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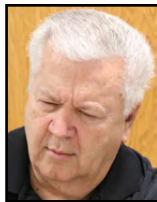
## Supervisors back off parking ordinance

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE – A rural parking ordinance that several Lee County Department heads said would be a useful tool in dealing with nuisance infringements on rights of way, was voted down by supervisors Tuesday morning.

In a 3-2 vote Lee County Supervisors failed to pass an ordinance that would have allowed Lee County Engineer Ben Hull to recommend no parking areas to supervisors in areas in the county that he deemed were trouble spots.

Hull told supervisors at last week's meeting the ordinance could prove to be a useful tool in dealing with property owners who refuse to move property from rights of way, or skirt current state codes by



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moving the property incrementally and then moving it back.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber agreed that the ordinance would have been helpful in giving his deputies some power to

remove property once the owners had been asked to move it.

The issue arose when two businesses in Denmark, Beach and Enke Trucking and Dravis Auto and Truck Repair, began a squabble over access to roadways between the properties where vehicles are being parked by customers causing difficulty of access for other party.

Supervisor Ron Fedler voted three different ways

on the ordinance, voting present when the proposed ordinance was tabled on Aug. 6, voted in favor of the first reading on Aug. 13, voted against the ordinance on Aug. 20 and again on Tuesday.

Matt Pflug voted in favor of the ordinance on its first two readings and then voted against the new law on Tuesday. At the Aug. 20 meeting Pflug said he was voting in favor of the ordinance just to get it to a final third reading and allow for more input from the county.

Pflug said he rode with a private citizen to the area in question in Denmark and said after seeing the issue, an ordinance didn't make any sense.

Kurt Enke addressed the board and said he was disappointed in published reports where Supervisor Ron

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Photo courtesy of Steve Cirinna

Above, 1984 Fort Madison High School graduate John Bohnenkamp throws out the first pitch at Tuesday's Burlington Bees game. Bohnenkamp was honored for his coverage of the Bees and area sports as the former sports editor of the Burlington Hawk-Eye. At far right, Bohnenkamp talks with friends and family in the bleachers during the game.

## Bohnenkamp honored with day at Community Field

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

BURLINGTON – Fort Madison's John Bohnenkamp used to go to the Burlington Bees games as a kid, now as a 53-year old man, he's still there as a kid.

The former Burlington Hawk-Eye Sports Editor, and Fort Madison High School graduate, threw out the first pitch at Tuesday night's baseball game at Community Field.

Bohnenkamp had covered the Bees for the past two years for the Hawk-Eye, but now covers them as an independent blogger after being let go as part of a transitioning at the newspaper.

Fort Madison native John Bohnenkamp throws out the first pitch of Tuesday night's game at Community Field. The 1984 FMHS grad was honored for his coverage of the Bees and local sports for the past three decades. Photo courtesy of Steve Cirinna

Bohnenkamp is honored and recognized for his writing, so it's no surprise he's a bit humbled on the other end of the conversation. He said the Bees park is kind of a sanctuary for him and is where he came when his position was eliminated earlier this year.

"The night they got rid of me, I came out to do a game. I went up and sat in the press box and all of a sudden it didn't feel like my seat, but I knew it was," he said.

"I love coming out here and I've enjoyed the last two seasons. The players are great, the coaching staff is great. They



tell great stories and it's been fun to be a part of."

Bohnenkamp says now he just does his own blog and works with the kids at the Daily Iowan, helping coach collegiate sports writers. He said in the fall and winter he will also be doing a blog on college basketball and is doing some stringing for different outlets.

"This is kind of a beginning I hope," he said of the work with the University of Iowa student run newspaper. "If I can work with kids and they seem excited about it, it could be fun. It's just a coaching deal."

The 53-year-old graduated as a Bloodhound in 1984 and then graduated from the University of Iowa School of Journalism in 1988. From there he went to the Keokuk Daily Gate City where he was the sports editor and a general assignment reporter for about three years before being hired as a sports writer and assistant sports editor for the

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**Sports**

# 6th-ranked HTC starts new campaign Thursday

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – With a 2018 Class 1A state-runner up volleyball banner on the wall at Shottenkirk



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Gymnasium, Holy Trinity Catholic is reloading for another run at at state. The Crusaders are ranked 6th in Class 1A coming into the season, but Head Coach Melissa Freesmeier said the squad will carry a different look than in the past.

