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Chamber taps Small Business honorees

17 business selected by Chamber for distinction

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Area Chamber of Commerce will host the Small Business Breakfast & Expo during National Small Business Week beginning

April 30 to honor Fort Madison area small businesses.

Nominees for the Micro Business of the Year and Small Business of the Year award will be acknowledged and the winners announced during the

morning festivities on Thursday, May 4th at the Comfort Inn & Suites.

The Small Business Expo will open promptly at 7:00am. Small businesses will line the perimeter of the banquet room allowing breakfast attendees to browse the booths, gather information, and make important business connections. Attendees

will then enjoy a breakfast buffet followed by the awards ceremony for the Micro Business of the Year and Small Business of the Year awards.

Nominations were solicited from the Fort Madison Area Chamber of Commerce membership then divided into the appropriate category; Micro Business (0-5 em-

ployees) or Small Business (6-99 employees). The Nominations Review Committee comprised of past award winners and chamber event committee members had the task of choosing the award winners. “The committee members take their responsibility seriously

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County attorney candidates hold final debate

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELLSON - The two candidates for county struck a chord of harmony in the final debate prior to Tuesday's election.

Current Assistant Lee County Attorney Clinton Boddicker and County Attorney Ross Braden met one last time Thursday night at the Pilot Grove Community Center in Donnellson for a debate that was cordial for the most part, with the exception of an exchange about the appointment of Braden in March as County



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Lee County Attorney candidates Clinton Boddicker, far left, and Ross Braden, right, had their final debate on Thursday night in Donnellson at the Pilot Grove Savings Bank Community Room.

Attorney.

A question arose about the recent conflicts of interest that have arisen since Braden was appointed as County Attorney in March. Boddicker said the number of cases is around 40, which Braden didn't dispute.

“I don't know if this was something the Board of Supervisors was thinking about when they made the appointment,” Boddicker said.

He said most special prosecutors hired to cover the conflicts were charging the county upwards of \$200 budget and one from the Keokuk City Attorney Doug Dorando for more than \$1,800.

Braden said that he never said the county wouldn't spend money on cov-



BODDICKER

Des Moines and Henry County have helped pick up some of the cases for free.

“I would just say that if we're going to be speculating as to what the board of supervisors were thinking when they made the appointment, maybe they were thinking about a small investment looking to the long term in the county,” Braden said. “If we were going to speculate about what they were thinking, maybe that's what they were thinking.”

In a rebuttal, Boddicker said that, although Des



BRADEN

Moines County and Henry County have taken some of the cases for free, costs

were starting to pile up. “I'm not speculating about what the Board of Supervisors was thinking at the time they made their appointment, I'm saying they weren't thinking about that, and if they had, they would have done something better,” Boddicker said.

“‘Something better,’ I wonder what that means and what that means to the people that do support the decision of the board and the people that

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Mayhem returns May 13th

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison Main Street hosts Mayhem on the Mississippi a 5K obstacle course run on May 13th.

The run will take place in Rodeo Park, a new venue for this event. With the slogan, “First Compete, Then go Eat,” this run is far from typical. Runners will conquer an inflatable obstacle course and jump through tires, and slide to a finish among other great obstacles.

The obstacles are meant to be fun rather than challenging, all are optional. All ages are welcome, we have registrations ranging from 10 to 64 years old. The race begins at 10 a.m.

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-Clinton Boddicker, Asst. County Attorney

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Micro, Small business to be honored

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when choosing the award winners.

"This is hard" is the typical response I hear from the committee members" says Laura Francisco, Chamber Coordinator.

Congratulations to the following well deserving business nominees.

Micro Business of the Year Nominees

Dawgs & Divas, Dollhouse Dreams, Kelly Cakes, Green Oak Development, Rev Fitness, STAG, Welch's Insurance Agency, Inc., Wilken Auto Body

Small Business of the Year Nominees

Atlas Steak & Smokehouse, Bix Basement Systems, Boulders Inn & Suites, Group Benefit



Partners, LLC, Holtkamp's Floors, Décor & Furniture, J & S Electronics, Peavine Lane Pet Spa, Steffensmeier Welding & Manufacturing

Small business owners, entrepreneurs and the general public are invited

to attend the full breakfast buffet and awards ceremony. Tickets may be purchased by contacting the chamber office at chamber@fortmadison.com or 319-372-5471.

