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Supervisors OK county attorney staff changes

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE - Current Des Moines County Attorney Amy Beavers will be joining the Lee County Attorney's staff beginning March 1.

Lee County Supervisors voted at Tuesday's regular meeting to bring on Beavers and Fort Madison attorney Kim Auge to be part of the Lee County Attorney's office.

Beavers has been with the Des Moines County Attorney's office for more than 20 years and Auge has been in private practice in Fort Madison as well as serving the public defender's office.

Beavers came under fire from local media after failing

to release a video involving Burlington Police officer Jesse Hill who was involved in an officer shooting that killed a Burlington woman. An Iowa judge has ruled that Des Moines County erred in not releasing the video and ordered its release. A portion of the video has since been released, but the case is still pending in front of the Iowa Public Information Board.

Lee County Attorney Ross Braden said he wasn't fully informed on the case and Beavers' continuing role, but said she had a very difficult job in Des Moines County and he considers her to be an outstanding attorney.

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"That was a terrible situation and I'll be the first to



Eagles donation

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The Fort Madison Eagles Club made a donation to the Special Olympics on Monday night after a Taco/Enchilada supper where some of the athletes came out and helped serve the meals and clean up. The Eagles donated \$874 to the local chapter.

West Point council balks at fiber optic path

say Amy has had a very tough job over the past several years. I don't know all the factors involved other than what I've heard about. But that was a hard call for her to have to make as county attorney as far as releasing the video of that shooting to the public. You've got victims on one hand, the desire to back law enforcement on the other. Not to mention the video in itself is very graphic in nature so it would have been a tough call to make. I think she got a bad rap in Des Moines County and I don't believe that was warranted."

The salaries for the two will be covered by the \$147,000 that is budgeted. Braden said there were some vacation

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Day Spa pandering trial underway

State having trouble showing any illicit services offered

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A case involving alleged pandering for prostitution that began in 2015 found its way in front of a North Lee County jury on Tuesday.

State prosecutors from Johnson County are prosecuting Douglas Fenlaw, who leased property at 2621 Avenue L, to open a business called the Avenue L Day Spa with an Asian woman named Yu Hong.

Charged with pandering for prostitution, Fenlaw is facing a Class D felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a possible \$7,500 fine.

Pandering is defined in Iowa as a person who persuades, arranges, coerces, or otherwise causes another, not a minor, to become a prostitute or to return to the practice of prostitution after having abandoned it, or keeps or maintains any premises for the purposes of prostitution, or takes a share in the income from such premises knowing the character and content of such income, commits a class "D" felony.

BY CHUCK VANDEN-BERG PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT - City officials want a fiber optics company with plans to run cabling through the city to reconsider the route of installation. At Monday's regular meeting of the West Point City Council, City Administrator Dennis Mc-Gregor gave the council an update of the request from a technology service company called Aureon of West Des Moines. McGregor said the company wants to install the cable coming in from the north on Hwy. 103, run in front of Dollar General to Fourth Street, and then head north underground to a tower north of West Point.

"We're not real pleased with the route they've selected," McGregor said. "So we're gonna meet with them yet this month to talk about the path."

Mayor Paul Walker said he was concerned about the route because the city

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According to testimony Tuesday from several law enforcement officers who went undercover as part of the investigation into the Day Spa, Hong went by the name "Lisa" at the spa and communicated with mostly hand gestures, because she spoke very little English.

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OBITUARIES

STANLEY CLELAND WATKINS

Stanley Cleland Watkins, 83, of Donnellson, Iowa, passed away at 9:03 p.m., Friday, December 7, 2018, at



Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center, Knoxville, Tennessee with his family by his side.

Born January 23, 1935, in rural Donnellson, Iowa, the son of Lawrence and Ollie (Townsend) Watkins. On December 18, 1955, he married Marilyn Jean Miller at Denmark Congregational Church in

Denmark, Iowa.