With 1st team all-stater and 1st Team All-Tournament selection Emily Box

lost to graduation and playing at Grandview College, coupled with the losses of 2018 senior Eryn Anderson, a first team 2018 Class 1A All-Tournament selection, Mya Lawlor, Katie Scoville, and Jori Whitaker, Freesmeier now turns to a slough of underclassman waiting in the wings.

Freesmeier, who's entering her 27th year on the sidelines, stopped short of calling this year a rebuilding year, or even a reloading year, but said there will definitely be a new look to the program.

"I don't know if you call it a rebuilding year or not, but it's certainly a season the coaches and I are looking forward to," Freesmeier said.

The Crusaders finished the 2018 campaign 37-4 last year, falling to Janesville in three-straight 16-14-22 in the state tournament cham-

ionship. With the loss of the five seniors, Freesmeier calls on what has become a perennial rotation of girls into one of the most storied Class 1A high school volleyball programs in the state for the past decade.

And 2019 is no different as Freesmeier quickly rattles off about ten girls who she is looking to for leadership and to step into the big holes left in graduation.

Names like Claire and Nicole Pothitakis, Katie Denning, Avery Hopper, Kassi Randolph, Bailey Hellweg, Abby Dingman, Maille Sheerin, Taylor Crabtree, Elle Rashid, and Maria Rauenbuehler, and even a freshman named Brooke Mueller roll out as those looking to step in and carry on the tradition.

"I think we're going to take a different look this year, Freesmeier said. "We'll look at different things from Claire Pothitakis and Katie Denning, of course. Avery Hopper is there, too, as a big block in the middle. Our two setters coming back in Kassi and Bailey and I'm looking at one or even both of them to hit this year."

Mueller stands 5'8", the second tallest player on the team, and Freesmeier said she's looking for big things out of the freshman.

"I feel the kids coming



Courtesy photo

2019 HTC Crusaders

in are going to be able to pick up the slack. I don't know if it will be early or mid-season – I don't know when we're going to hit that big part of our season, but I think these kids are up for the challenge," Freesmeier said.

"It will be a new look, but it's going to a fun look."

Claire and Nicole Pothitakis will be looked on to solidify the front while seniors Elle Rashid and Maille Sheerin are the defensive specialists. Freesmeier said she'll be looking to juniors Crabtree and Rauenbuehler in the mix there as well.

"We have a good base there and some good passers," Freesmeier said.

"We're just looking at our assets and going from there.

Box was a powerhouse in the middle, and we're probably going to share some of those responsibilities with the other hitters and see who's hot."

But Freesmeier has an eye on junior Claire Pothitakis, a 1st team all-district soccer player, to help bring the team together with seniors Dingman, Nicole Pothitakis, Sheerin, Rashid, and Hopper.

"Right now we're looking at Claire to step up and take some of the leadership role," Freesmeier said. "She played many different positions last year I had her all over the place depending on what we needed, so right now she's going to the outside and she's very comfortable in that slot."

She said the conference is always a battle. Van Buren starts the season ranked 5th in Class 2A, but she expects big things from Central Lee, New London, and West Burlington. On the north side of the Superconference, Mediapolis is 10th in Class 2A.

"Those are a lot of big schools with big teams and kids coming back and they're very athletic, and it will be a battle to the top of the conference for sure," she said.

The Crusaders start the year Thursday night at home against Danville with a freshman/junior varsity/varsity set starting at 5:30 p.m., before traveling to the Bondurant-Farrar tourney on Saturday.

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**From the Front/Opinion**

# Dodds gets appointment to Southeast Iowa Port authority

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Fedler said he'd never complained about the issue before, but then said Fedler said the sheriff had been called to those locations.

"What side of this are you on, are you a habitual liar or what," Enke said.

Fedler responded saying he took offense to the remark and said Enke was making the issue a personal one, but the ordinance would effect all of Lee County.

Pflug said he visited the area earlier this week.

"I had one of the citizens drive me around and showed me the lay of the land so I was up there," Pflug said.

"Personally to justify a countywide ordinance, this situation doesn't make sense. After I saw what I saw yesterday...to put an ordinance in effect for the whole county just doesn't make sense."

Rich Harlow asked Enke if there was any way the two sides could work out an agreement between the two of them that wouldn't require an ordinance.

Enke said he thought it would just be four signs and wouldn't go into a full ordinance.