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OBITUARIES

NELLIE POHLPETER

FORT MADISON - Nellie Pohlpetter, 76, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 11:04 a.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at Trinity Medical Center in Rock Island, IL. Arrangements are pending at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory.

Run is for all ages

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Molybdenum and The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company as well as our Jogger Sponsors Edward Jones: Larry Kelch, Anytime Fitness, Pinnacle Foods, and Fareway.

Registration for the race is \$25 and includes refreshments. To register for the race online visit getmeregistered.com and search for Mayhem on the Mississippi. Paper forms can also be picked up at Fort Madison YMCA, Anytime Fitness, Fit 24/7, Rev Fitness, Running Wild in Burlington, and The Fort Madison Partners Office.

Participants can sign up the day of the race, but t-shirts will not be guaranteed as early registration ended April 21st. Same day registration will be from 8:30 - 9:30 AM, Saturday, May 13th at the Old Lions Shelter House at Rodeo Park.

For questions, please contact Fort Madison Main Street at 319-372-5471 or by email at cgilbert@fortmadison.com. Information can also be found on Facebook at "Fort Madison Main Street" or on the Fort Madison Partners website, www.fortmadison.com.

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CHARLENE GALE WARNER



WARNER

Charlene Gale Warner, 61, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 7:17 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at The Madison. She was born on April 18, 1956 in Fort Madison, IA to Harry S. & Betty J. Holland Staub. She married Joey Dale Warner on January 14, 1983 in Fort Madison, IA. He preceded her in death on June 16, 2008. She was a cook for many years and attended Calvary Assembly of God Church in Fort Madison. She enjoyed doing needle point, puzzles, reading paperback books, watching the Food Network and spending time with her family, especially her daughter.

Charlene is survived by: 1-daughter: Christina Warner of Fort Madison, IA; 2-step daughters: Nettie (Jose) Warner of Riverside, CA & Robin Warner of Riverside, CA; 2-step sons: Joey (Kim) Warner of Riverside, CA & Mike Warner of Riverside, CA; 4-sisters: Donna Warner, Carolyn (John) Dunlap, Diana (Rod) Garrett & Janet (Frank) Lawler all of Fort Madison, IA. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 1, 2017 at Calvary Assembly of God Church with a luncheon to immediately follow at the church. Online condolences to Charlene's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

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MICHAEL ROBERT REHM



REHM

Michael Robert Rehm, 67, of Fort Madison, passed away on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 7:13 AM at his sister's home.

He was born on June 8, 1949 in Burlington, IA to Robert and Betty Bentrim Rehm. In December of 1968 he married Sheila Welch Ayers and they later divorced. Mike worked at First Miss and Exide and was also an independent contractor for several people. He was also a cook at Chinz's and Captain Kirks. Mike served in the US Army with the 101st Airborne during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Eagles Club. Mike enjoyed grilling, spending time with his family and music, especially the guitar.

Survivors include two sons, Jeff (Tonya) Rehm of West Point and James Rehm of Franklin; his mother, Betty Rehm of West Point; a sister, Jean (Bob) Chesnut of Wever; one granddaughter, Sadie Smithburg of West Point; two sisters in law, Kim Rehm-Jud of Ft. Madison and Heidi Rehm of Denmark; two nieces and three nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father; two brothers, David and Pat and his grandparents.

The memorial service will be held at 2 PM on Monday, May 1, 2017 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Dean Graber officiating. The family will meet with friends from 1-2 PM at the funeral home prior to the service. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery with military rites performed by the Ft. Madison Veterans Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in his memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.



LEE GRAFTON YOUNG



YOUNG

Lee Grafton Young, 84, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at Trinity Medical Center in Rock Island, IL. He was born on October 24, 1932 in Oklahoma City, OK to Aubrey & Marjorie Lovelace Young. He married Vera G. Davis on December 19, 1953 in Westfield, IN. He was a project engineer for Union Electric and served in the U.S. Army at Ft. Leonard Wood during the Korean War. He was active at the First Baptist Church in his early years and later at Calvary Assembly of God. He was much sought after to sing for events at church and around Fort Madison. He enjoyed gardening, playing the accordion and writing letters to the editor in the Fort Madison Daily Democrat.