Survivors include his wife: Marilyn of nearly sixty-three years; three children: Sherri (Gary) Zenishek of Jefferson City, Missouri, Julie (Lee) Hulsebus of Nixa, Missouri and Brian (Christy) Watkins of Donnellson, Iowa; eight grandchildren: Matthew (Kirstan) Zenishek, Cori Zenishek and Stephen Zenishek; Kyle and Lauren Hulsebus; Blaine, Maura, and Macy Watkins; four great grandchildren: Maddison, Matthew, Lila and Brady; one sister: Norma Jean Sexton of Mitchell, South Dakota. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

Stanley was a 1953 graduate of Donnellson High School. He started farming while in high school and farmed his entire life. He received State recognition in FFA. Stanley was a faithful member of the Sharon Presbyterian Church, where he was a past Elder and Trustee, he also enjoyed worship and fellowship at West Point Presbyterian Church. He served on the Iowa Soybean Board. He was a Veteran of the U. S. Army serving from 1957 to 1963. Stanley drove a school bus or Donnell-

son School and was a correctional officer for fourteen years. His family was first and foremost, his enjoyments included his farming, spending time with his family,



Friends may call after 12:00 noon Friday, December 14, 2018, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson, Iowa where the family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. that evening.

The Memorial Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 15, 2018, at Sharon Presbyterian Church, rural Farmington, Iowa with Reverend Doctor Mary Anne Welch and Pastor Larry Shipley officiating.

Burial will be at the Sharon Presbyterian Cemetery, rural Farmington, Iowa with full military rites presented by the Donnellson American Legion Post #474.

Memorials have been established in his memory to Mayo Clinic Cardiovascular Research and Central Lee Chapter FFA.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements.

On-line condolences to the family may be made at <u>www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com</u>.

OBITUARIES

QUINN PENCE

Mr. Quinn Pence, 79, of Dallas City, IL died Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 11:03 AM at his home.



He was born March 27, 1939 in Dallas City, the son of Virgil R. and Ethel Mae Dickson Pence. On February 20, 1974 he married Nancy Gilpin in Dallas City. Quinn graduated from the Dallas

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City High School in 1957. He started farming at an early age and continued

throughout his life. He also ran a saw mill for several years, cut timber and raised livestock. Quinn served on the Dallas City School Board for twelve years.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy, three daughters, Twila (Jeff) Peitz of Fort Madison, IA, Gwen (Bill) Scanlan of Fort Madison, Amy (John) Curran of St. Louis, MO and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Vanessa Ives, one brother, Dick Pence an infant sister, Bonnie Jo Pence, grandson Blake Scanlan, and his parents.

Services will be held at 2:00 PM Thursday, December 13, 2018 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City with Pastor Aaron Ferguson officiating. Burial will follow in the Harris Cemetery. The family will meet with friends Thursday from Noon until time of services. A memorial fund has been established for the Dallas City Food Pantry. To leave a condolence please visit his obituary at <u>banksandbeals.com</u>.

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Obituaries/From the Front

OBITUARIES

HURLEY B. GREGORY

Hurley B. Gregory, 80, of rural West Point, IA, passed away at 7:39 a.m. on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at the Klein Center in West Burlington, IA. He was born on



June 10, 1938 in Clark County, MO to James E. & Bertha M. Moore Gregory. He married Gloria J. Goldie on September 30, 1967 in Denmark, IA. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1955-1959 where he worked for 2 ½ years in Nagoya, Japan at the 6110th U.S.A.F. Hospital. He came back and worked at Lackland A.F.B. Hospital in San Antonio, TX. Afterward, he was a medical tech since 1955 and was a medical

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I X. Afterward, he was a medical tech since 1955 and w lab tech at Granham Hospital in Keokuk, Mercy Hospital in Burlington from 1962-1973 and Fort munity Hospital from 1973, retiring in 1991. He



Madison Community Hospital from 1973, retiring in 1991. He co-owned Primary Oil with Phill and Lucy Goldie from 1975-1990 in Wever, IA. He then was the co-founder of a greenhouse

with Ty Louck, where he worked for 6 years before finally retiring. He enjoyed watching harness races, hunting, fishing, camping and cooking out for family and friends.

Hurley is survived by: his wife: Gloria Gregory of West Point, IA; 1-sister: Margaret Peak of Peoria, IL and several nieces & nephews. He was preceded in death by: his parents, 1-brother, 3-half brothers & 1-sister.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 13, 2018 with the family to receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evening at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 14, 2018 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Chad Savage officiating. Burial will be held at Denmark Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in his memory. Online condolences to Hurley's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

WP wants new path for cabling

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had just put in new roads and sidewalks.

"We'd just as soon they go down 2nd or 3rd Streets all the way to the north," Walker said.

The fiber optic cable is needed to help connect towers in West Point, Franklin, and Pilot Grove. McGregor said at some point another company could come in to possibly allow local companies to connect to the cable, but that's something down the road. McGregor said that's the reasoning behind the proposed route so it would be closer and cheaper for local businesses to hook up to the cabling.