"Believe me, I did read what is in effect for the county right now, and you know, if I can't use the street, the rest of 'em aren't going to use the street. That's all I got to say," Enke said.

"I got 48 hours I can take a trailer and truck out there and park it. 48 hours (Sheriff) can come notify me and I can move it ahead two feet, and I can let it sit for another 48 hours."

Supervisors encouraged the two to work out the differences privately. Ron Fedler, after the meeting, said he would be willing to help mitigate the situation between the two.

But Fedler said after voting for the measure he heard from constituents who don't want to the ordinance and said that's why he voted against it.

Weber said the squabble in Denmark isn't the only place in the county where the new ordinance would be useful.

"It's to the point where law enforcement would like to have something in place," Weber said. "But when the county engineer comes to you and says 'for the love of god please pass something so I can do my job more effectively' - I'd listen to him," Weber said.

Chairman Gary Folluo said the ordinance also comes down to safety where people may not be able to see around stop signs in places and the sheriff is powerless to enforce moving the vehicles.

After the meeting Harlow said he's received phone calls from residents who were overwhelmingly against it, I didn't get any phone calls from anybody for it. Again, I would like to see that situation rectified. I don't think we need a countywide ordinance to settle that situation."

Fedler explained his change of position after the meeting.

"I think the difference here was that of the people that elected me to this office, I felt the majority were against it," Fedler said

"Yes they are both department heads and have departments to run, but I think we should listen to the people of the district more than the department heads."

Fedler said it hasn't been an issue for seven years and now it becomes an issue and they propose a new law.

"They said they've had other issues, but it's never come to the board. The one thing that sticks in my mind this last week, was when I person from the district talked to me and said, 'Why is it every time you get one complaint or two you're all so quick to pass a new law. We are tired of constantly passing new laws that restrict us.' I think that was a very good reason, too."

In other action, supervisors:

- approved an agreement with Tri-State Rodeo to allow use of a county parking lot in Fort Madison for shuttle service to the rodeo.
- approved a resolution appointing Bob Dodds to the Southeast Iowa Regional Economic Port Authority.

## Parents, adult fans biggest threat to Iowa prep sports

The following editorial is submitted by Karissa Niehoff, executive director of the National Federation of State High School Associations, and Tom Keating, executive director of the Iowa High School Athletic Association.

Inappropriate adult behaviors at high school athletic events across the country have reached epidemic proportion. When more than 2,000 high school athletic directors were asked in a recent national survey what they like least about their job, 62.3 percent said it was, "dealing with aggressive parents and adult fans."

And the men and women who referee or umpire those contests agree. In fact, almost 60% of new officials registered in Iowa in 2016-17 did not return to officiate in 2017-18, and unruly parents are often cited as a major reason why. As a result, there is a growing shortage of high school officials here in Iowa, and in baseball, football, track and field, and wrestling, the IHSAA is seeing record lows.

No officials means no games. If you are a parent attending a high school athletic event this fall, you can help by following these six guidelines:

1. Act your age. You are, after all, an adult. Act in a way that makes your family and school proud.
2. Don't live vicariously through your children. High school sports are for them, not you. Your family's reputation is not determined by how well your children perform on the field of play.
3. Let your children talk to the coach instead of doing it for them. High school athletes learn how to become more confident, independent and capable—but only

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### 5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

**WED 28 Aug**



Clear skies

High – 73.9° F | Low – 60.0° F

**THU 29 Aug**



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High– 80.4° F | Low – 70.8° F

**FRI 30 Aug**



Light Rain

High– 72.0° F | Low – 60.9° F

**SAT 31 Aug**



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## New jobs portal focuses on work-based learning

DES MOINES -- Gov. Kim Reynolds, joined by business and education leaders, today announced opportunities now available through the Iowa Clearinghouse for Work-Based Learning, a virtual space that connects students and employers through shared projects that enable students to learn through real-world professional experiences.

"By exploring potential interests early on, students are better positioned to make informed decisions about their career path," said Gov. Reynolds. "Today, we have jobs looking for people and high-quality work-based learning can connect students to exciting careers while helping employers hire the talent they need to continue growing our economy and their business."

The Iowa Clearinghouse for Work-

Based Learning has two key features:

A project board in which employers post real-world tasks that students complete under the supervision of their teachers.

A business partner directory for teachers to find other kinds of work-based learning opportunities, such as internships, that employers have expressed interest in.

