusation and a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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## **Obituaries/Lottery Numbers**

## LAVERNE ANN MENKE

LaVerne Ann Menke, 89, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 10:33 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at Amber Terrace Assisted Living in Baton Rouge, LA. She was born on August 23, 1929 in Fort Madison, IA to Albert & Rose Otte Pollmeier. She married Arnold W. Menke on June 24, 1950 in Fort Madison, IA. He



preceded her in death on September 10, 2013. She worked for many years at Mid American Energy and was a member of Holy Family Parish in Fort Madison.

LaVerne is survived by: 2-daughters: Debbie (Jack) Lancaster & Beth (Scott) Kamber; 2-sons: Bill (Sally) Menke & JC (Debbie) Menke; 10-grandchildren; 3-step grandchildren; 16-great grandchildren; 2-sisters: Jane Koellner & Jeanette (Ed) Rapier and numerous nieces & nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents & husband.

MENKE

& nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents & husband. Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. Services for LaVerne will be held in the spring.

Burial will be held at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Online condolences to the family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: <u>www.kinglynk.com</u>.

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## VIVIAN "VIV" IRENE BRYANT

Vivian "Viv" Irene Bryant, age 83, passed away on Friday, October 19, 2018 at The Madison Health Center. A native of Elkins, WV, she was born to the late Clyde Barkley and Virginia Eva Carr Barkley on September 16, 1935. Vivian lived throughout the United States including Newport News VA, San Diego and San Francisco CA,



Midway Island and Pearl City HI before making Fort Madison, Iowa her home in 1967. She became co-owner and then owner of Bryant Moving and Storage as the local agent for North American Van Lines in Fort Madison for many years. She was active in the community and a member of the Moose Lodge #671 and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Lonnie Sawyer and Garold L. Bryant, her son Mark R. Bryant, and her brother Leonard C Barkley. Vivian leaves to cherish her memory a sister Betty L Southard; four children, Soyna Wilcock, Lonnie Sawyer, Garold

BRYANT

L. Bryant, Jr., and Jeffery D. Bryant, her grandchildren Cindi Pastor, Cassie Cuellar, Dwen McLaughlin, Andrew Bryant, Jeff Bryant, Jr., and Samantha Bryant, many great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and no services are planned. The family wishes to thank the staff of The Madison for their care during these last years of her life and to Viv's lifelong friend, Jeannie Parker, for your all help and friendship. Memorial contributions may be made to Great River Friends, 1221 S. Gear Ave., West Burlington, IA 52655. Online condolences to Viv's family may be made at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: <u>www.kinglynk.com</u>.



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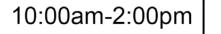
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### **Sports**

# Bloodhounds end season with road win

Crazy start involves onside, fumble, interception in first four plays of game

#### BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

KEOKUK - The Fort Madison Bloodhounds survived what can only be described as the goofiest first two minutes of football most of the spectators had ever seen, to wrap up the 2018 season on a winning note.

The Hounds disposed of a spunky Keokuk Chiefs team 35-14 to wrap up Class 3A District 6 football action for both the teams. The Bloodhounds finish the season 3-6, a game off the 4-5 inaugural season for Head Coach Tony Shiffman. The Chiefs finish the season at 1-8.

The Hounds were preparing for the Chiefs to throw everything at them in both teams' final game, but botched an opening game onside kick. The Chiefs recovered at the Hound 49-yard line and, after an Eddie Lee 2-yard loss on the first carry, quarterback Cory Skinner mishandled the snap on 2nd and 12 and the Bloodhounds' senior Sam Avery recovered at the Hounds' 39.

Lennon Barker then took a shotgun snap on the Hounds first possession, rolled right, and threw an interception at the the Chiefs' 31.

The Chiefs' Braylon Martinez took the first snap after the pick and bounced to the right sideline and shot 54 yards to the Hounds' 15. Two plays later Skinner hit Martinez for a 14-yard touchdown to put Keokuk up 6-0 at the 10:15 mark. The two-point conversion failed.

The Chiefs tried another onside kick, but Harley Pennamon covered the ball at the 50. Barker found Parker Denning for a 6-yard gain on 1st and 10 and then hooked up with senior Trey Kuntz, but the Chiefs sniffed out the play and brought Kuntz down for a 3-yard loss to the Hounds' 47. With Fort Madison fac-





ing a 3rd and 7, Barker looked to Kuntz again in the right flat and Kuntz kept his feet slipping between two defenders and then raced down the right sideline for the touchdown with 9:19 still remaining in the first quarter. Senior AJ Nolting added the extra point and the Hounds

were up 7-6.