City Councilman Brian Meierotto said having the cable along that route could also cause problems for the city if they need to access those easements with the cable underground.

McGregor said the installation could open a minimal franchise fee that would be paid to the city, but he said they could possibly entice Aureon to move the route.

"It's not a lot of money, maybe \$500 the first year and \$250 per year after that for the next five years. But we could consider possibly waiving that fee if they would look at changing the path they want to use," he said.



OBITUARIES

GEARLDINE FAYE "GERRY" HAWK

Gearldine Faye "Gerry" Hawk, 74 of Montrose, IA died Monday, December 10, 2018 at the Ft. Madison Community Hospital in Ft. Madison, IA.

She was born September 9, 1944 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of Gardner C. and Ruth Marshall Link. On August 8, 1986 she was united in marriage to David Hawk in Donnellson, IA. He survives.



Other survivors include three daughters, Joann Barkalow of Newton, IA, Jill Hawk of Ft. Madison, IA and Jody Whitmore of Burlington, IA, two step-sons, Scott Hawk of Princeton, MO and Corey Hawk of Keokuk, IA, one step-daughter, Shelly Hawk of rural Donnellson,

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IA, five grandchildren, Derek Niggemeyer, Jenna Weyant, Jordan Hawk and Madison and Taylor Bunton, seven step-grandchildren,

Bryce and Page Hawk, Kassey, Dexter and Creighton Merschbrock, Katie Cale and Trenton Hawk, thirteen great-grandchildren, one sister, Darlene Haage of Argyle, IA and one brother, Rodney Link (Lena) of Argyle, IA.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, John, Larry and Ralph Link and one sister, Arlene Glines.

Gerry graduated from Central Lee High School in Donnellson, IA with the Class of 1962.

She had been employed by Ft. Madison Community Hospital as a receptionist for seven years. She had also been employed through the years by The Avenue and Under the Sun, both in Ft. Madison, IA.

Gerry was a member of the Montrose Nazarene Church in Montrose, IA.

Gerry enjoyed socializing with her neighbors and visiting with friends over a cup of coffee at McDonald's. She had a huge heart and was always willing to help others. Gerry adored her grandchildren. The time she spent with them was priceless and the memories that were made will live on in their hearts forever.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Friday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Pastor Preston Smith Officiating. Burial will be in the Donnell Cemetery in Donnellson, IA.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home with family meeting with friends from 6-8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Donnell Cemetery.

Online condolences may be left for the family at <u>www.vigenmemorialhome.com</u>.

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If you have any questions, please contact Lee County Health Department. 3 John Bennett Drive, Fort Madison (319) 372.5225



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From the front

Defense to make case to jury Wednesday morning

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The state didn't accuse Fenlaw of persuading Hong to become a prostitute, but argued the other two elements of the crime, contending Fenlaw kept and maintained the premises, owned by Shane Carter of Fort Madison, for purposes of prostitution, and took a share of the income knowing what the money was paid for.

Attorney Curt Dial of Keokuk is representing Fenlaw.

Called to testify on Tuesday were Carter, Fort Madison Building Director Doug Krogmeier, Chad Cangas, a correctional supervisor at Iowa State Penitentiary, two undercover law enforcement officers, Sgt. David Doyle of the Fort Madison Police Department, and two special agents with the Iowa Department of Criminal Investigations.

Krogmeier and Carter testified to the purpose of the building and the permits that were obtained to put up interior walls at the spa to create rooms for customers.

Cangas testified that he worked to schedule a massage at the facility because he likes Asian style shiatzu deep tissue massages. He said he's had massages at those types of places around the state and in different parts of the country, typically at mall locations, but said this massage was not what he typically receives.

"I thought it was a very uncomfortable, terrible massage and after the 30 minutes were over, I left. She really didn't do any form of massage," Cangas said.

He told the jury he began to get uncomfortable when the girl climbed up on the table and had his head between her knees and started rubbing his chest and then had her bare stomach touching his face,"

Cangas, who is also a sitting Fort Madison City Councilman, said he went to speak to Fort Madison Police captains Bruce Niggemeyer and Bruce Gustafson about the incident. He told the police he was concerned about the legitimacy of the business.

