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## Auge, Beavers could join county attorney staff

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - Lee County Supervisors could approve a move that would bring Fort Madison attorney Kim Auge and current Des Moines County Attorney Amy Beavers under the direction of Lee County Attorney Ross Braden.

On the agenda for the regular Tuesday meeting of the supervisors is a request from Braden to add Auge



BEAVERS

to the county attorney's staff to replace part-time veteran prosecutor Bruce McDonald, who will be retiring from the Lee County Attorney's office at the end of the month. He will continue to work as a private practicing attorney out of Keokuk.

Auge would take over as a full-time assistant on Jan. 1.

Braden is also hoping to add Beavers as a full-time

assistant to replace Artemio Santiago, who also has a private practice in Fort Madison. Braden said that Santiago has declined to accept the full-time position with the county. That position would be filled effective March 1, 2019 if approved Tuesday.

Braden was able to build two full-time positions out of two-part time positions due to the salaries being paid currently. McDonald was making just over

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

### Santa's helper

Santa Claus came out from the Enchanted Forest on Saturday in downtown Fort Madison to make sure several visitors from The Kensington got to the car safely. Santa was on hand at the Forest taking gift wishes from children and adults alike.

## EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



### A swarm of "B"s at the Empty Nest

For some strange reason, Blossom only escapes from her pen when Ginnie and I are gone, like she knows we're away and it's time to romp. The first time she escaped was last summer when Ginnie and I were visiting friends.

We came home to find Blossom standing politely in the middle of our aronia bushes, munching away on the tender foliage, pleased as punch. She had lifted one of the gates off its hinges. Seeing us, Blossom took off around the barnyard, kicking up her heels, having a whee of a time with her newfound freedom. I couldn't get close to her, being the "authority figure," I reckon.

Now, Ginnie is no farm girl, and has never herded livestock. But I was able to convince Ginnie to let Blossom suck on her fingers (we were still feeding Blossom from a nipple pail) and lead Blossom gently back into her pen. I fixed the hinges on the gates right quick like.

The second escape was later that summer when Ginnie and I were on vacation in Colorado. Our neighbor boys, Brody and Boden, were doing the chores while we were gone. We thought everything was going along swimmingly.

When we got home, we noticed the sweetcorn and some of the tomato vines were smashed down. When we asked Bro and Bo about it, they said, "Oh, yes.

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## Barnes qualifies for NJCAA indoor meet

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

OTTUMWA - A 2018 graduate of Fort Madison High School has qualified for the NJCAA national indoor track and field competition.

Elijah Barnes qualified with a throw of 14.85 meters in the shotput Friday at Northwest Missouri State, in Maryville, Mo. Throws of more than 14.6 meters automatically qualify for the indoor championships March 1 and 2 at the Prentice Gudgen Complex at Pittsburg

State University in Pittsburg, Kansas.

Barnes qualified for the throw as part of the Indian Hills Track and Field team, where he received an athletic scholarship after qualifying for state with the Bloodhounds in the discus and shot last year. Indian Hills Community College is a Division 1 junior college squad.

Barnes said he's hoping for a top five finish at nationals.

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**From the Front/Local News**

**Supervisors to discuss sale of county shed in Argyle**

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\$80,000 per year and Santiago was making \$65,000. Braden told supervisors he could get both those positions to full-time for the same money.

Jonathan Stensvaag is already on staff as a full-time assistant Lee County attorney.

Braden said last week, it's his hope and intention, if supervisors approve the move, to have one of the full-time assistants work solely on juvenile cases in the county.



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is funded for three years with grant money.

"I've known Kim for a long time dating back to when I was in private practice. I know her to be a hard worker and very knowledgeable. She's been with the public defenders

Braden is also adding a victim's advocacy coordinator under a grant program that

office for two or three years. She does a great job in criminal cases and she's multi-dimensional in that she knows juvenile and criminal law so we can utilize her in many different facets of the office," Braden said Sunday.

He said Beavers has been a prosecuting attorney for close to 20 years and did a very tough job in Des Moines County. Beavers indicated in the spring that she wouldn't be seeking re-election to

the post.

"I think Amy is just a fantastic attorney and prosecutor and had a tough job in Des Moines County. Amy's been prosecuting for 20 years."

