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ATV/UTV fans closer to legalized riding

Second reading includes a review after one-year to see how riders are obeying law **BY CHUCK VANDENBERG** PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE - A change in county code that would make it legal to ride ATVs and side-by-sides on county gravel roads is one step away from becoming a reality. At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Lee County Board



of Supervisors, the board voted 4-1 to approve a second reading of the ordinance. Supervisor Rich Harlow, who voted against the measure for the second time, thinks it's too restrictive.

The proposed code includes a time restriction that allows riding from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m.

"I want to make it crystal clear that I am in favor of you riding these things, but I don't want to restrict your hours," Harlow said.

"Last week I heard a flowery speech about freedom. I

heard about how it should be your freedom to do this and your freedom to do that. But this 4 a.m. to 10 at night, that is giving you freedoms with restrictions and strings attached," Harlow said.

He said the county should approach it from the opposite direction and make riding unlimited and let law enforcement address any issues. And those issues could result in tweaking the language of the code.

The code, upon second reading, had language added that ends the ordinance after one year where a review

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Trial set for FM man charged in Keokuk murder

McCain pleads not guilty to Feb. 5 stabbing of ex-girlfriend

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC STAFF

KEOKUK - A pretrial conference has been set for July 1 in the case of a 25-year-old Fort Madison man charged with fatally stabbing a woman in a mall



parking lot in Keokuk on Feb. 5. Adam Golden McCain submitted a written plea of not guilty to the charge in South Lee County Court on Monday. McCain is charged with stabbing CaLove Sackman, 27, an ex-girlfriend. According to court documents, McCain's most current address was listed in the 5200 block of River Valley Road in Fort Madi-



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Fort Madison City Councilman Chad Cangas, far right, expresses his concerns over allowing fellow councilman Chris Greenwald to "de-annex" his property from city limits in order to sell it.

Council lets councilman de-annex property

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A sitting Fort Madison City Councilman will be allowed to sever his property from city limits after he requested it be annexed into the city just over a decade ago. In a close 4-2 vote, with 1st Ward Councilman Chris Greenwald removing himself from the meeting, the city council agreed to sever the property in the 3000 block of Timberlane Drive from city limits. Greenwald had requested the property be annexed into the city in 2007 so he could continue to serve as a first ward councilman. He said after the meeting the move was also to help encourage other property owners to possibly do the same and increase the city's tax base. Councilmen Bob Morawitz and Chad Cangas voted against the measure.

Cangas said there was a serious concern about

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son.

District Judge Mary Ann Brown set the conference hearing for 9 a.m. and also set a jury trial date for July 16, also at 9 a.m.

If convicted, he's facing life in prison without the possibility of parole. Lee County Attorney Ross Braden, along with 1st Asst. Jonathan Stensvaag, will be prosecuting the case for the state. Fort Madison public defender Kendra Abfalter and Burlington

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precedent, regardless of how the city found itself in this situation.

"I feel this puts us in a real precarious situation as far as precedent. If we get 500 people request to be removed from city limits, we're going to have to give every single one of those consideration once we open the door and I don't know how we tell one no and not everybody," Cangas said.

City Manager David Varley said Greenwald's proper-

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Obituaries/For the Record

OBITUARIES

CARL J. KRAUS

Carl J. Kraus, 90, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 9:19 a.m. on Monday, March 4, 2019 at the Great River Hospice House in West Burlington, IA. He was born on February 25, 1929 in Keokuk, IA to Carl Edward Joseph & Klara Franziska Wurz



Kraus. He married Darlene Y. Cowles on January 10, 1959 at Sacred Heart Church in Fort Madison, IA. He was a purchasing agent for various area industries and was a past member of the Kiwanis Club & Knights of Columbus. He was recruited right out of high school to



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be a fingerprint classifier for the FBI in Washington, D.C. and then served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War as an M.P. on the front lines. Following active duty, he enlisted in the Army Reserves. He was a devoted bugler for area drum & bugle corps. He enjoyed all dogs, golf, fishing, chatting & joking, but especially spending

time with his family.