Andrea Jensen of the Johnson County Attorney's office, along with Rachel Zimmerman-Smith, were prosecuting the case after former Lee County Attorney Clinton Boddicker asked for a special prosecutor in Dec. of 2017.

Jensen asked Cangas if any sexual acts were performed other than what he described in his testimony and Cangas indicated nothing of that nature occurred.

The two undercover police officers however both indicated touching of a sexual nature did occur when they went in undercover, however no sexual acts took place.

Holly Witt, a special agent with the DCI's Division of Intelligence said she and another female officer also went in to the Day Spa undercover posing as girls looking to schedule a bachelorette party. Witt said she saw nothing in the Day Spa she thought would be indicative of a traditional day spa such as hair treatments and pedicures. Witt testified that it was her experience that Day Spas that are open long hours and charge by the half hour are typically associated with illegal activity. Witt said the sign on the side door of the salon indicated the hours were from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and rates indicated \$40 for 30 minutes, \$60 for 60 minutes and \$90 for 90 minutes.

Witt said she also spoke with a "Lisa" who was dressed in a spaghetti top with short-shorts and sandals. Witt said her 11 years experience has taught her that legitimate day spa staff wouldn't dress that way and typical ads in places like BackPage.com that solicit illegal activity show people dressed that way.

During later testimony with DCI Special Agent Joe Lestina, Jensen tried to get District Judge Ty Rogers to allow a screen shot of a BackPage advertisement that featured the Avenue L spa admitted into evidence, but Dial was able to block it saying the state hadn't shown foundation for the evidence to be allowed.

After clearing the jury, Rogers took up the argument and said the ad wouldn't be allowed because it was just a snapshot of the advertisement and the state didn't produce any testimony to support the evidence. Jensen argued to no avail that the document was a public document that anyone could capture so it didn't require foundation.

Lestina said he interviewed Fenlaw for about three hours as part of the investigation and Fenlaw admitted to buying ad space on BackPage and knew the culture of that site was for illegal activity.

A thirty second snippet of an interview between the two was played for the jury nd Fenlaw said he was aware of the illicit nature of BackPage.com and did purchase advertising there. Fenlaw also told Lestina that he had what he felt was a boyfriend/ fiancee relationship with Hong and didn't want Hong to do anything illegal. Lestina also testified that the interview revealed a verbal agreement that existed between Hong and Fenlaw where Hong would pay \$1,500 a month to Fenlaw for the lease and business costs and Fenlaw would take her to wire money to China, usually between \$2,000 and \$2,900 and that happened on several occasions. He also testified that Fenlaw admitted to buying jewelry for Hong to help her with some financial security. When the operations were shut down, he said Fenlaw asked for the jewelry back from law enforcement.

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"If he provided that based on their relationship, I found that be very strange that he would want that back," Lestina said.

Dial asked Lestina if Fenlaw indicated he didn't want Hong to engage in prostitution and Lestina said that was correct. But Lestina testified that Fenlaw said he was 95% certain that she wasn't engaged in prostitution.

The state rested its case on Tuesday and Dial requested a directed verdict of not guilty or a dismissal because prosecutors hadn't produced any evidence showing any sexual activity occurred on the part of Hong nor was Fenlaw aware of any sexual activity going on at the spa.

Rogers denied the motion, although he did indicate the state hadn't proven that Fenlaw had caused Hong to engage in any prostitution, so the first part of the pandering charge will not be argued.

Dial said he would need a couple hours on Wednesday to wrap up his client's case before it goes to the 12-member jury.

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Sports/From the front

HTC boys in quiet in second half loss

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON -After playing some of their best basketball of the year, the Holy Trinity Crusaders went almost silent in the second half as Van Buren pulled out a 61-55 win Tuesday night in boys high school basketball action.

The Crusaders scored 21 points in the first quarter highlighted by a Quentin Schneider bucket with 00.5 seconds on the clock to race to a 21-16 advantage. With the score knotted at 9s with 3:57 left in the opening period HTC's Blake Crabtree scored from just inside the three-point line on the right wing and then he converted two free throws after snagging a Brant Holtkamp miss in the lane where he was fouled by the Warriors' Caleb Johnson.

The two freebies gave Holy Trinity just a one point lead because Johnson had hit a three pointer on the Warriors' previous trip down the floor. Junior Reed Fehseke would score off the dribble slipping through on the left baseline where he was fouled by Johnson. Fehseke missed on the free throw but the Crusaders held a 15-12 lead. Van Buren's JT Metcalf would answer to cut the lead to one again. On the next trip Crabtree would find senior Kyle Bredemeyer filling the right lane on a break out of the Warrior zone press for a bucket.