If the board approves the resolutions on Tuesday, Braden said he didn't know exactly how the office would be structured but said it makes the office very strong.

"It's still pending board approval and we haven't made any decisions

along those lines yet, but I'm very excited for the opportunity to work with these two attorneys and think it makes our office here in Lee County very strong."

In other action, the board will also be discussing the possible sale of the county shed property in Argyle. The property has been at the center of concerns of Argyle residents who claim the county has done a poor job of maintaining the property. However several residents have expressed interest in

purchasing the property, as well.

Supervisors will also continue discussions on Moorar/Powdertown sanitary sewer systems. Supervisors are trying to get the remaining residents with antiquated sewer systems up to code in accordance with Iowa Department of Natural Resources mandates.

Also on the agenda is discussion on a recommendation from the Lee County Compensation Board for a 3.5 percent increase for the county auditor, recorder, sheriff, and treasurer. The recommendation also does not provide for an increase in the county attorney's office or for supervisors, but will include a \$2,500 stipend for the auditor's office.

The meeting starts at 9 a.m. in the sheriff's office in Montrose.

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Submitted article

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## Sports/Lottery Numbers

# Lady Hounds just miss win at Davis County

PCC STAFF

BLOOMFIELD - Senior Jassmine Bass put in 13 points and Davis County had to overcome a 12-point first half deficit as Fort Madison fell 52-49 on Friday night in girls high school basketball action.

Bass went to the free throw line 10 times on her way to 11 points in the first half to lead Fort Madison to a 27-15 lead.

The Lady Bloodhounds, looking for their first win of the year jumped out to a 9-6, behind five points from Bass, a 3-pointer from senior Braxtyn McGhghy. Brandy Walker added a free throw.

Fort Madison extended the lead with a 15-9 second quarter advantage with sophomore Maddie Rashid throwing in seven points in the period including a 3-pointer. Nadia Boeding and Bass also combined for eight points

But the second half turned in a cool shooting period for Fort Madison when the Hounds converted just five baskets in the half and only went to the free throw line three times. Boeding led the Lady Hounds with five points in the half. Davis County adjusted to keep the ball from Bass and Rashid as the two combined for just five points.

The Hounds didn't get a bucket in the fourth quarter until the final minute when freshman Anna Lynk converted a bucket and Rashid added a free throw. But it was the Hounds defense that suffered in the period allowing a 15-0 Davis County run after holding a 30-19 lead going into the fourth.

Head Coach Todd McGhghy said foul trouble in the second half which cut into the Hounds lead. Davis County went to the free throw line 11 times in the final period converting five.

"We got into foul trouble and we were without Sarah Bernhart and that hurt our rotations big time," he said.

Bernhart was out with an illness.

Jillian Wiseman scored 12 points as the junior varsity girls earned a 50-44 win.

The Bloodhounds are 0-5 and travel to Hamilton to take on West Hancock on Tuesday night.

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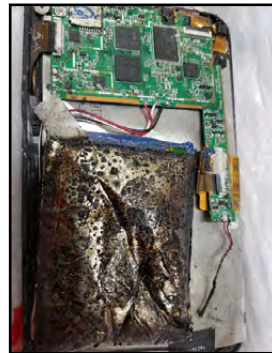
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## Sports/Classifieds

# Freshman Davis goes for 14 in Hounds win

### Fedler leads Hounds with 18

**PCC STAFF**  
**CENTERVILLE** - Bloodhound freshman Dayton Davis had a season high 14 and junior Jayden Fedler poured in 18 as the Hounds got back to winning ways with a 61-52 win over Centerville on Saturday evening.

Davis was averaging just over five points coming into the contest, with a previous high of 13 against Keokuk. Fedler led the Hounds in that game with 19.

After taking a 15-10 advantage, in which Head Coach Ryan Wilson rotated in eight different players, the two teams traded

buckets for the better part of the 2nd period until the Bloodhounds went on 8-3 run in the final two minutes to take a 34-22 lead going into the locker room.

Seven different Hounds scored in the first half led by junior Michael Mosena who came off the bench in the first quarter. Mosena, and senior Brandon Keester, who had six in the first half were held scoreless in the second half. But Davis and senior Logan Rashid would pick things up in the second half.