Lee is survived by: his wife: Vera Young of Fort Madison, IA; 1-daughter: Annette (Roger) Wright of Fayetteville, TN; 1-son: Duane (Linda) Young of Port St. Lucie, FL; 5-grandchildren; 11-great grandchildren; 1-great great granddaughter and 1-sister: Ethel (Myrne) Riley of Bountiful, UT. He was preceded in death by: his parents, 1-brother: Jerry Young & 1-sister: Audrey Spitznagel.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. with the funeral service to immediately follow at 11:00 a.m. all on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at the First Baptist Church in Fort Madison with his grandson, Pastor Aaron Wright officiating. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in Lee's memory. Burial will be held in Westfield, Indiana. Online condolences to Lee's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

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Fort Madison Police Department Report

04/24/17 - 8:11 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1900 block of Avenue L.
 04/24/17 - 8:56 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a gas drive-off in the 1400 block of 38th Street.
 04/24/17 - 12:04 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Taylor William Scott, 24, of Fort Madison, at 31st Street and Avenue I, on a charge of driving while barred. He was released on a promise to appear.
 04/24/17 - 12:41 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a property damage accident in the 200 block of Avenue G.
 04/24/17 - 2:19 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a property damage accident in the 3400 block of Avenue L.
 04/24/17 - 5:38 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 800 block of 34th Street.
 04/24/17 - 8:40 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a hit & run at 7th Street and Avenue E.
 04/24/17 - 9:00 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny / theft in the 1700 block of Avenue H.
 04/25/17 - 8:13 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1000 block of 34th Street.
 04/25/17 - 4:57 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded

to a report of a burglary in the 2700 block of Avenue I.
 04/25/17 - 6:15 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in progress in the 600 block of 10th Street.
 04/25/17 - 6:40 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 3900 block of Avenue L.
 04/25/17 - 8:02 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a property damage accident in the 2200 block of Avenue L.
 04/25/17 - 8:02 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited and released Seema Singh, 43, of Fort Madison, at 23rd Street and Avenue L, on a charge of failure to yield upon entering through highway.
 04/25/17 - 8:06 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Dalton Jerald McKeown, 21, of Fort Madison, in the 1100 block of Old Denmark Hilltop, on a charge of domestic abuse / assault. He was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed.
 04/25/17 - 10:15 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 3000 block of Avenue E.
 04/26/17 - 7:25 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 2100 block of Avenue F.
 04/26/17 - 5:10 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2300 block of Avenue H.
 04/26/17 - 7:57 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested

Shawndra Jo Anne Spoore, 27, of Fort Madison, in the 2500 block of 255th Street, Montrose, on a charge of 2nd degree theft (bad checks), a Class D felony. She was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed.
 04/26/17 - 7:59 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1900 block of Avenue I.
 04/26/17 - 9:31 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny / theft at Lanewood Drive.
 04/27/17 - 2:40 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1400 block of Avenue E.
 04/27/17 - 7:01 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested David Dupree Tucker, 27, of Fort Madison, in the 1400 block of Avenue E, on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed.

Lee County Sheriff's Department Report

04/19/17 - 7:26 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Brittany Marie Goldie, 22, of Keokuk, at Crestview Drive, Keokuk, on a warrant for being a fugitive from justice. She was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed.
 04/20/17 - 3:55 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Toni Charlene Skinner, 21, of Keokuk, in the 3900 block of 7th Street, Keokuk,

on warrants for operating a vehicle while intoxicated, possession with intent to deliver, and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed.
 04/24/17 - 6:50 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at Mississippi River Road and Koehler Lane. A vehicle driven by Michael William Hickey, 64 of Keokuk was struck by a vehicle driven by John Edward Koehler, 70, of Montrose. Koehler was westbound on Koehler Lane and tried to cross Mississippi River Road and collided with Hickey's vehicle. Both vehicles had to be towed and both drivers were taken to area hospitals. No citations were issued at the scene.
 04/24/17 - 11:48 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on Hwy 103 and windmill way. A vehicle driven by Delores Theresa Mickleson, 73, of West Point struck a vehicle driven by Angela Denise Kruse, 46, of Salem. Kruse was stopped for construction zone and Mickleson struck Kruse's vehicle causing minor damage. No injuries were reported and Mickleson was cited for failure to maintain control. Both vehicles were driven away.
 04/24/17 - 10:10 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tyler Joseph Washburn, 23, of Fort Madison, in