Van Buren senior Mason McDonough would score underneath for the Warriors to cut the lead to one again with just over a minute remaining in the period at 17-6. Schneider would then score again for Holy Trinity and the Crusaders would get a turnover at the other end that would eventually get tied up. HTC had possession under their own basket. The inbounds pass was lofted up in the lane and Schneider caught it mid-air and banked it in at the buzzer.

Holy Trinity would then stretch the lead holding Van Buren to just two second quarter buckets, but the Warriors would go to the free throw line 10 times in the period getting into the bonus just 1:15 into the second period. The Warriors wouldn't get a bucket until about four minutes had gone by, but Bredemeyer, Schneider, and Holtkamp would all put up points for Holy Trinity prior to that. Holtkamp's 3-ball put Holy Trinity up 28-20 before Metcalf got the the Warriors' first basket of the quarter.

Crabtree would add a basket and junior Matt Hellige would convert a couple free throws to hold the lead at eight. Hellige would get another bucket inside on the next trip and then Fehseke would hit back-to-back three balls to end the half with the Crusaders up 41-26.

"We played a really good first half," head coach John Hellige said. "But Fred (Parsons) is a good coach and he made some moves that we just didn't adjust to in the second half."

The Warriors slipped into a half court matchup zone defense that kept the Crusaders off balance coming out of the lockerroom. HTC only managed three points in the third period, a bucket by Hellige



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Holy Trinity's Reed Fehseke (4) tries to get a block from behind on Van Buren's Clay Neeley (10) in the first half Tuesday night.

and a free throw from Schneider, as Van Buren cut the lead to 44-40 at the end of the third. A three-pointer followed by a bucket by the Warriors' Jacob Plecker had cut the lead to just two points, but Hellige's bucket gave the hosts a 4-point advantage going into the fourth quarter.

The lead would change hands in the fourth quarter as Schneider found himself playing with four fouls. He would foul out with the Crusaders down 48-49. McDonough would hit on the two free throws to give Van Buren a lead they wouldn't relinquish. Then Fehseke would foul out about two minutes later.

Going up by as much as seven 55-48 on two more McDonough free throws, the Crusaders were able to cut the lead to four at 59-55 with about 23 seconds

left in the game, but junior Tony Davidson would get free when Van Buren broke HTC's pressure on the inbounds and scored with a Matt Hellige foul on top of it all. Davidson would miss the freebie, but HTC wouldn't be able to convert again before time ran out.

"I think that half-court zone defense is what did it," Hellige said "They really stepped up in the second half and we didn't slow down #44. This was a winnable game."

McDonough led all scorers with 18 points for Van Buren. Holtkamp and Schneider paced Holy Trinity with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

The Crusaders take on WACO on Friday on the road and then return home for a matchup with West Burlington on Tuesday night.

Scheuermann too much for Lady Crusaders

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Van Buren junior Taryn Scheuermann has already committed to the University of Northern Iowa and she lived up to the hype on Tuesday at Shottenkirk Gym.

The Lady Warriors ran away from Holy Trinity Catholic 71-38 in girls Southeast Iowa Superconference basketball action Tuesday night.

Scheuermann had seven blocks on the night and kept Holy Trinity from any kind of inside game for most of the night.

HTC held the third leading scorer in Class 2A to just two field goals in the first period, but all that attention left Madison Bartholomew open and she was able to hit for nine points in the first period to help Van Buren to a 20-11 first quarter lead. HTC had the

game tied at 5s on a bucket from senior Mya Lawlor off a feed from senior Emily Box.

That would be as close as the Crusaders would get as Van Buren opened up a 26-11 lead in the second period before senior Eryn Anderson would score underneath for a 26-13 Van Buren lead.



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Scheuermann would score on the next trip down for Van Buren, but Holy Trinity would answer when Mya Lawlor missed on a drive, but junior Ashlynn Haas was underneath the hoop for the rebound and she was able to score inside.

HTC would stop Van Buren on the next trip down and then senior Taylor Boeding would score just inside the 3-point arc giving the Crusaders a little momentum. After another stop with Holy Trinity pressing the inbounds play, Haas, who finished with 15 points all in the first half, would come back down and hit a 3-ball to cap a 9-2 run before Scheuermann would cool things off inside with a bucket to make it 30-20.