Fort Madison kicked to the Chiefs' 31 and sophomore Skinner went to work on the Hounds' defense, hooking up with senior Dalton Boudewyn on a 27yard pass play on 1st and 10. Skinner then took the next two carries for six yards to the Hounds' 36. On 3rd and 4, Skinner found Tyjai Mueller on a short gain, but a roughing the passer penalty gave the Chiefs a 1st and 10 at the 11. Skinner carried for five yards and then got nothing on 2nd and 5. Junior Diego Lozano got a hold of a very quick Martinez in the backfield for a 1-yard loss forcing a Keokuk timeout.

On 4th and 6, Skinner took a shotgun snap and, with a little time, found sophomore Anthony Potratz in the back of the endzone. The two hooked up again on the 2 point conversion on a Potratz sliding catch, to put the Chiefs up 14-7.

Keokuk opted for a regular kick off and the Hounds' Mike Mosena returned the ball to the 34. The Hounds then marched 66 yards on 12 plays highlighted by a Barker-to-Dom Frantz 25-yard gain on 3rd and 7 to the Chiefs' 41.



After junior Kali Maestro got nothing on 1st and 10, Barker was sacked for a 10-yard loss, but then found Kuntz again for a 34-yard gain on 3rd and 20. Fort Madison didn't get much on the next two plays, but Barker found Denning

DENNING

streaking across from left to right and hit him in stride before stepping out at

the three for a first down. An unsportsmanlike conduct penalty pushed the Hounds to 1st and goal from the 18. Two Barker incompletions had the Hounds at 3rd and goal from the 18. After Shiffman called a time out, the Hounds set up a play where Parker again was streaking from left to right, but this time in the back of the endzone and Barker found him for the score. Nolting's PAT was blocked and the Chiefs held a 14-13 advantage with 2:48 left in the 1st quarter.

The Chiefs took the next possession and ran 13 plays and moved the ball to the Hounds' 35. On a 1st and 15 from the Chiefs' 36, Skinner rolled back and found Martinez streaking behind the secondary and lofted a pass over the defense that bounced off Martinez's helmet as he tried to adjust to the arching throw. Skinner then kept the ball and right read and gained a yard. On the next play, Skinner threw to the right sideline, but the Hounds' Sheymouhr Redd-Donald jumped the route and made a diving catch sliding out of bounds at what appeared to be the 1-yard line, but officials ruled he had landed on the goal line and the Hounds had it 1st and 10 at the 20.

The Bloodhounds ran into their first punting situ-



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Senior Trey Kuntz scores on the Hounds' second possession of the night in Friday's win. Kuntz finished with seven catches for 102 yards and the touchdown.

Keokuk ran three plays and got a first down when Skinner and Potratz connected for an 8-yard pass play. Skinner went to the air again to the right sideline but Redd-Donald got in the way again and pulled the ball away before landing out of bounds in front of the Keokuk bench for his second pick of the game. Barker found Mike Mosena on a bubble screen to the left on 1st and 10, but turned the ball over on the next play when Mueller stepped in front of a Barker pass and picked it off at the Chiefs' 35-yard line.

After a 5-yard holding penalty on Keokuk had the Chiefs at 1st and 15, Skinner let one fly to Mueller who had gotten free down the middle of the field. Redd-Donald knocked Mueller off the route, but was called for pass interference on the play that could have resulted in a touchdown. The Chiefs took the ball at the 25 1st and 10, but the Hounds defense would hold



when senior Nick Carter picked off a Skinner pass in the endzone with about 58 seconds left in the half.

With a 1st and 10 at the 20, the Hounds went to work through the air trying to salvage some points before halftime. Barker threw incomplete to the right and then an illegal substitution on

Keokuk gave the Hounds a 1st and 10 at the 35. Barker skipped a low pass to Denning that went incomplete, but Maestro took a carry 12 yards on the next play. Shiffman called a timeout with 24.8 seconds left in the half. Barker again threw incomplete on 1st and 10, Maestro carried for a yard to make it 3rd and 9. Barker found Redd-Donald to the right for a seven yard gain to the Hounds' 42.

