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Councilman's status murky after felony drug plea

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A sitting city councilman may have a loophole that will allow him to retain his city council seat even after pleading guilty to a felony drug charge.

Travis Seidel, who represents the 3rd Ward on the Fort Madison City Council, pleaded guilty on March 30 to a Class C felony for selling narcotics within 1,000 feet of a school. The charge was filed against him on Dec. 8 when he was arrested at his home by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force on two counts of distributing hydromor-



phone. Seidel told Pen City Current last week that he had no inclination to resign after pleading guilty to the class C felony in North Lee County Court. As part of the agreement with the Lee County Attorney's

office, if approved by an 8th District judge at his sentencing on June 1, Seidel could

get a deferred judgment. If that happens, Seidel could be sentenced to a period of probation, and if that probation is served successfully, the felony conviction would not be part of his permanent record. Seidel also faces possible fines as part of the sentencing.

The deferred judgment creates a murky picture on what happens with Seidel with regard to his seat on the Fort Madison City Council.

Section 69.2 (1)(f), of the Iowa Code reads: 1. Every civil office shall be vacant if any of the following events occur - f. The conviction of the incumbent of a felony, an aggravated misdemeanor, or of any public offense involving the violation of the incumbent's oath of office.

A spokeswoman with the Iowa Secretary of State's office, which oversees state elections, referred the issue to the Lee County Attorney's office.

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FM firefighters haul woman to safety after fall

B-Shift uses ropes training to bring up woman who fell down hillside looking for cat

> BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison firefighters rescued a woman Friday who had fallen down an embankment behind a trailer park north of the Fort Madison High School.

According to Fort Madison Fire Department Capt. Mike Schneider, four firefighters from the department's B-Shift, two Lee County EMS EMTs, and two police officers responded to an area behind the trailer park at 18th Street and Avenue A, where a woman had fallen down a 30- to 40-foot embankment while apparently looking for her pet.



Hounds win

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison goalkeeper Josie Pumphrey slides in to take control of the ball in the second half of the Bloodhounds' 2-1 victory over Mt. Pleasant Monday night. See page 4 for more pictures and the full story.

Historical society readies for train swap meet

BY PCC STAFF FORT MADISON - The 6th annual Fort Madison Train Show and Swap Meet, scheduled for April 20-21 at the Historic

AT&SF and CB&Q depots in the North Lee County Historical Society Museum Complex and Riverview Park Pavilion will kick off Thursday, April

19 at 6 p. m. with a social to register and greet early arrivals.

Early registrations received for the event show visitors from Kansas,

Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri as well as Iowa train enthusiasts, according to

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"There's a creek back there with some pretty steep sides and she went looking for her cat, fell and slipped down the hillside and then down the embankment, and was kind of stuck there," Schneider said.

He said after receiving the call, the department, which was already on another medical call, sent a truck to the scene. Firefighters then called for truck 9442 to bring ropes and a stokes basket. Upon arrival, firefighters had to rig up a ropes system and lower personnel down the hill-

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Karen J. Dunn, 77 years, of West Point and formerly of Fort Madison, Iowa died at 6:24 pm Saturday, April 14, 2018 at the West Point Care Center, West Point, Iowa. She was born July 10, 1940 in River Falls, Wisconsin, a daughter of John C



Patrick M Dunn in Prescott, Wisconsin. She retired as a supervisor from Fruehauf in Fort Madison. She was of the Catholic faith. She volunteered at the Newberry Center and Eagles in Fort Madison. She enjoyed cooking, watching sports, playing cards, and especially spending time with her family.

