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The Courts on track



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Construction continues on The Courts facility near the Fun City Complex in Burlington. The \$4.5 million facility is the sister complex to The Turf and will be accessible to sports clubs and teams for tournaments, practices, and other events.

JUNE OPENING: Few delays as project works toward a June 2023 opening

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

BURLINGTON -The \$4.5 million The Courts project on the Fun City property in Burlington may open as soon as June.

The project, which is going up on the southeast corner of Fun City, Burlington's hotel and gaming complex, will be a state-of-the-art indoor court and recreation center aimed at increased space for local sports clubs and organizations as well as outside sports tourism.

Great River Entertainment CEO Gary Hoyer said studies

have shown that sports tourism is an expanding industry and a local non-profit organization, is working to bring those dollars to the area.

"This is a partnership with the Greater Burlington Area Sports facility's non-profit board. That's the board that opened and operates The Turf building by the rec plex," Hoyer said.

"They're putting up this facility and they have a dedicated staff that manages the tournaments and does the bookings."

Hoyer said the facility will be accessible for area sports

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IOWA NEWS

States reach agreement with pharmacies on opioid crisis

DES MOINES — Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller and a bipartisan group of attorneys general have reached a settlement in principle with CVS and Walgreens, which would provide \$10.7 billion to states and local governments nationally to address the opioid crisis.

The retail pharmacy chains told investors Wednesday about the agreements

to settle the lawsuits. CVS expects to provide \$5 billion in payments over 10 years, while Walgreens would make \$5.7 billion in payments over 15 years. Critical details of the settlements remain the subject of continuing negotiations.

"Addressing the opioid epidemic has been a priority of my office for many years," Miller said. "We have worked to

address this crisis by holding accountable those who exacerbated the use of opioids, including retail pharmacies."

CVS Pharmacy and Walgreens are the two largest pharmacy chains in the U.S. The AGs had accused the companies of ignoring red flags over opioid prescrip-

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EDITORIAL



Reynolds could take a page out of Ferentz' media playbook

It is safe to assume Kirk Ferentz has not enjoyed the glorious autumn in Iowa the way he would prefer.

He has feverishly worked his Bubble Yum during the Hawkeyes' games this season. He has been worked over during his post-game press conferences and again at his weekly meetings with the media on Tuesdays.

Being a college football coach is never a picnic. But this year, life for the longest-tenured football coach in big-time college athletics has been more stressful than most years.

We saw that last week when the normally measured coach referred to the media session with journalists following the Hawkeyes' 54-10 loss to Ohio State University as an "interrogation."

But I come today to sing Kirk Ferentz's praises, not to dog-pile on him. I have never professed to be an expert on football x's and o's. But I do know that Iowa's top elected official should take a page from the Ferentz playbook and make herself available to reporters, too.

Ferentz does not blow off these gatherings with reporters by scheduling other commitments then. He does not get to avoid questions from reporters or columnists who might be especially pushy. He does not duck out after a couple of questions and retreat to the solitude of his office.

Ferentz knows the Q&A sessions are an expectation of the job and he does not dodge that. He understands that facing

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

LINDY L. ROBERTS

Lindy Lee Roberts, 65, Fort Madison, Iowa died unexpectedly Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at his home. He was born February 27, 1957 in Burlington, Iowa, the son of Eldon L and Ruth Maxine (Shanks) Roberts. On July 26, 1975, he married Cynthia M Snider at the former Santa Fe Methodist Church, Fort Madison. They met in the 5th grade, dated in high school, and were married for 47 years.



ROBERTS

Lindy was a 1975 graduate of Fort Madison High School. After high school, he worked at the First Mississippi Fertilizer Plant for several years. Then he was a correctional officer with the Iowa State Penitentiary for 33 years retiring in 2016. He was a member of the Fort Madison United Methodist Church. He enjoyed shooting sporting clays, skeet, and trap. He taught youth trap shooting in Carthage, Illinois for 15 years. He was a member of the NSCA Sporting Clays Association, Tri-State Gun Club in Montrose, Carthage Gun Club, and Fairfield Gun Club. He loved nature and hunting deer, duck, and turkey. He was a 51 year member and percussionist of the Fort Madison Municipal Band. When he first joined the band he was the youngest member and in 2022 was the longest playing member. In 2022, he became a member and played in the McNamara Band in Keokuk, Iowa.