The Hounds lined up in their usual spread formation

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC Diego Lozano (7) and Quentin Schneider (3) pulled down Keokuk's Braylon Martinez in the second quarter Friday night in Keokuk.



ation on the next possession after Barker was sacked for an 8-yard loss on 3rd and 11. The Chiefs couldn't make any hay with the stop and were forced into a three and out punt to the Hounds' 50. Fort Madison ran five plays and then returned the ball with a punt to the Chiefs' 31.



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### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

PUBLIC NOTICE Lee County, Iowa Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Agenda DATE: TUESDAY, October 23, 2018 MEETING CONVENING TIME: 9:00 A.M. LOCATION: Correctional Center 2530 255th Street, Montrose, IA AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance Approve Agenda Consider Approval of October 16, 2018 Board Minutes Consider Approval of

Claims Public Input

Consider Approval of Final Plans for FM-TSF-CO56(100)- -5B-56 HMA Pavement Widening on X23 from Hwy 2 to West Point; HSIP-SWAP-CO56(102)--FJ-56 HMA Pavement Widening on J40 from Hwy 27 to West Point; FM-TSF-CO(56)(103)- -5B-56 HMA Pavement Widening on W62 from 340th Street to Hwy 61 and STBG-SWAP-CO56(106)- -FG-56 HMA Resurfacing with Cold-in Place Recycling On J48 from J40 to Hwy 61

Consider Approval of Addendum to IDOT Agreement 2018-TS-007 (previously approved on August 11, 2017) for Safety Funds for Project Number HSIP-SW AP-CO56(102)

Review Propose Engine Braking Prohibited Ordinance

Discuss County Shed in Argyle

Discuss and Consider Approval of Contract with Fort Madison Housing Authority for Property Management of County Owned Apartments in Fort Madison

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST POINT CITY COUNCIL WEST POINT, IOWA 52656 OCTOBER 8, 2018

Mayor Paul Walker called the properly noticed regular meeting of the City Council of the City of West Point to order in the Conference Room of the Public Library, 317 Fifth Street, West Point, Iowa 52656 on October 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. In addition to Mayor Walker, the following indicated Council Members were present: Brian Meierotto; Will Stuekerjuergen; and, Bruce Wellman. Absent: Joe Loving. Tentative agenda was approved by consensus. Library Director Dara Sanders presented the annual library report. The Public Works Department report was reviewed. Upon invitation Police Officer Dustin Fullhart presented the Police Department report. Mayor reported Beggars Night will be held on October 30, 2018 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and, Library Board meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Mayor reported meeting date and time for meetings of the upcoming Municipal Utility Board; Library Board; and, next regular Council Meeting of November 13, 2018. Dennis McGregor presented the City Administrator's report On motion approved Annual Financial Report for FYE18. On motion approved City Administrator and City Clerk attend budget workshop in Fairfield (with costs to be shared with Municipal Utility System). On motion adopted Resolution No. 752-18 approving final plat of West Park Subdivision. On motion adopted Resolution No. 753-18 a preliminary resolution to dispose of real property. On motion adopted Resolution No. 754-18 a preliminary resolution to approve voluntary annexation. On motion minutes of prior regular Council Meeting of September 10, 2018 were approved as presented. On motion Treasurer's Report for September 2018 was approved as presented. On

motion warrants payable for October 2018 were approved as presented. On motion meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m., October 8, 2018.

#### EXPENDITURES FOR SEPTEMBER, 2018

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/s/ Paul Walker, Mayor Attest: Diane E. Smith, City Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE** WEST POINT UTILITY SYSTEM WEST POINT, IOWA October 9th, 2018 The West Point Municipal Utility System Board of Trustees met in regular session at, West Point City Hall, West Point, Iowa 52656 on October 9th, 2018. Board Chairman Randy Welding presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board Member Brian Schmitz was present along with Board Member Ted Vonderhaar. Tentative agenda was approved by consensus. Status of delinquent accounts was discussed and considered by Board Members in detail. Field operations report, as prepared by Utility Superintendent, was discussed by Board Members in detail. Board Chairman was

reported on the following: The next regular Utility System Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 13th, 2018 at West Point City Hall 5:30 p.m. and is open to the public. On motion, minutes of prior regular meeting of September 11th, 2018 was approved. On motion, approved warrants payable for October 9th 2018 as presented. On motion, meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m., October 9th, 2018. AGRINEED - HERBICIDE AMAZON - BINOCU-LARS ...... 39.96 DAILY DEMOCRAT- LE-GAL PUBLICATION DELTA DENTAL - INSUR-ANCE...... 137.20 EFTPS - FED/FICA TAX FLETCHER-REINHARDT - SUPPLIES ..... 5,771.05 FLOYDS EZWAY - TRASH