Centerville would cut into the lead with a 16-10

third quarter advantage. Rashid would put up five in the third period and Davis would connect on a 3-ball, but other than the Hounds were quiet from the field.

Starting the fourth period, Fedler was able to get some looks inside and converted four baskets inside the lane. Davis would get a bucket too, but the rest of the Hounds points in the period would come on free throws as the Hounds went to the line 12 times in the period as Centerville began to foul after closing the gap to four at 51-47 with less than three minutes left in the game. Fort Madison would

convert 7-of-12 free throws in the period to help ice the game.

Rashid finished with 11 points, Mosena added eight points and Keester had six with Burgher and Parker Denning each finishing with two points on the night.

Sophomores Myles Clawson and Brady Kauzlarich led Centerville with 17 points each.

The Hounds move to 2-3 on the season and face Danville at home on Thursday night. They have Burlington Notre-Dame on the road Saturday night before revving up conference play against Washington on Tuesday at home.




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FMHS freshman Dayton Davis, shown here in action last week against West Hancock, scored 14 points in the Bloodhounds' win over Centerville Saturday night.

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**MEETING**  
**CONVENING TIME:**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
**LOCATION:**  
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**AGENDA**

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 Consider Approval of December 4, 2018 Board Minutes  
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 Consider Approval of Resolution Appointing Assistant County Attorneys  
 Discussion of Sale of County Shed Property in Argyle  
 Discussion of Mooar/Powdertown Sanitary Sewer

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 Consider Appointment to Southeast Iowa Economic Port Authority Commission  
 Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolutions (4)  
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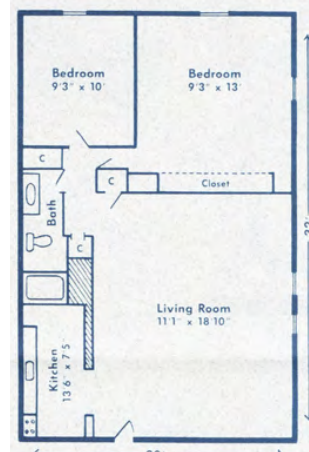
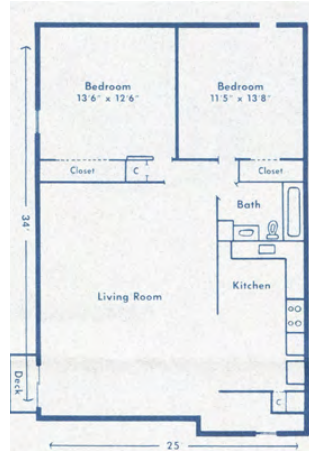


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## Potowonok group donates to Eichacker

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"We are particularly concerned about heat costs for some families and Eichacker can use this money to help with that," said Potowonok member Julie Hohl.

Pictured above, Julie Hohl, with the Potowonok Circle, hands Dolly Stancil of the Fort Madison Eichacker Center a check for \$1,000.

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- MON 10 Dec**  
 Light Snow  
 High-16.9° F | Low - 13.4° F
- TUE 11 Dec**  
 Partly Cloudy  
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- WED 12 Dec**  
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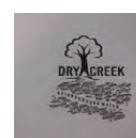


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**From the Front**

*Farm's cow proving to be a bit of an escape artist*

**SWARM** - Continued from Page 1

Blossom got out and spent the night in the garden. We put her back in." Only farm boys know how to handle situations when they arise without making a fuss.

The third time, was in August on Ginnie's birthday. I had taken Ginnie out for a dinner and movie. It stormed something fierce, knocked the power out, and blew half the countryside away. We came home in the pitch black to find Blossom standing outside her pen, confused from the storm and not knowing which way to go. While lightning flashed, I was able to get her back in and settled down for the night.

The fourth escape was one we didn't even know about. Once again, we were gone. A neighbor drove by and noticed Blossom out. The neighbor stopped and put her back in. That was right neighborly.

The last time she was out (that we know of), was when Ginnie and I were away for a luncheon. We came home and were checking the mail. There stood Blossom, looking at us, her tail swishing from side-to-side. Once again, I had to recruit city-girl Ginnie, in her high heels, to help herd Blossom back in. Somehow, Blossom had sprung a latch when we were gone. She's quite smart, and knows when the timing is right for great escapes.