His greatest joy was listening to his daughters play their instruments. Rachel is an accomplished pianist and flutist. She teaches at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. Sarah is an accomplished saxophonist and pianist. She holds a doctorate in saxophone performance for Jazz and Classical and is a tenured professor at the University of Texas at Tyler, Texas. Lindy loved spending time with his family. He and Cindy enjoyed traveling, especially visiting their girls, and they were enjoying retirement together.

Lindy is survived by his wife, Cindy of Fort Madison; his twin daughters, Rachel Roberts of Rochester, New York and Sarah Roberts (Micah Bell) of Tyler, Texas; his twin sister, Cindy Heald of Ellenton, Florida; several cousins including Jeff Roberts of Lomax, Illinois; and the Snider Family. He was preceded in death by his parents and his uncle, aunt, Glen and Joan Roberts, and brothers-in-law, Howard Snider and Stanley Heald.

His family will be present for visitation from 4:00 - 6:00 pm Friday, November 4, 2022 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Following the visitation his body will be cremated. A memorial service will be held at 1:30 pm Saturday, November 5, 2022 at the Fort Madison United Methodist Church with Pastor Kayle Lange-Carney officiating. Burial follow at the Fairview Cemetery, rural Fort Madison. A memorial has been established for a memorial shoot at the Black Oak Sporting Clays at Pella, Iowa, contributions may be made to his family and left during his services or mailed to Barr Memorial Chapel, 1919 Ave F, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Roberts family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

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JAMES A. HENNIGAR

James A. Hennigar, 90, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 8:26 a.m. on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at The Kensington. He was born on July 27, 1932 in Rockwell, IA to Clifford & Alice Gallagher Hennigar. He married



HENNIGAR

LaMona "Mona" Fountas on January 7, 1952 in Mason City, IA. She preceded him in death on December 14, 2012. He co-founded Hennigar Construction with his wife in 1969 and it is still in operation today. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was an avid hunter & fisherman. He loved spending time with his family.

Jim is survived by: 1-daughter: Cindy Cortelyou of Bushnell, IL; 2-sons: Mike (Kathy) Hennigar of Fort Madison, IA & Dub (Dannette) Hennigar of Fort Madison, IA; 10-grandchildren: Heather (Jason) Lynk; Toby (Susan) Cortelyou, Allison (Ben) Kipp, Leisa (Chris) Breiffelder, Ashley (Greg) Shottenkirk, Dustin (Sara) Hennigar, Jordan (Breanna) Hennigar, Chase (Katie Ludens) Hennigar, Collin (Kelsey) Hennigar & Johanna (Josh) Denning and numerous great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by: his parents, wife, 1-sister, 2-brothers and 1-great grandson.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A private family service will be held and burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery. A memorial has been established for the Fairview Cemetery Association or Wounded Warriors and may be sent to the family at: 1513 19th Street, Fort Madison, IA 52627. Online condolences to Jim's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

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Opinion/From the Front

Governor Ray set a higher bar for media relations

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tough questions and offering answers, explanations and analysis are an important way to communicate through the media to Hawkeye fans.

Such Q&A sessions with the media should be an inescapable part of serving as the governor of Iowa, too.

Kim Reynolds' aversion to standing in front of a group of reporters and columnists is not unique. Ask Joe Biden about his eagerness for these extended, unscripted exchanges with journalists. Or, go farther back in Iowa history and ask former governor Chet Culver how much he never relished those meetings with reporters.

In 2017, Reynolds took over for Terry Branstad, who left the governor's office to become ambassador

to China. Branstad typically met with journalists every Monday morning during his time in office.

Reynolds initially continued her mentor's practice of meeting regularly with journalists, although hers were not as frequent. But four months before the 2018 election, she put the press conferences on hold until the election was over.