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## **One-on-Ones - Jim Steffen (R-Keokuk)** Steffen says more transparency will help county

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he went on sea duty for two years on the U.S. Carl Vincent protecting nuclear weapons. He did one deployment to Okinawa and spent eight days off the coast of Iran in 1984 waiting for an order that never came to attack Iran.

He was also a member of the 101st Airborne for two years and deployed to Korea for two years in the 2nd Infantry Division. He returned to active duty at 29 and he was as old as his company commander. He left active duty after a foot injury and then in 2006 joined the Army National Guard as a combat engineer. At 41 years of age he had to reclassify and, in 2007, went active duty with National Guard as an administration non-commissioned officer.

He also served as a recruiter before starting at the prison in 2003, but when recruiting standards changed under the Obama Administration, he left recruiting and went full-time at the prison.

Steffen said he decided to run for office after he said he was seeing all these jobs coming into the country from overseas and Lee County wasn't getting any attention from those companies.

"I wanted to run to improve the economy and saw the rest of the country bringing in all these jobs from China and everything and so I thought, 'why aren't we doing that and what's wrong with what we're doing," Steffen said.

"It's all tied in together. Realtors are tied in with Board of Supervisors, which is tied within all these other people, and the economic development people. The county is paying them and they weren't doing the job I thought they should be doing."

He said things have changed a bit in the workforce since he first thought about running. He said now the county has some good paying jobs, but we don't have the people with the skills to do the work.

"As we we've gone through the campaign, the unemployment rate has dropped and what we're seeing now is all these factories need workers now. So we need to change tactics. I'd still like to bring in some tech jobs and some of that stuff here because we're not keeping our children here," he said. "We've been bleeding people for years. I have a son that lives in Cedar Rapids and is a finance director at a car dealership. Maybe we get that dealership to open down here - something like that to bring him back and keep others here."

He said people don't believe they're being heard at the county level.

"People out where I live don't believe that they get a

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voice," Steffen said. "The people I talked to 90% of them don't even know what the supervisors do. If you don't know what they are doing or supposed to be doing, who's keeping track of what they are doing? I plan to bring more transparency to it. No. 1 - they know what they do and what they're responsible for."

#### MENTAL HEALTH/LAW ENFORCEMENT

Steffen said he started at the prison when the Critical Care Unit, which has now been shuttered, was built. He said he's seen first hand the impact mental health is having on law enforcement and the public in general.

"I started at the prison when they opened the CCU and that was 200 mental patients, but they had criminal records, too. In there we had to balance security and treatment. In there they could be actually violent to staff and each other, plus they had mental health problems. It made me more appreciative of the treatment and the confinement. They closed a lot of the mental health institution years ago and you see it, there are people out here that need help but aren't getting it. It's definitely something we need to fix, but how we do it I don't know," he said.

Steffen said he thinks the idea of converting the CCU to a for-profit jail under the supervision of the sheriff's department and Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber has merit.

"That building was built in 2003 so it's still pretty new and they thought about making it a jail. This whole thing revolves around that same mental health crisis. The people you're talking about end up committing crimes and that may be the only place they get help. You could make that a for-profit holding jail and then you could take the proceeds from that and do more things for the county," he said. "It would be Stacy's, but it could be run with minimal staff. They made us do the whole thing with four or five people on a shift. You got a pod of 40 and you have one officer on a pod."

#### **BUDGET**

With regard to the county budget, Steffen said he thinks increased spending should be stopped until the county develops accountability among the department heads that submit budgets.

"I think they better stop where they're at. When they do that they can prioritize. Look at what you have, what do you need, what do you need for your people who are your biggest resource. You have to treat them right," he said.

He said as a supervisor he'd ask all department heads to plan for a 3% across the board budget cut, and would extend meetings to make sure all county business is being dealt with.

"We need to identify what are real problems, not just jumping at whatever people say. Let's be more proactive than reactive. A budget is a plan for the next year," he said.