Carl is survived by: his wife: Darlene Kraus of Fort Madison, IA; 2-daughters: Carla (Russ) Eagen of Monmouth, IL & Mindy (Bob Pratt) Kraus of Coralville, IA; 4-granddaughters: Meredith Eagen of Galesburg, IL, Madeline (Andy Kincaid) Eager of Burlington, IA, Michaela (Seth McDuffee) Eagen of Cedar Falls, IA & Marina (Sam Anderson) Eagen of Moline, IL. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2019 with a memorial service to immediately follow at 2:00 p.m. at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Daniel Dorau officiating. Burial will be held at Soldiers' Circle in Oakland Cemetery with military rites performed by the Fort Madison Veterans Honor Guard. A memorial has been established for the University of Iowa Ophthalmology Department. Online condolences to Carl's family may be made at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

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OBITUARIES

FLORA PATTON ODOM

Flora Patton Odom, 93, of West Point, died Monday March 4, 2019 at 4:30 PM at the Klein Center. Flora was born on July 21, 1925 in the Green Bay Bottoms, IA to Joseph and Fran-

ces Haeffner Patton, Sr. She was a member of one of the last graduating classes of the Denmark Academy. On June 24, 1950 she married Ollie Odom in Wever and he passed away on May 8, 1978. Flora

farmed with her husband and in her early years worked at Sylvania and as a teller at Wever Bank. She was a member of West Point Presbyterian Church. Flora loved animals and enjoyed feeding the birds and squirrels. She enjoyed reading, doing crossword puzzles and faithfully read her Bible every day. Her greatest passion was consistently caring for others.

Survivors include two sons, Jerry Michael Odom of West Point and Brad (Veronica) Odom of Orlando, FL; two granddaughters,

Summer of Nevada and Ailsa of Minnesota; two great granddaughters; one sister, Ruth Richardson of West Point and a brother in law, John Phillips of Burlington; numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, four brothers and two sisters.

The visitation will be on Friday, March 8, 2019 from 4:30-6:30 PM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 10 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Pastor Larry Shipley officiating. Burial will follow in Claypoole Cemetery.

A memorial has been established for Claypoole Cemetery and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

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WEST BURLINGTON - To protect patients, Great River Medical Center is limiting visitors until flu season ends. Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness caused by flu viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and it can lead to death.

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Fort Madison **Police Report**

03/04/19 – 6:01 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1600 block of Avenue M. 03/05/19 – 6:31 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism on Sunnyside Drive

> Lee County Sheriff's Report

03/04/19 - 3:43 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kimberly Jo 03/04/19 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded Whisenand, 42, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, to four medical calls. on a warrant for failure to ap-

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ty is the only property in the subdivision in city limits. annexation and now that Greenwald had requested "Council faces a decision of opening a door for the services. City staff said they are not aware of any people to come and request to leave the city because requests. they don't want to pay the taxes vs. having one subdi-Fehseke said he spoke with Varley late in the fall on vision where it doesn't make a lot of sense to have one Greenwald's behalf to see if services were going to be home there in the city and not have the others," he said. extended. After the meeting, Greenwald said he had inquired "I certainly wouldn't want us to see other requests, especially from businesses to leave the city so we need about sewer service to his place while he was annexed, to think carefully about it as we don't want to set a but it never got done.

precedent," Varley said. "I was all set when I bought the house to quit the Cangas said he had serious ethical questions as well

ism and "good ol' boys club".

"We were looking at annexing bypasses and interchanges. And part of the thought was having that person voluntarily annexing in could or would be the beginning of more annexation in that area," he said. "In doing that, the city would try to run sewer either from Happy Hollow, which is already there, and back down to catch that road to offer some incentive. We never did that, of course, and so that left that property owner not having that come to fruition. Take that for what's it worth, but there was a method to the madness."

properly.

"It does not appear that property was properly annexed and services that were discussed at the time have not been extended out there," he said.

Fehseke said Cangas' concerns were real, that if the city let one out, then how could they stop others from wanting out. He said this particular annexation could be challenged because others wouldn't have that challenge.

done," Fehseke said.





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Fort Madison Fire &

Rescue Report

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Lee County Jail and held.

From the Front

Council to do Viking feasibility study

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and said he couldn't support it. He said approving the measure validates residents' opinions that this is crony-

Mayor Brad Randolph said at the time the city was "hot" on looking at ways to increase the boundaries of the city of Fort Madison through annexation.

Fort Madison attorney Rich Fehseke was at the meeting representing Greenwald and said the annexation, which he said he helped prepare in 2007, wasn't done

"I think the city has the ability to distinguish between this request and the requests that may just walk in off the street to help guard yourself against everyone and their brother from asking something similar be

Morawitz asked if there was any time between the

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council. Then I think Brad got on Beacon and said 'Hey look at this,' it connected with Rodeo Park with the 15 acres behind it. So the thought was for me to get out there and for them to lay sewer to me and attract others. We basically planted a seed and the city never watered it," Greenwald said.