During a debate with Democrat Fred Hubbell leading up to their 2018 election race, Reynolds promised to hold weekly press conferences if she won a full term. But journalist Laura Belin, who writes the Bleeding Heartland blog on Iowa government and politics, recently documented how Reynolds has not lived up to that pledge.

During the height of the pandemic, Reynolds met nearly every weekday with journalists. After those ended, she held four formal news conferences during

the second half of 2021, and 10 months into 2022, the governor has held 10 briefings.

It has not always been like this in Iowa.

Gov. Robert Ray established the gold standard for transparency when he arrived in the Capitol 53 years ago, holding daily press conferences with reporters. The briefing ended when Ray had answered the last reporter's questions.

During the Ray era, I was editor of the two newspapers in Albia. I remembering calling the governor's press secretary, Richard Gilbert, with questions about a Ray initiative to re-start coal mining in southern Iowa. That was a big deal around Albia, because coal mining had been a booming business at one time, and the last underground mine in the state was operating west of Albia in the early 1970s.

Gilbert answered my questions that day, and then he invited me to Ray's next press conference at the Capitol to following up directly with the governor.

Part of serving as the chief executive of the state involves being available to answer questions and explain problems and solutions to the public. Governors, and football coaches, owe it to the people to explain their actions, or inaction.

Written statements are not adequate, because they remove the means for follow-up or clarifying questions. Written statements that focus on the positive and gloss over the negative do not help the people of Iowa fully understand what is occurring.

The business of governing is what Iowans elect a governor to do. The campaign staffs can do the message manipulation during a campaign. But when it comes to governing, it is not too much to ask for the governor to regularly stand before journalists and answer questions on behalf of the people she is elected to serve.

That is a fundamental part of our democracy. And if a \$5-million-a-year football coach can field journalists' questions like clockwork, so should a \$130,000-a-year governor.

Randy Evans can be reached at DMRevans2810@gmail.com.

Letters to the Editor**Reader opposes amendment giving guns more protection**

Dear Editor;

There is a very important constitutional amendment to the Iowa constitution we'll be voting on next Tuesday. To find it, you'll need to turn your ballot over when you vote, it's called "Public Measure 1". I would ask you to please vote NO! This constitutional amendment asks Iowans if we should change our state constitution to give guns more protection than the 2nd amendment of the US constitution already does. It's simply not necessary! The reason we have this amendment on the ballot in the first place is because the republican legislature in two separate sessions voted to put it on the ballot. Apparently they must have felt that the US constitution doesn't go far enough to protect guns. This makes me wonder if guns will have more protections than Iowans. This amendment seems reasonable but its not. It lulls you into thinking that "strict scrutiny" will be applied when dealing with guns. But in reality, using the legal words "strict scrutiny" means a judge would be required to assume a challenged gun safety policy is unconstitutional until proven otherwise. It could put background checks, red flag laws, restrictions on guns in schools, or anywhere else for that matter, business owners' no-gun policies, abusers' ability to purchase and own a gun and more in jeopardy. We need common sense gun laws in our country and in Iowa. As someone who has committed my life to public health and safety, I urge you to consider the full import of what this law would do. We simply don't need to mess with our constitution. Please vote NO!

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Sports/From the Front

HTC Crusaders are already looking toward 2023 season

CORALVILLE — Their media obligations completed, Mary Kate Bendlage and Presley Myers hugged with the sadness that comes with a season ended and a goal denied.

Holy Trinity's time at the Class 1A state volleyball tournament at Xtream Arena ended not long after it began on Tuesday night, a four-set loss to Gladbrook-Reinbeck in the quarterfinals.

Bendlage, a junior, and Myers, a freshman, know they have another year and a chance at another bid for a state championship.

But they also know that a return isn't guaranteed, that the best-laid plans can suddenly change, that the way to get to the end of the postseason is to adjust to whatever comes at you in a regular season that never has a straight path from the preseason to the final match.

The fact that the Crusaders were back at state a year after reaching the semifinals wasn't a surprise. How they got there was a tale of resilience.

"These girls," coach Melissa Freesmeier said, "they have grit."

It was back in August when junior Natalie Randolph, a key piece of last season's team whose role was set to expand, went down with a knee injury in the closing moments of practice.