"I've purposely not went to meetings. I didn't want to get in that drama. But I have read all the minutes. There's no way you can have a meeting in less than 15 minutes. They're doing stuff outside. They have to be. If you do even a half hour meeting and an hour workshop, you're not getting the county's business done. Unless you're letting your department heads do their work, but I don't see that happening."

#### **EDUCATION**

Steffen said his figures show that 75% of the state budget goes to education, but the state has to draw a line somewhere in regards to what you do with the rest of the revenues.

He also said the current conversations about exposing students to vocational programming, instead of always pushing the path of a 4-year degree is a positive step, regionally and nationwide.

"I don't know if the supervisors do anything with education, but they are in a perfect position to do something with education. They could go to the school districts instead of sitting back and being more reactive," he said. "They need to promote Science Technology Engineering and Math. We don't have that now, we have a skills gap and we need to fill it. Not every kids needs to go to college. If you look at the statistics 50% of kids are going to college only 25% of them are graduating. A lot of them that are graduating aren't getting jobs because then you get into the whole thing of the liberal indoctrination in college. You see it, they're not teaching them anything, they're just getting them to take the classes."

He said Central Lee has a top notch agriculture program and Fort Madison has built a great building trades program.

"We want to keep all these kids here and we need to do more to keep them here."

#### **CONSERVATION**

The current rumble between the Lee County Conservation District and hunters seems to be a pretty simple thing to Steffen, but he quickly admits that he doesn't think hunting should be licensed in the state at any level. County duck hunters and the LCCD are at odds over duck blinds and where they can and can't be placed on county property.

"They're only talking about what you can do on county property. Not being a duck hunter I don't know everything about it, but I've seen the most recent proposal," he said. "So they're telling you can do this and you do this, it seems pretty simple. I grew up on the river so I was used to duck blinds all year. Truthfully, I think they think it's more of an eyesore issue more than anything. I didn't see a whole lot in the proposal that was really bad. It was reasoned. What I did see, to me, it didn't seem like they were restricting a whole lot, and it was common sense stuff."

"It's better than the way the state does it, the state just says this is what we're doing. They were also talking about making changes to deer hunting. Just keep what you got and let it go. I don't even think you should have to have a hunting license."

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"There's some kind of dysfunction here," Steffen said. "Coming from the outside I've got ideas, but I can't say this is the problem or that's the problem. I want to fix how it works. Like I've said, transparency. One example is the all-terrain vehicle thing. The problem is there was like 800 people who wanted to do it, but the rest of the county was against it. But nobody else brought up preemption, which is the county can't make a law that violates state law. There are seven counties that have done it and they are actually in violation of state law. The vehicle manufacturers even say you can't ride them on the road." "The county shed issue - the back story is that those people want that property. I went to the county and talked to the maintenance people about the shed and they said they still used the shed but the door had fallen off. It comes down to leadership. It comes down to people not doing what they say. I'll go to the people behind the scenes and find out from the experts." "One of the first things I would do is go to department heads and tell them to come up with a 3% across the board cut. Not that we're going to do it, but that you know what you would have to do if we did. So you're in charge of the budget, meaning I would want them to prioritize." "In leadership, your span of control is four or five people. You have these department heads and you have to make them responsible and accountable and you have to support them. But if they're not doing the job you need to train them or get rid of them. But the supervisors aren't using them."

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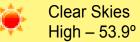
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ECONOMY (Editor's Note: Mr. Steffen's interview was conducted prior to the Lee County Economic Development Group restructuring and eliminating the CEO position)

Steffen said the economic development efforts of the county could be restructured and future efforts need to be evaluated on a yearly basis, including the current makeup of the board to exclude ex-officio supervisors on the board.

"We have to look and see what the results are and they should be doing that yearly," he said. "From the outside looking in it looks like a racket. Two of the supervisors are on the committee, that's almost a conflict of interest to me. You're paying them, why are you on the board? By being on the board you have a vested interest in what they are doing."

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## One-on-Ones - Rich Harlow (D-Montrose)

## Harlow wants a seat with supervisors to help Lee County

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for work and going to industries seeing firsthand the landscape of the workforce in southeast Iowa.

30 years as an interviewer and working with employers, economic development officials, and working with people looking for jobs," Harlow said. "I've taken applications for so many people and industries I can't name them all. I really have been helping people and that's the thrust of my campaign. Whether its radio, Fort Madison City Council, the (Lee County) Conservation Board or all the other things I've been involved in over the years."