"Blackhawk Heights and High Point got my sewer and the DNR made some changes and stuff and all of a sudden we had to spend \$20 million on a sewer treatment plant."

Councilman Matt Mohrfeld said he wasn't on the council at the time of the annexation, but didn't like how any of it was handled.

But he said Greenwald had spent about \$25,000 to stay on the council and be a servant to the people and, for that reason alone, he was voting to let him out of the annexation.

In other action, the council:

• approved the fiscal year 2019-20 budget 6-1. Mohrfeld voted against the budget.

• approved appointing Kathy Burkhardt to the Fort Madison Library Board and Richar Abel to the Old Fort Commission by 7-0 votes.

• approved the purchase of a \$21,224 Fire/Rescue boat from Dave's Marine of Fort Madison, 7-0.

• approved a proposal from SmithGroup for a feasibility study and design of a docking platform that could be used by Viking Cruise Lines for a stop in Fort Madison, 6-1. Bob Morawitz voted against the proposal citing uncapped charges for reimbursements.

Harlow pushes for unlimited hours on ATVs

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of the ordinance would take place and then it could be renewed for multiple years.

Harlow asked those in attendance, about 30, how they felt about the restrictions. Jason Smith, owner of Midwest Performance said the code is a good starting place.

"Everyone who is for this would want unlimited hours, but fear of it not passing, yes, give us the 4 to 10 and let's get it started," Smith said.

Ron Fedler said he was the one who mentioned the freedom to ride last week and he said a trial period is the way to go and the hours will allow the county to see how rules are being obeyed and how safety is impacted.

He also said this is good place to start. Pushing for the unlimited hours could put the ordinance in jeopardy.

"It's better to compromise and get something going for you people, rather than losing something by asking for too much," Fedler said.

Smith said freedom is earned.

"I don't want this to be a free-for-all. This is my business and our livelihood and in no way do I want it to be a bad thing. I don't want it perceived as negative or a problem. I see both sides 100%. The demographic of those in favor of this aren't kids that are going to go out and be crazy," he said.

County recorder Nancy Booten reminded the board that riding is still illegal until county permits are issued and slow-moving vehicle decals are on the vehicles.

The county is considering a \$25 annual permit fee for ATVs and UTVS. State fees are \$17.75 per year, with Lee County receiving \$1.25 of that fee.

In other action, the board:

• approved the purchase of 100,000 tons of rock from Cessford and Vincennes quarries. Cessford's rate is \$11.40/ton and Vincennes' is \$10.40/per ton, but county workers have to load and weigh their own rock.

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Education News/Lottery Numbers

McCain being held on Loebsack looking for district \$1M cash only bond

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public defender James Beres have been appointed to represent McCain.

On February 5th, 2019 at approximately 10:27 pm, Keokuk Police Department officers responded to the 300 block of Main Street in the River City Mall parking lot for a female who had been stabbed.

Sackman, of Keokuk, was discovered at the scene and transported by ambulance to Unity Point Hospital in Keokuk, where she died as a result of multiple stab wounds to her torso.

McCain was later stopped by a Lee County Sheriff's deputy as a possible suspect in a hit-and-run in Keokuk sometime after the stabbing occurred. A LeeComm dispatcher realized from the deputy's stop that McCain was sought in connection with the stabbing, and he was delivered to the Keokuk Police Depart ment

According to documents, Sackman allegedly told a witness at the scene that McCain was the man who stabbed her.

According to the complaint, McCain and Sackman, had been in a long-term relationship and were arguing when Sackman jumped from McCain's vehicle in the mall parking lot in the 300 block of Main Street.

After being taken into custody, McCain allegedly told authorities that he was driving Sackman around in his vehicle and became upset with her and then she jumped from the vehicle.

McCain then allegedly told officers he got out of the vehicle and stabbed Sackman once and she was able to get away from him. But then he got back into his vehicle drove over to her and stabbed her repeatedly before leaving the scene.

Braden said those circumstances would indicate premeditation, one of the hurdles of a first-degree murder conviction. McCain is currently in the Lee County Jail on a \$1 million cash-only bond.



high school artwork

WASHINGTON D.C. - Congressman Dave Loebsack announced today that high school students in the Iowa's Second Congressional District may now begin to submit their original artwork to be considered for the 2019 Congressional Art Competition.