It took a while for the Crusaders to adjust — they started the season 7-7 — but by mid-September, they had forged a new identity.

Myers became a bigger part of the offense and defense. Sophomore Anna Bendlage, now the lone setter with Randolph's absence, went from, as Freesmeier put it, being a setter to being the player who ran the offense.

The Crusaders went on a 22-8 run. They rolled through the postseason, including the defeat of two-time defending state champion and long-time thorn Notre Dame in the regional final.

Tuesday's loss closed one season, and started Holy Trinity on the path to the next one.

"I think this season showed me hard work pays off," Myers said. "In the moment, maybe you don't want to do it. But it always pays off."

"We're still young, and we'll build back up for next year," Freesmeier said. "That's what we do — we'll build up for next year."

The Crusaders lose four seniors — Brooke Mueller, Kayle Box, Alexa Dingman and Laura Mehmert — who not only played key roles on the court in this one, but, Freesmeier said, provided emotional support off the court.

Holy Trinity will be able to play its more traditional 6-2 offense, with Randolph joining Anna Bendlage in running the offense.

"We're looking forward to getting her back, and her and Anna working together to be two really awesome setters," Freesmeier said. "These kids have grit, have desire and have want."

Freesmeier already has the date in her head of when Randolph is expected to be cleared to play.

"July 14," she said with a smile, noting it would be nine months to the day Randolph had her ACL repaired.

That date is just one of the mileposts in the Crusaders' next run to another October, a road they know well.

"We've got a great program, we've got some junior high kids waiting to get a chance," Freesmeier said. "We'll rebuild."

"It's what we always do."

John Bohnenkamp is an award-winning sports reporter and regular contributor to Pen City Current.



Work yet to be done on settlement

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tions and failing to detect and prevent the abuse and diversion of the drugs.

"While significant work remains, a broad coalition of states is making progress in our negotiations with the pharmacies," Miller said. "We are hopeful that we will be able to reach a final agreement on all terms and provide meaningful resources to those suffering from Opioid Use Disorder."

The agreements in principle are the first between the AG's office and pharmacy chains. Miller previously announced several agreements with opioid manufacturers:

In August, Miller reached an agreement in principle with Endo International plc and its lenders that would provide up to \$450 million to participating states and local governments, ban promotion of Endo's opioids, and require Endo to turn over millions of documents related to its role in the opioid crisis for publication in a public online archive.

In late July, Miller announced agreements in principle with two other opioid makers, Teva Pharmaceuticals and Allergan, that would provide \$6.6 billion nationally. His office is leading negotiations with the two companies.

In February, final approval was given for the \$26 billion opioid agreement with the nation's three major pharmaceutical distributors — Cardinal, McKesson, and Ameri-sourceBergen — and Johnson & Johnson.

In February 2021, Miller announced that Iowa would receive \$4,677,279 over five years as part of a settlement with one of the world's largest consulting firms, McKinsey & Co., over its role in fueling the opioid epidemic.

If you or a loved one suffers from Opioid Use Disorder, go to IowaOpioidHelp.com to find treatment centers and other resources across the state. The Iowa Attorney General's Office launched the site in September to provide Iowans with a path to recovery.

For more information on opioid settlements, visit our Opioid Settlement Information page.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
Donnellson City Council
Regular Meeting
Minutes
Monday,
August 8th, 2022
7:30PM
City Hall

The regular meeting of the Donnellson City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Moeller, with Council Members Weber, Newton, Marshall & Estrada present. Mayor Ellingboe was absent.

Motion by Newton, second by Weber to approve the agenda: all ayes.

Citizen comments – None.

Motion by Weber, second by Marshall to approve the minutes of the July '22 meetings: all ayes.

Motion by Estrada, second by Newton to approve the July '22 financial reports: all ayes.

Motion by Newton, second by Weber to approve the July '22 disbursements and August '22 bills to be allowed: all ayes.

Motion by Weber, second by Estrada to approve Class E Liquor License with Sunday Sales for Caseys General Store: all ayes.

James Lewiston addressed the council and offered to volunteer at the Railroad Depot in Donnellson, the council agreed for him to do so.