Bartholomew would hit another from long range and Scheuermann, who finished with 22 on the night, would score back-to-back to help stretch the Warrior lead to 45-27 at halftime.

Head Coach Tony Johnson said the plan was to front up the 6'3" junior and then get help from the back.

"On defense we were gonna try and front her up and have weak side help, but we got into foul trouble so that killed that in the first half," Johnson said. "On offense we tried to play a little four out and one in and try to drag her out from underneath the basket."

Holy Trinity went cold shooting in the third period missing its first five shots of the period before junior Avery Hopper got on the board with a short jumper but Van Buren already had a sizeable 50-30 lead. The Crusaders would miss five more in a row before Hopper ended the streak again with a bucket off a rebound. Senior Emily Box, who is averaging about 14 points per game and was locked up on Scheuermann most of the night, finally got on the board with 6:22 remaining and the game firmly in hand with the Warriors up 60-34. Hopper would score the final two buckets for the Crusaders, finishing with nine points on the night. All the other scorers for the Crusaders were in single digits. Boeding had five and Box finished with three points, while Lawlor, Claire Pothitakis, and Eryn Anderson each had two on the night. Anderson suffered a knee injury and left the game in the third quarter. "We made a few shots but we have to shoot with more confidence," Johnson said. "But it's intimidating when you get five shots blocked inside in the first half. We work with the girls every night on inside moves and we have to do something besides a drop step against a 6'3" girl. The effort was there but credit to them. They played good defense and shot the ball well. That's why they're a ranked team."

Injunctions to be filed in Mooar/Powdertown

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days that need to be paid to retiring assistant attorneys Bruce McDonald and Artemio Santiago. McDonald's last day is Dec. 31 and will be replaced by Auge on Jan. 1. Beavers will take over for Santiago on March 1. Braden said the difference in the total payroll would be about \$21,000.

"I think there was a difference of about \$21,000 that I need to make up in my budget. I was able to find a way to make that up because there were items being paid out of the general basic fund that are,

by statute, able to be paid out of the supplemental fund. So I was able to find an additional \$20,000 there in the existing budget. The extra \$1,000 in worst case scenario I will be able to make that up out of our county attorney collections portion. But the way things are going I could still be in the green at the end of the year."

Braden will also have Jonathan Stensvaag as a full-time county attorney, which will give him a fulltime staff of four. Braden was also able to secure a

grant in the fall that would pay for a county victim's advocate position for the staff.

In other action, the board heard from Braden and Lee County Health Department's Rosa Huykedahl on pending injunctions that are to be filed against six property owners in Mooar/Powdertown. The county has been working for about two and half years under an Iowa Department of Natural Resources mandate to clean up the area around Chatfield Lake. In July, supervisors put residents on notice that additional court filings were coming if steps weren't taken to rectifiy faulty or inadequate septic systems that were leading to contamination of the lake. In November the county was looking at filing seven, but Huykedahl said one property owner came forward and got a permit and is in the process of repairing.

Braden said the injunctions could force anyone residing in the six properties to cease contaminating the lake, and therefore they wouldn't be able to live on the property should the injunctions be upheld in court.

The Crusaders fall to 4-3 on the season and travel to WACO Friday night in a girl/boy varsity double header.

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Tree of Love Gatherings

The Lee County Health Department is hosting a series of gatherings to help with holiday healing after a loss. The events are on Wednesday Dec. 12 and 19th from 2 to 3 p.m. at 3 John Bennett Drive in Fort Madison.

Senior Community 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. December's BINGO games will be held Wednesday, December 12.

Santa at the FM YMCA

The Fort Madison YMCA will be hosting a Cookies and Cocoa with Santa on Saturday Dec. 15 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Be ready to play some Reindeer Games, too.

Downtown Enchanted Forest

The Fort Madison downtown Enchanted Forest will be open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lee County Bank Building at 803 Avenue G on Dec. 15 and 22, with visits with Santa from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Council of Churches offers "Singspiration"

The Mid-Lee County Council of Churches presents the program Good News Singspiration "What Happened in Bethlehem...DIDN'T STAY in Bethlehem" on December 16, 2018, beginning at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church of Christ 401 Maple in Donnellson. Fellowship and a light meal of maidrites, cheese and crackers, raw vegetables with dip, and cookies will follow the program. A free-will offering will be taken to support the benevolent ministries of the council.

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