The annual competition is hosted by the United States House of Representatives to recognize talented young artists from across the nation.

The winning student from each district is invited to Washington, D.C. to attend a reception held in their honor and will have his or her artwork displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year. The deadline for entries to be received is April 12th.

"Year after year, the vast amount of talent that Iowa's students display continues to amaze me. The creativity of our talented young artists demonstrates that the arts are thriving in Iowa," said Loeb-

sack. "For a young artist, having your artwork displayed in the U.S. Capitol is quite a remarkable accomplishment. I look forward to seeing this year's entries and meeting the winning student."

Once again, to make the contest as easy as possible and open to as many students as possible, this year's winner will be chosen by the public through an online vote. Details on how to submit art work are available by clicking here to visit Loebsack's website. All entries must be received no later than Friday, April, 12th at 5:00pm CDT. The artist of the winning piece will receive two round trip tickets to Washington, D.C. to attend the reception and unveiling of their artwork in the Capitol (all other expenses must be covered by the winner). For additional details about the competition, students or teachers should contact Rob Sueppel at 319-351-0789 or by email at Robert.Sueppel@mail.house.gov.

SCC program gets \$500 grant

WEST BURLINGTON -For the third year in a row, the mentoring program Choosing Healthy Alternatives to Delinquency (CHAD) was awarded a \$500 Iowa State Education Association grant.

CHAD is a collaboration between Southeastern Community College, Juvenile Court Services, and Burlington and West Burlington Middle Schools. The program assists and

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mentors young men between the ages of 10 to 14 to make responsible decisions, learn impulse control, respect authority, and discover alternative ways to manage anger and develop healthy alternatives to delinquency.

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ments. Criminal Justice program coordinator Cindv Shireman organized the program, which relies on grants and donations, with her students. "The boys work hard,"

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YMCA Little Tykes Spring Soccer

Registration is currently underway for the 2019 season which runs March 26 - May 2. Registration deadline is March 10 for regular fees of \$20 for members, \$40 for non-members. From March 11-17th participants can register but fees are \$10 higher. Volunteer coaches are needed. Call the YMCA at 319-372-2403 for more information.

United Way Spaghetti fundraiser

The United Way of the Great River Region is hosting it's 9th annual Spaghetti Dinner at the Hawkeye Restaurant on March 11. Carry out or dine-in options available. Serving times are from 5 p.m. to 6:30, and 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information contact Director Karen Thie at 319-524-4504.

St. Patrick's Day celebration

YMCA's Shamrocked 2019

The 2nd annual Shamrocked will be held on March 16 starting at 8 a.m. with a free-will donation pancake breakfast, followed by a Bike & Brew after the St. Patrick's Holiday Parade. For more information, contact the YMCA at 372-2403.

ISU Extension Estate Planning

Iowa State University Outreach and Extension will hold an estate planning session on March 19th at 6 p.m. at the extension office in Donnellson. The session is \$20 per person and registration can be done by contact Whitney Weisinger at 319-835-5116. Deadline is March 15..

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Current-Lee/Weather

FORT MADISON – The following is a list of events and happenings going on in Fort Madison as submitted to the

The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce will be holding a St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 16 including a parade, games, music and fun. Parade entry forms are available by contact the Chamber at 319-372-5471.

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

The Fort Madison High School Music Department will be presenting it's annual Dinner Theater on March 22-23. Doors open at 6 p.m with the show beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets available at Dana Bushong's at 805 Avenue G.

Step into Iowa History

A presentation on prisoner of war camps in Iowa during World War 11 will be held on Tuesday, March 26, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fort Madison Public Library. Linda McCann will be presenting.

BINGO at The Kensington

Each month on the second Wednesday of the month, The Kensington hosts Senior Community BINGO at 2 p.m. in their dining room at 2210 Avenue H in Fort

Madison. All seniors are welcome and cash prizes are awarded.

Caregivers Connection

The Kensington hosts this monthly gathering to help educate attendees about all dementia types. Held at noon the 4th Tuesday of every month in The Kensington's private dining room, 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. Call 319-372-4233 to RSVP or for more information. The next luncheon will be held January 22, 2019.

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. Effective Jan. 1, 2019 non-profit organizations are eligible for the reduced rate of \$10 per 25 words and \$3 per photo. To place your listing, call Chuck at (319)371.1670 or Lee at (319)371.4125.



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