DUNN

She is survived by her husband, Patrick Dunn of West Point, three sons: Daniel Dunn of Fort Madison; John (Deborah) Dunn of West Des Moines, Iowa; and Thomas (Skye) Dunn of Norwalk, Iowa; two daughters, Nancy (Ted) Meierotto of West Point and

Kristi (Marc) Alexander of Littleton, Colorado; one brother, Thomas (Janice) Fiklins of River Falls; one sister, Janice Seifert of River Falls; twelve grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Per her wishes, her body has been cremated. Her family will greet friends from 9:30 - 10:30 am Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at the Barr-Holtkamp Funeral Home, West Point. A memorial service will follow and begin at 10:30 am Tuesday April 24, 2018 at the funeral home, with Reverend Dennis Hoffman, officiating. Burial will be at Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison. A memorial has been established, contributions may be sent to the Barr-Holtkamp Funeral Home, 412 Ave C, P.O. Box 247, West Point, Iowa 52656. Online condolences to the Dunn Family can be made at www.barrholtkampfuneralhome.com.



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For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report no report issued

Lee County Sheriff's Report

04/13/18 - 12:21 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Shawn Lee Dehaven, 46, of Fort Madison in the 2800 block of Hwy. 103 in Fort Madison, on charges of eluding police and assault on a law enforcement officer. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 04/13/18 - 4:33 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Sarah Rose Dawson, 27, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office on court-ordered hold. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and released for time served. 04/13/18 - 9:23 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Terri Bishop Hampton, 49, of Fort Madison at the

sheriff's office on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and released after paying a fine. 04/14/18 - 3:22 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Alyssa Kristen Steele, 20, of Keokuk at Lingerlonger in Montrose on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a schedule IV/V controlled substance. She was released on a promise to appear. 04/14/18 - 1:50 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jasen Scott Tripp, 42, of Keokuk at Oakdale in Coralville, on charges of burglary in the 2nd degree and theft in the 2nd degree. He was held in custody. 04/14/18 - 2:50 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tyler Mitchell Plowman, 27, of Burlington, at the Des Moines County Jail on a warrant for

failure to appear. He was held in custody before being released on his own recognizance. 04/15/18 - 4:45 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michelle Lee Boudewyn, 38, of Keokuk at the Jefferson County Jail in Fairfield on a warrant for failure to appear. She was held in custody. Those listed above are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison **Fire Department**

04/13/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical, one vehicle fire, false alarm, rope rescue, 04/14/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one smoke alarm, one medical call 04/15/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to alarm malfunction one two medical calls.

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Sports

Hounds get big win over undefeated MP

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison girls soccer team moved to 1-1 on the year after knocking off previously unbeaten Mt. Pleasant 2-1 Monday on a cold pitch at Baxter Sports Complex.

Senior Taylor Shannan scored both goals for the Bloodhounds. The first came with 11:20 left in the first half. Mt. Pleasant had scored on goal at the 12:32 mark in the north end that went off the top of keeper Josie Pumphrey's hands and into the back of the net.

On the free kick, the Hounds' sophomore Sarah Bernhardt lifted the ball over the Panther defenders and the speedy Shannan caught up to it down the center of the field and slipped it into the right side of the net.

The game went into the break at 1-1 and both defenses came out sharp in the second half with most of the shots coming from outside the box. In one sequence in the latter half of the second period, the Panthers had the ball in the box against Fort Madison for several minutes with Pumphrey knocking away several shots before the Bloodhound defenders were able to clear the ball.

Pumphrey engaged the Mt. Pleasant offense most of the night sometimes coming out as far 15-20 yards to ward off breaks by the Panthers.

"Josie Pumphrey played a great game again. She had to come out of goal often to intercept a lot of deep balls by Mt. Pleasant," said Head Coach Sebastian Seifert. "It's called a sweeper keeper where she gets actively involved. It's kind of risky, but it paid off today."

Pumphrey said she was getting a feel for where the Hounds defense was at when Mt. Pleasant was pressuring the goal and made decisions to advance or hold.

"If I see the defense was struggling to get back in time that's when I was like - I need to get out and clear the ball - that way they don't get a hold of it and get closer and closer to the goal," she said.