the 3100 block of Hwy. 61, Montrose, on a charge of driving while barred. He was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed.
 04/25/17 - 1:47 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kai Luv Kempker, 23, of Fort Madison, at Hwy. 2 and Hillcrest Road, on a temporary hold. She was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed, but was later released on bond.
 04/25/17 - 10:50 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Lisanne Marie Morton, 27, of Fort Madison, at the Sheriff's Department, on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. She was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed.
 04/25/17 - 5:53 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Codey Lane Page, 40, of Montrose, at his residence, on a charge of making a false report to law enforcement. He was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed.
 04/25/17 - 7:23 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Brandon Paul Harold Whippie, 27, of Keokuk, at the Sheriff's Department, on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed.
 04/26/17 - 1:21 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Carrie Nichole Morris, 29, of Keokuk, at the Sheriff's Department, on a

warrant for being a fugitive from justice. She was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed.
 04/26/17 - 1:34 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jerry Dean Hardman III, 37, of Keokuk, at the Sheriff's Department, on a charge of 3rd degree criminal mischief. He was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed, but was later released on a promise to appear.
 04/26/17 - 3:27 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Scot Andrew Flora, 48, of Burlington, no location reported, on a warrant for violation of parole. He was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed.
 04/26/17 - 5:29 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Trenay Connell Owens, 22, of Moline, IL, at the Sheriff's Department, on a warrant for 2nd degree robbery. He was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed.
 04/27/17 - 6:45 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Brian Dale Hutson, 35, of Keokuk, at mile marker 26 Hwy. 61, on charges of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and failure to maintain control. He was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed.

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Sports



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FMHS' Austin Krueger gets some lift on his forehand return in Bloodhound tennis action Thursday in Keokuk. Krueger came back to win his No. 4 singles match in a tiebreaker, but the Hounds fell 4-5.

Hounds tripped up at Keokuk

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

KEOKUK - The Fort Madison Bloodhounds snapped a four meet win streak Thursday with a close 5-4 loss on Keokuk high school's tennis courts.

The Chiefs and Hounds split the singles action three matches each and it came down to the doubles matches to determine the winner.

Dante Seaney fell to Keokuk's Reid Rider 0-6, 2-6 at No. 1 singles, but Johnny Hernandez, who hadn't lost in his last three matches, put up another win over Dillon. Hernandez took the opening set relatively easily with a 6-3 win, but had to go a second set tiebreaker and won 7-4 to take the match.

Sam Avery fell in straight sets 4-6, 3-6 at No. 3 singles. The alternating wins continued when Austin Krueger was able to get into a tiebreaker with Peyton Skender at No. 4 singles after losing the first set 2-6. Krueger came back to win the second set 6-4 to force the first-to-ten tiebreaker. Krueger was up by as much as 7-4 before Skender came back to within one at 7-6. Krueger then scored the next two points before Skender got one to make it 9-7 in the tiebreaker. Krueger had the next serve and was able to score without a return.

At No. 5, the Chief's Gage Stice defeat-

ed the Hounds Conrad Hellman again in a match that needed a tiebreaker. Stice won the first set 6-3, but Hellman came back to take the second set 6-4 forcing the tiebreaker, but Stice got up a couple serves and won 10-7.

Tim Shin secured the singles split when he dumped Keokuk's Michael Simpson 7-6 (7-5) in the first set and an easier 6-1 win in the second.

The two teams split the doubles No. 1 and No. 2 matches with Seaney and Hernandez falling to Rider and Haner 2-6, 4-6.

Avery and Krueger got revenge in the No. 2 slot with a 6-4, 6-0 win and Hellman and Shin took Simpson and Skender into a tiebreaker after an easy first set win 6-1. Keokuk came back in the second set with a 6-7 win on a 5-7 tiebreaker and then took the match tiebreaker 10-5.