Buddy and Barney have a "working relationship" We've noticed that our farm animals all have names that start

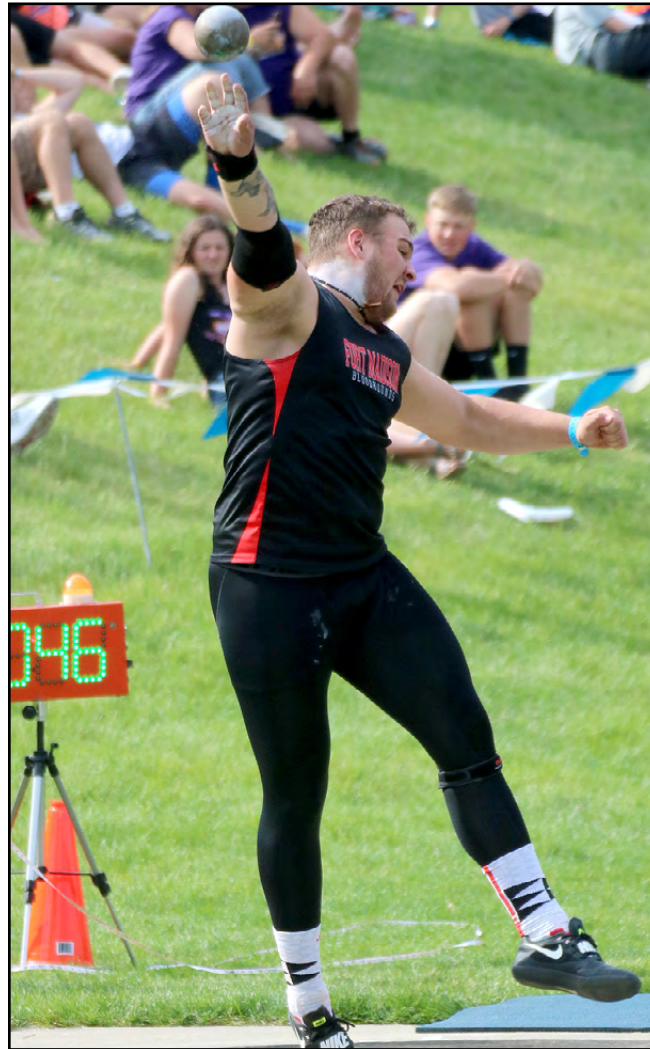


with the letter "B," including our chore boys, Bro and Bo. We have Blossom, Buddy, and the newest arrival, Barney, the barn cat. Barney was supposed to be our "outdoor cat," in charge of de-miceing the barn. Wouldn't you know it, Ginnie (and I) have a soft spot, and we now let Barney in "The Big House" to get warm and keep Buddy company. They have a "working relationship."

Then there are the dozen hens. We have Bernice, Beulah, Betty, Beatrice, Betsy, Bobby Sue, Belle, Bonnie, Barbara, Bernie, Bunny and, last but not least, Bianca, the sassy one. They all have different personalities, and we do get them mixed up. They don't seem to mind, and keep pumping out those farm, fresh, brown eggs.

Between Buddy and Barney, Blossom and the birds, Bro and Bo have their hands full when we go bye bye!

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FMHS alum Elijah Barnes, shown here competing in the 2018 Iowa High School State Track meet in the shotput, qualified for the indoor nationals participating with the Indian Hills Community College Track team. The nationals will be held in Pittsburg, Kan., on March 1 and 2, 2019.

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**Barnes hoping to parlay juco success to Division 1**

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"My future goals are to get top five at nationals in the shot and disc, and then qualify for nationals in the weight throw and hammer throw. Then after that I hope to transfer to a top D1 track school," Barnes said Sunday afternoon.

He's working towards an associate's degree at Indian Hills and then transfer to a Division 1 school. He said the difference between high school and college is that he doesn't have to take any breaks from training.

"The biggest difference for me is doing track all year around without taking any breaks to transfer to a different sport."

Barnes also qualified for state in the shotput in 2017 as a junior.



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