Harlow said one of his favorite pastimes is getting involved and rolling up his sleeves to help people.

"I like to see things happens. Being on the city council, the conservation board, or the board of supervisors, that's democracy in action," he said.

Harlow mentioned recent issues in front of the board that show his involvement was helping bring attention to the issue of a county shed in Argyle that had the ire of the some residents and truck drivers using jake brakes near Clearview Heights in Fort Madison. Harlow is also now a member of the Lee County Farm Bureau and the Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce.

Harlow approached the Lee County Board of Supervisors several weeks ago about the shed and the jake brake complaints from those living at

Clearview Heights. He said he's also picked up the endorsement the AFSCME Local #2989, representing the correctional officers at Iowa State Penitentiary. "My theme is I care about you and Lee County and those two things are indicators of what I'm doing," Harlow said. "I'm saying it and as I'm out campaigning I'm bringing those people to meetings to get things done on their behalf."

best allocate those funds. At the last board of supervisors' meeting another budget amendment was passed that resulted in a general revenue balance of approximately \$8 million.

"We know that in life, decisions and government decisions revolve around money, and money moves things. I think were in good shape now, but you always have to be aware of how much you have and how much you'll spend down the road. The Fort Madison City Council has got some problems as far as its budget and we have to be careful that doesn't happen with the county budget," he said.

The current status of a budget surplus at the state level, is something Harlow said he would like to see brought back down to Lee County.

"The fertilizer plant has been a big boon as far as Lee County is concerned and I'm hearing they may want to add an ammonia plant. My golly, that would make the picture look even better as far as money and jobs and those kinds of things."

He said election time is not the time to talk about raising property taxes, but he said the county may progressively get better with income from the fertilizer plant and possibly the pipeline if any revenues are seen off that utility under Lee County property.

"What candidate running for office would be stupid enough to say, 'I think it's time we raise taxes," he said. "We can't count our chickens before they hatch and you got to have that money in the coffers. It's like a checking account. We gotta have that money before we can spend that money. I'm not going to spend money we don't have and I'm going to listen to people as far as taxes and prioritize. I'll work with other supervisors in all facets for the best for Lee County."

restructuring and elimination of the Lee County Economic Development Group CEO is part of those types of cycles.

"ED is very important and way up high on my priorities," he said. "I've seen these cycles through the years and my experience on the council and other boards. You have your ups and downs where you have money and then you have times when things are real tight. As that happens, you take a hard look and prioritize. You get out there and compete with other counties to get as much as you can."

"I liken it to sports, when you play you're fighting for a win. We're fighting for other companies and businesses to not only keep what we have, but get more. We want to get everything we can get for the citizens for Lee County. Nothing stays the same, that's the way of life."

He said it would seem the LCEDG is struggling a bit right now, but he's aware of the state and national awards they've received for the progressive plans they are putting in place to develop the workforce in Lee County.

"That tells me they're doing a good job, but they're cyclical like other things. They are restructuring and in a change mode right now, so they're worried about their money coming in."

#### CONSERVATION

Harlow feels that the best way to help mitigate the current contention between hunters and the Lee County Conservation Board is to keep bringing people to the table, knowing that the board of supervisors approves the LCCB budget and appoints board members. The rest of the programming is done by that board. "Just as was brought up by Supervisor Ron Fedler, supervisors' business is not conservation, the conservation board's business is conservation," he said. "That's a hot button issue. I'm not taking sides because I can see both sides of the coin, but if I'm elected I would ask both parties to take a look at that again. I was on that board and was the chairman. I know what it's like to have pressure put on you."

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT

Harlow said county law enforcement is well situated right now, but that's an issue that needs constant communication between the board and Sheriff Stacy Weber.

"I think we're doing alright now, but we constantly look at that and stay in contact with law enforcement in the county, specifically the sheriff. We go from there and listen to the citizens. There you have it. You prioritize with the money you have. People don't like to have their taxes raised, however, they do want us to keep them safe. And that's way up there with me, keeping the citizens safe."

He said the focus on mental health and how to deal with residents who need care or who end up in jail or emergency rooms should be on the state.

"The way I look at it, the Iowa legislature put us

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that wouldn't be transparency. I'm showing there that I care about people and want to help. The thing about jake brakes in Clearview Heights. I encouraged those people to come to a supervisors meeting and some positive things are happening there. I've proven that I have the background, experience, and energy to help people. I'm available to people on the road, in coffee shops, wherever. What I do is I talk the talk and walk the walk."