"There were three matches in there that could easily have gone either way and we were in a position to do it, we just couldn't get the ball to drop in," said Head Coach Dean Hogan.

The Hounds host Mt. Pleasant on Friday.

In junior varsity action, Blake Feuerhammer downed Cole Pirice after falling 5-7 in the first set before coming back in the second set with a 6-2 win and then won the two set tiebreak 10-7.

Thornton, Bahl runners-up medalist Thursday

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Holy Trinity Catholic's Cameron Bahl and Collin Thornton tied for runner-up medalist honors Thursday afternoon in boys high school golf

action.

The Crusaders fell by just six strokes to visiting Danville at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course 182-188. The Bears' Taran Nelson won medalist honors with a 41.

Kyle Bredemeyer and

Mason Holvoet tied with a 52. Alex Bentler shot a 54 and Nathan Bredemeyer had a 55 to round out the scoring for Holy Trinity.

The Crusaders travel to New London on Monday.

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Madelyn Gobble sings her solo as part of the Canabile Choir's performance at The Kensington in Fort Madison on Thursday. The choir went to senior centers in Fort Madison performing for the residents.

Conceal carry, staffing, and drugs topics of debate

DEBATE - Continued from Page 1

support me. So, again, I guess I question the use of the word 'better,' Braden said before moving into a question of how they would handle vicious dog complaints in Powdertown.

Both candidates said they would favor increasing the full time attorneys in the department to three and one part-time. The staff now is two full time and two part-time attorneys. They would also like to see the secretarial staff enhanced to ease the burden, especially with all the pending retirements in the next few years, including Bruce McDonald. Boddicker also suggested adding a victims/witness coordinator.

Another question focused on courthouse security and conceal carry permits in public buildings. Boddicker said our courthouses are not very secure and it was unfortunate the state was moving toward a concealed carry mentality. Boddicker said that move interferes with Home Rule law and that the county should be the one to determine the security of their courthouses. He said Lynn County, where he practiced for a short time, had full detectors on the only entrance and exit to the building and, unfortunately, the county may need to move in that direction to keep someone from getting hurt or killed.

Braden said that conceal carry permits have been in place for awhile and he is unaware of any issues. He said when violent offenders are in court, either the sheriff's department is monitoring the courthouse, or if it's a violent offender from Iowa State Penitentiary, the prison's emergency response team escorts the offenders.

The Lee County Narcotics Task Force and Lee County Drug Court were also brought up. Boddicker had been appointed to the Drug Court Prosecutor in early 2010 until just a few months ago.

"It's a very important program where we take people with serious drug problems, and if it wasn't for that program, they would be going to prison," Boddicker said of the drug court.

He said he's been working very closely with the task force to get warrants at all different times of the day and week and said he hopes the task force continues to be fully funded. He said drugs in Lee County are the single biggest problem facing our local criminal justice system.

Braden said, as the county attorney, he's on the board that controls the task force and he's already met with the board once since taking office. He said grant writing is critical to the program and he said he wants to make sure those grants are done correctly to ensure the funding as well.

"They do a great job in Lee County addressing the drug problem, in particular the methamphetamine that has been such a blight on our community. Things have changed from the shake and bake labs to the ice methamphetamine that's being imported."

Braden said he would do anything in his power as the county attorney to keep the Drug Court program viable.

A question from the audience focused on the dismissal of charges against protestors during the Dakota Pipeline construction.

Boddicker said he had 24 to 25 simple misdemeanor jury trials and Lee County isn't prepared to get all those done prior to October. He said he met with former County attorney Mike Short and Braden and offered a dismissal to the trespass charges if they agreed to pay court costs. Protestors charged with resisting arrest had to plead guilty to the charge.

Braden said when Boddicker approached him, it was right after he was appointed, and admittedly, he was overwhelmed.

"When Clinton approached me, he said this was what he was going to do and I said, 'You know what, go ahead and do what you were going to do.'"

He said his biggest regret on that was not getting Sheriff Stacy Weber's opinion due to the amount of time and money spent by the county to deal with those issues.

The American Association of University Women sponsored all three of the debates.