In the second half, with just under three minutes remaining in the game, Shannan was able to catch up to a long pass down the right center heading north from Kaeli Hutson and outmaneuvered a one-on-one shooting the ball past Mt. Pleasant's goaltender into the

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Senior Sally Johnstun just misses this shot on goal high in first half action of the Bloodhounds' 2-1 win over Mt. Pleasant Monday night. The shot clipped the cross bar and sailed over the net.

left side of the net with 2:42 left in the game.

The Bloodhounds were able to keep the Panthers out of position the rest of the way for the win.

Shannan said she didn't think the Hounds had much going offensively, but did get some long balls to free her up.

"Offensively we didn't have that much going on we were just getting some long balls going." she said.

Both Pumphrey and Shannan said the win sends a message that Fort Madison can compete for the conference title.

"I think conference is going to be reachable," Shannon said. " They've



FMHS senior Taylor Shannan moves the ball against Mt. Pleasant. Shannon scored both goals in the Hounds' 2-1 win Monday night.



beat everyone else, Fairfield, Keokuk, Washington. It says something that we got this win."

Seifert said the cold temps didn't have much impact on the game

"I don't know that it did, both teams had to deal with it. That's all we've had all season so we're used to it," he said.

"We tried to press a lot against them because we knew they were undefeated in the conference. We tried

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to press them high and get a quick turnover and get a goal. This means a lot to get a win on our first game at home."

The team voted Taylor Shannan Hounds Player of the Game and the girls take on Iowa City Liberty at home on Thursday.



From the Front/Area News

Firefighters had just undergone ropes training sessions

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side to attend to the woman who had to be put onto a backboard and then put in the stokes basket to be lifted off the hillside.

He said several rigging systems had to be implemented for change of direction.

Schneider said the woman was about two-thirds of the way down the hillside that was rough with roots and underbrush.

"When she fell she was complaining of some injuries, so we had to take some spinal precautions. We can't just throw a rope 30 to 40 feet down and haul somebody out. I thought our guys did a really good job of getting the ropes and pulley systems set up and getting her out of there."

He said the department had just undergone some rope rescue training that week.

"The ironic thing about it is that this week was ropes training," he said. "On Tuesday we set up haul systems with ropes and everything and did raising with rope systems. On Friday we had a Firefighter 1 web-based training where we followed up with some video training. And a couple hours later we were out there using that training."

The victim, who couldn't be identified because of privacy laws, was taken by Lee County EMS to Fort Madison Community Hospital and her condition is not available.

Swap meets on Friday, Saturday

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NLCHS President, Andy Andrews.

The Swap Meet opens in **Riverview Park Pavilion** on Friday at 9 a.m. and Saturday at 8 a.m. with a daily admission of \$3 and closes at 4 p.m. each day. Vendors of railroad memorabilia, model railroad equipment, railroad art and other railroad related items will be set up. Some

vendors just set up Friday, some just Saturday and many both days, according to Sean Wright, chairman.

The mini-meet programs on railroad history, modeling and rules will be conducted at the CB&Q depot starting at 1 p.m. Saturday until 4 p.m. with several speakers scheduled.

The AT&SF 2913 steam

locomotive in Riverview Park and the AT&SF caboose 999235 will also be open for visitors.

Full registration for all the events, programs, swap-meet and picnic planned this weekend is \$15 and may be paid at the door.

For more information call the museum at 319-372-7661.

Klann wins Live Healthy Iowa 5K in Montrose

BY PCC STAFF

MONTROSE - More than 60 people participated in cold, windy Live Healthy Iowa 5K in Montrose Saturday morning.

The top finisher of the race was Thomas Klann with 23:56 time in the male division, while the top female finisher was Amanda Gilpin with 28:24.

The Lee County Health Department put on the race as part of the Live Healthy Iowa program and wanted to thank those who helped make the race a success including Mark & Christa Wiggins, Bill Young with Lee County EMS, the Lee County K9 Association, Montrose Riverfront,

Inc., Montrose Police Department, and Lee County Sheriff's Department.