Citizen Concern – plugged culvert at N Oak & Chestnut. Council advised street superintendent to repair/replace culvert.

Sunny Robbins, librarian, reviewed the Annual Report for the Donnellson Public Library. Copy of the report is available on the cities website.

Motion by Estrada, seconded by Weber to approve Kylie Weinberg and Nadine Allen be appointed to the Donnellson Public Library Board: all ayes.

Motion by Marshall, second by Newton to approve Resolution No 2022-14 A Resolution approving the Annual Street Finance Report: RCV all ayes.

Motion by Newton, second by Estrada to approve Resolution No 2022-15 A Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for the Iowa DNR REAP program for construction of the Westview Park trail phase 1:

RCV all ayes.

Set September 12th 2022 at 7:30pm at the City Office Building to open bids for tree removal in the City of Donnellson.

Police Report – There were 54 calls for service, 12 traffic stops, 3 citations and 1 arrest on a DPD warrant.

Clerk Report - The City of Donnellson has created a new website which allows residents to sign up for notifications, go to donnellsoniowa.org and click on subscribe to receive the latest news. You will also find our monthly newsletter on the website. The city was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Lee County Charitable Fund towards the construction of the Westview Trail project phase 1. A survey was mailed to all residents in Donnellson regarding the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, please complete by August 25th. Donnellson Vision will be hosting Octoberfest October 8th, replacing the Fall Festival normally held in September, more info to come.

There being no other business to come before the Council, motion by Marshall, second by Es-

trada, Mayor Pro Tem Moeller declared the meeting adjourned: all ayes.

Brian Moeller, Mayor Pro Tem
 Attest: Rebecca Schau, City Clerk

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Iowa News

CMS finalizes Grassley's Rural Emergency Hospital bill

MEDICARE: New federal program should help keep rural hospitals open and functional

POLK COUNTY – Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) applauded the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for finalizing regulations for the new rural emergency hospital (REH) designation, a voluntary Medicare payment for rural hospitals that ensures minimal administrative burden, maximum flexibility and timely implementation while maintaining safe and high-quality care for patients. CMS is implementing a Grassley law passed in December 2020 and required to be implemented by January 1, 2023. It is intended to help rural hospitals keep their doors open, even if they cannot afford a fully operational inpatient unit.

“I appreciate the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ timely implementation of the voluntary rural emergency hospital (REH) program. REH offers a lifeline to maintain health care services in rural communities across Iowa and the country. When I first brought stakeholders and colleagues together in 2015, we envisioned a law that would give rural hospitals the option to right-size their health care infrastructure while maintaining essential medical services for their communities, such as emergency and outpatient services. Without REH, more hospitals would close and reduce access to critical care for so many Iowans, like expecting mothers and rural Iowans experiencing life-threatening emergencies.

“As then-chairman of the Finance Committee in 2020, I was glad to work on creating REH, and I’ve followed it closely ever since to ensure the program was implemented – right up to CMS issuing final

regulations today. I look forward to reviewing the final regulations and will keep a close eye on the administrative efforts the agency will take to further implement the law.

“The existence of a rural hospital contributes to economic growth and can sustain a community. I believe CMS must continue to implement REH with minimal administrative burden and maximum flexibility for rural hospitals, while maintaining safe and high-quality care for patients. I will continue to work with stakeholders and CMS to ensure the law works for rural hospitals and communities as Congress intended,” Grassley said.

“MercyOne is proud to serve many of Iowa’s communities. Iowans rely on our hospital and clinics for routine and life-saving medical care. The new Rural Emergency Hospital program is a key option to help sustain rural hospitals and access to care for many Iowans. We look forward to continued review of the final REH regulations, and we appreciate Sen. Grassley’s leadership and the federal government taking action to support the Rural Emergency Hospital program,” said Bob Ritz, MercyOne CEO and President.

“UnityPoint Health appreciates Senator Grassley’s leadership in implementing the Rural Emergency Hospitals legislation. Now these agency regulations will support Iowans in rural communities by helping ensure they may continue to have access to timely emergency services in the future,” said Sue Erickson, SVP Chief Operating Officer for UnityPoint Health.