"Work-based learning fits hand in glove with Iowa's definition of college and career readiness, which emphasizes not only the content knowledge that students need for success, but also the skills to navigate transitions through and beyond school as learners and leaders," Iowa Department of

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## Buying a ticket comes with spectator responsibilities

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when their parents don't jump in and solve their problems for them.

4. Stay in your own lane. No coaching or officiating from the sidelines. Your role is to be a responsible, supportive parent, not a coach or official.

5. Remember: Participating in a high school sport is not about a college scholarship. According to the NCAA, only about 2% of all high school athletes are awarded a sports scholarship, and the average total value of that scholarship is only around \$18,000.

6. Make sure your children know you love watching them play. Do not critique your child's performance on the car ride home. Participating in high school sports is about character development, learning and having fun—not winning and losing.

Purchasing a ticket to a high school sporting event does not give you the right to be rude, disrespectful, or verbally abusive. Cheer loud and be proud, but please also be responsible and considerate as a spectator. The future of high school sports in Iowa is dependent on you.



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You may obtain further information or express your views concerning this issue either in person or through an authorized representative at the public hearing, or prior to the meeting by fax at (319) 372-8661, by telephone at (319) 372-7700 ext. 206, by E-mail at [mblind@fortmadison-ia.com](mailto:mblind@fortmadison-ia.com) or in writing to the Fort Madison City Clerk, P.O. Box 240, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa, 52627 no later than 4:30 PM on September 3, 2019.

Melinda L. Blind  
City Clerk

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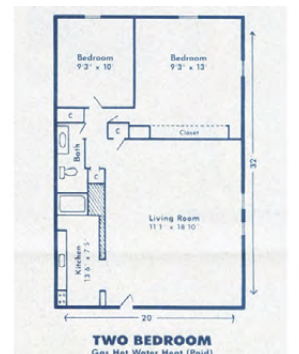
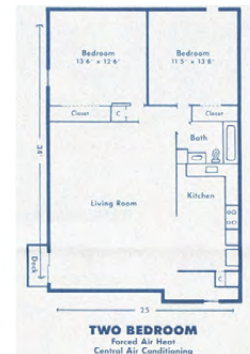
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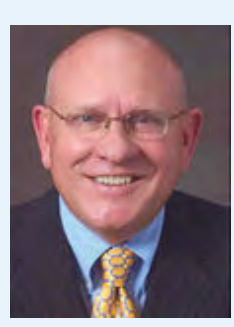

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# Bohnenkamp has more than three decades covering area sports

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Hawk-Eye in 1991.

He took over as Sports Editor after Craig Sesker left the position in September of 1999 and has held that position for the past 20 years. Sitting in the bleachers with family and friends reminiscing of the days at the paper and what the future holds brought a bit of emotion from the writer.

"I think back to the days when I started at the Hawk-Eye... you made a lot of friends at that time. I think about all the people I worked with and we always had a great staff and great people," he said.

Writing his blog, 'Baseball at the Hive' - found at <https://bees-blog.com/>, keeps Bohnenkamp fresh and helps keep the memories of his childhood at Community Field fresh as well.

"I grew up coming to games here. We used to come to games all the time. When I got to cover them back in the 90s there was something special about that, and in the past couple years, too," he said.

"I'm 53 years old, but I got to throw a ball. I haven't got to do that in a while. It was fun and it was something different. It was nice and it shows they respect what I've done."

Former Hawk-Eye managing Editor, Dale Allison, who was also let go in the paper's transition, contacted the Bees for a tribute to Bohnenkamp for his time covering the team and covering local sports in general.

"Dale put together a lot of this. Some friends did that for him when he was let go, and he thought this would be something nice to do for me," Bohnenkamp said.

He said the minor league program in Burlington is in pretty good shape with the goal being developing major league prospects.

"They will be fine. At the end of the day it's about player development. They do a great job here, the club house is great, the training facility is great and that's what the affiliates want," he said "Attendance has been good here. Over



the weekend they had nice crowds. They'll be fine."

Bohnenkamp worked for the Keokuk Daily Gate City from 1988 to 1991 before joining the Sports Department at the Hawk-Eye where he stayed until this spring when his position was eliminated.

He has won 16 Associated Press Sports Editors top-10 writing awards, along with seven United States Basketball Writers Association top-5 awards.

# Clearinghouse is part of Reynold's Future Ready Iowa initiative

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Education Director Ryan Wise said.

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The clearinghouse is funded through a \$300,000 state appropriation and

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