"Not only do I like Lee County, but I love it and like its residents. I like to see it succeed, people succeed, see smiles on faces, crops coming up, people with a good job and safe, and people in Lee County just plain enjoying life."

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#### BUDGET

Harlow said his focus concerning the county budget and spending is to find out what money the county has and how to

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic development is a cyclical thing, according to Harlow and he said his priority would be to help the county prioritize economic issues and keep pushing forward.

Harlow said the current

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### **Sports**

# Denning prowls secondary for 127 yards, 2 TDs

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and Barker took the snap and rolled just slightly to his right and lofted a pass to the back endzone pylon where Parker Denning raced under it making a catch over his shoulder for a touchdown with no time left to give Fort Madison a 19-14 lead. The two-point conversion attempt failed.

Shiffman said the Hail Mary at the end of the first half was the turning point of the game.

"It was a pretty even and crazy game up until that point, but I think it took the air out of 'em," he said.

Keokuk had a good drive to start the second half including a 14-yard run by Martinez, who finished with 90 yards on the ground in the game. But on 3rd and 6 from the 35 Skinner was looking for Mueller who slipped in his pattern and Will Larson had an easy interception that he returned to the Hounds' 44. The Hounds then put their longest drive of the game together taking almost six minutes off the clock, culminating with a 1-yard touchdown plunge by Barker into the north endzone. Again the point after was no good and the Hounds were up 25-14.

Fort Madison, looking to take advantage of the momentum tried their own onside kick that

CAREGIVERS CONNECTION Dedicated to learning about all dementia types bounded around a couple of Chiefs before Keaton Poe slid under and recovered the ball. Barker went right to work through the air with a quick 9-yard strike to Kuntz and then went off tackle for six more yards. But three of the next four throws were incomplete and the Hounds turned the ball over on downs at their 25.

The next four series resulted in punts for both teams. The Hounds turned the fifth series over on downs and Keokuk tried a fake punt on the sixth series of the second half, but Lozano sniffed it out and brought Skinner down for a loss. Fort Madison wouldn't get anything going with a quick three and out and then the Chiefs turned the ball over on downs. Fort Madison took the ball and went seven plays before Barker slid in from the 3-yard line for the Hounds' last touchdown.



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Trey Kuntz (9) slips between two defenders in the 1st quarter and scampered down the right sideline for a 47-yard touchdown run to give the Hounds a 7-6 lead in the early going.

AJ Nolting would add a field goal in the final seconds to set the final score.

Denning finished with 113 yards and two touchdowns on seven receptions to lead Fort Madison in receiving.

"I just wanted to do everything I could to help the seniors win the game. That's what this was all about," he said. "We worked on some different routes this week in practice and their corners were a bit softer than we were used to this year. But I just wanted to do everything I could for the seniors tonight."

Barker said the passing game came easier tonight, despite being flushed out of the pocket on a regular basis.

"We were able to get a

lot of stuff short...short... short and then we were able to get the long passes in, so the passing game came along tonight."

He said the season wasn't what he anticipated for the Hounds, but he said winning the final game of the season and keeping the County Seat trophy at Fort Madison felt pretty good.

Shiffman said the game was crazy at the beginning but the Hounds were able to settle in.

"Yeah, one of the assistants came up to me and said that was probably the craziest first couple of minutes of football they'd ever seen, but then we settled in and really did some good things tonight," Shiffman said.

"Parker had a really good night tonight, Shey had two interceptions, yards and touchdown and Diego Lozano had 12.5 tackles and eight of those were for losses. That's just phenomenal. We got some things done tonight for these seniors and I'm happy for them."

Redd-Donald said he was disappointed in the season as a whole, but wanted to have a clean game tonight.

"This isn't what I had in mind for my senior year," Redd-Donald said after the game, "But I came tonight to give it my all and help the team finish with a win and for the other seniors."

Barker finished with 20-44 passing for 271 yards and three touchdowns with two interceptions. Lozano led the team on defense. Maestro led the Hounds on the ground with 24 yards on 11 car-



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#### **CURRENT-LEE**

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Each month on the third Tuesday of the month, Sunnybrook Assisted Living hosts a Veteran's Breakfast from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at 5025 River Valley Road in Fort Madison.

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#### Main Street has few tickets for Ghost Hunt

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