“The IHA and member hospitals look forward to reviewing the final rules from CMS on the Rural Emergency Hospital (REH) designation and are pleased to see the program progress to the next step. The REH designation will help ensure access to critical health care services remain available wherever the patient is located, and hospitals will have what

they need to take care of their communities,” said Iowa Hospital Association (IHA) President and CEO Chris Mitchell.

In 2020, Grassley was instrumental in getting the REH designation signed into law. REH offers a financial lifeline for providers by allowing certain rural hospitals to customize their health care infrastructure and provide services that better align with the specific needs of their patient populations. The policy creates a new, voluntary Medicare payment designation that allows either a Critical Access Hospital (CAH) or a small, rural hospital with less than 50 beds to convert to an REH. The goal is to preserve patient access to emergency medical care in rural areas that can no longer support a fully operational inpatient hospital.

Grassley has consistently pressed the Biden administration on timely implementation of the REH – including in a recent letter containing several recommendations for CMS to consider based on concerns Grassley heard directly from Iowans. Grassley also pushed the issue during hearings with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Becerra, CMS Administrator Brooks-LaSure and HHS Deputy Secretary Palm. In 2021, Grassley wrote to CMS about prioritizing REH implementation.

As a lifelong resident of rural Iowa, Grassley understands the importance of having accessible health care services close to home and has fought to ensure rural America has access to health care. This work builds on his successful efforts to support the critical access hospital program, reauthorize the Medicare-dependent hospital program, establish and reauthorize the low volume hospital program and establish and reauthorize the rural community hospital demonstration, to name a few.



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Illinois News/From the Front

The Courts could open in the summer

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teams and clubs for practice times and tournaments for a minor fee.

Clubs from youth levels up to colleges will be able to hold practices and tournaments at The Courts and Hoyer said plans are for the facility to be in use most of the time.

He said The Turf usually has practices booked from about 5:30 a.m. to almost 11 p.m. daily and The Courts could see the same type of traffic.

Local and area subcontractors are doing the work under the management of a company called Build To Suit out of Quad Cities. Hoyer said there have been a few hiccups along the process.

"We had some issues trying to get electrical switching equipment and things related to it that have caused some of the foundation work to get delayed," he said.

"But then we found a huge underground tank that no one knew was there and had to remove it. But aside from that we're still forecasting a June opening."

He said if workers can get the facility enclosed by January they will hit that opening date.

"It's coming along well. The steel is going up and the next thing will be the walls and roof. They are projecting to be fully enclosed by January 10th and if that can be accomplished without terrible weather events then our opening day should be on target," he said.

The facility is three stories tall and will house three collegiate-size basketball courts with dual functionality for six youth size basketball courts or multiple volleyball courts.

"We've looked at all sorts of things from badminton to wrestling to whatever somebody wants to attract a tournament to," Hoyer said.

There is also four new pickleball courts being built on the opposite side of the building with relative storage areas and restrooms.

He said building the facility near the hotel, family centers, and gaming, positions the Burlington complex well in competing for tournaments.

"I think there is a demand for sports tourism and there have been some studies done that show that industry continues to grow with more and more communities getting facilities," he said

"And you won't see many that have facilities attached to anything like Fun City with various hotels and gaming access. We'll be a little unique in that space."

Hancock County to ramp up patrols

CARTHAGE - Sheriff Travis Duffy would like to make the public aware of upcoming patrol details. Due to an increase in traffic crashes in our area, some of which have been fatal crashes, the Sheriff's Office will be conducting more traffic related patrols and enforcement over the holiday months.

The leading causes of traffic crashes are:

- Distracted Driving
- Speeding
- Drunk or Drugged Driving
- Aggressive/Reckless Driving

Deputies will be stepping up enforcement in these key areas to help ensure the safety of all motorists in Hancock County. Sheriff Duffy wants motorists to know that this does not necessarily mean an increase in traffic citations. Education and correction of the issue is the key focus. However, drunk, or drugged drivers are warned that they will be arrested. Impaired driving is a danger to everyone on the road.

Statistics compiled from these patrols will be released at a later date and time.



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