Complete timed results are below. Thomas Klann - 23:56 Mike Nelson - 24:15 Chase Newton - 24:16 Garrett Hodgson - 27:41 Robert Burgess - 27:46 Zach Knox - 27:54 Amanda Gilpin - 28:04 Caedon Newton - 28:13 Drake Newton - 28:18 Orion St. Clair - 28:31 Lane Weirather - 29:29 Zander Clark - 30:52 Tamara Nunez - 31:35 Sharlynn Upton - 31:56 Jami Helling- 32:12 Karl Hester - 32:24 Sara Newton - 32:29 Kelly Riddle - 32:32 Karmen Higdon - 34:30 Kayla Bouska - 36:37 Lisa Mayer - 37:16

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From the Front/Weather

Randolph says deferred judgment is "gray area"

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However, Lee County Attorney Ross Braden said Monday afternoon the disposition of Seidel's seat on the council rests with the council, because Seidel may not have a conviction on his record if the plea agreement is upheld by the sentencing judge.

"Technically speaking, a deferred judgment does not constitute a conviction for personal records per se," said Braden Monday afternoon. "A conviction would normally occur at sentencing, but the agreement calls for a deferred judgment. I wasn't able to find under that code whether conviction encompasses deferred judgment."

He said certain deferred judgments will carry a conviction because of other factors in the case, but he didn't see that applying here.

"Ultimately this will fall on the city," he said. "It won't be my office...it'll be the city."

Another gray area is in whether or not Seidel violated his oath of office. City Councilman take an oath of office where they swear to uphold the U.S. Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Iowa.

A copy of the oath taken by Fort Madison City Councilman obtained from city officials does not specifically address pleading guilty to a crime, but rather to uphold both constitutions.

City Manager David Varley said in an earlier interview, city code doesn't make the arrest an automatic removal.

A call to Varley on Monday afternoon was unreturned. Mayor Brad Randolph said Monday night, it's his un-

derstanding that the deferred judgment delays conviction



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If the plea deal were to constitute any form of a conviction by the presiding judge at the June 1 sentencing, Iowa Code indicates the seat would be vacated upon that conviction.

Randolph said however, the city code does allow for the council or community to step forward if they are unhappy with him retaining his seat.

"He's technically not convicted because of the deferred judgment. We're in a gray area and Ross has indicated me the council needs to decide how to interpret it so, I'm not sure I fully understand the legalities of the guilty plea and a deferred judgment," Randolph said. "But it behooves the city and council to get a clear understanding of what that means and how it should be interpreted and what options that allows the city and public at-large going forward."

Randolph said the issue is problematic for the city and the council.

"If he's guilty of the thing but not convicted, the plea agreement and admission of guilt is problematic for the council going forward, and on different levels. It's a council decision in trying to decide what to do. There are things to consider going forward. The council's going to have to deliberate and decide what action, if any, they want to take. The public has a similar option," he said.

Section 1-6-6 of the Fort Madison City Code addresses the issue of removing elected officials from office.

"Any person elected to a city office by the people may be removed from office by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the councilmen elected, after hearing on written charges preferred against said person by the mayor or any councilman and filed with the clerk, for willful or habitual neglect or refusal to perform the duties of his office, for willful misconduct or maladministration of his office, for corruption, for extortion, for intoxication, upon conviction of being intoxicated, or upon conviction of a felony. Before such person can be removed from office, he shall have at least ten (10) days notice of the time and place of hearing and shall be furnished with a copy of the charges preferred. At the hearing the accused may be present, may be represented by counsel, and may introduce evidence on his own behalf. The proceedings at the hearing shall, so far as is practicable, be in accordance with the rules of civil procedure followed by the district courts of the state of Iowa. Upon any question arising for decision, the question shall be by ayes and nays, and upon final issue the question shall be "Shall the accused be removed from office".

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