Mitchell, Moats vye for 84th District House seat

MT. PLEASANT - A base approach to politics and a passion for helping stem the conservative tide in recent Iowa policies has Jason Moats running for a seat in the Iowa House of Representatives.

Moats, a 36-year-old Iowa correctional trades instructor in Mt. Pleasant, is challenging Republican Joe Mitchell of Wayland to take the place of retiring Iowa Rep. Dave Heaton-R of Mt. Pleasant in the 84th district of the Iowa House. Moats has been with the Iowa Department of Corrections in Coralville for about 12 years. Prior to that he was in construction fields.

The 84th district represents all of Henry County and parts of Washington, Jefferson, and northern Lee County.

Moats says voters shouldn’t vote for party but the best candidate

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MT. PLEASANT - He’s probably the most politically seasoned candidate in southeast Iowa, but after just turning 21 this year, he’s also one of the youngest in the state to seek office.

Joe Mitchell, a Wayland native and early graduate of WACO High School, is hoping to put his four years in staunting and staffing some of Iowa’s top political figures, to work for southeast Iowa.

Mitchell is running against Mt. Union Correctional Officer Jason Moats for the 84th District House seat being vacated by Mt. Pleasant’s Dave Heaton, who served for 23 years in the Iowa House of Representatives. Mitchell has served as a page in the Iowa House and Senate, worked for Iowa Senator Joni Ernst, and Gov. Kim Reynolds, and as an intern for a lobbying firm that represents health care, taxes, and regulation. He was Reynolds’ first intern picked during the transition period from Gov. Terry Branstad’s departure.

The 84th district represents all of Henry County and part of Washington, Jefferson, and parts of rural northern Lee County, including Houghton, St. Paul, West Point, and Donnelson.

The often soft-spoken Mitchell will graduate this fall from Drake University with a business administration degree. He grew up in Monticello and his parents were blue collar workers. The family helped with Moats’ grandfather’s farm with crops and livestock.

“Tn’t a stranger to hard work and I plan on working hard for the residents of District 84,” Moats said.

“Working hard was something that was instilled in me and helping those in need, whether that was a

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Stephen C. Brown, 71, of Donnellson, Iowa, passed away at 2:47 p.m. Thursday, October 11, 2018, at his home in Donnellson. He was born on December 6, 1946 in Fort Madison, Iowa, the son of Laborn and Cordelia Brown. On October 22, 1982, he married Jenny Hoyer at St. Paul’s United Church of Christ in Donnellson. Survivors include his wife; Jenny of Donnellson; two daughters: Stephanie Brown of Donnellon and Ashley (Jimmy) Eads of west Burlington; two sons: Jeremy M. (Heidi) Brown of St. Louis, Missouri and Stephen Michael Brown of St. Louis, Missouri; three grandchildren: Isabella, Brady and Carlie; mother and father-in-law: Fred and Jean Hoyer of Donnellson; two brothers: Wesley (Violet) Brown of San Antonio, Texas and George Brown of Mt. Pleasant; two sisters: Judith Rochford of Havelock, North Carolina and Deborah Armstrong of Donnellson; two sisters-in-law: Tamara Howel of Burlington and Janice Durrette of Tennessee. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters: Liz and Karen; two brothers: Seldon and Roger; three brothers-in-law: Larry, Herb and Bruce.

Steve worked as a CNA at the West Point Care Center, he also worked for Pipeline Cleaners; He was a member of St. Paul’s United Church of Christ in Donnellson and the Donnellson American Legion. He was a Navy veteran having served during Vietnam. Steve enjoyed gardening, working in his flower beds, decorating for the holidays, drawing, and coloring. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family and pets. Friends may call after 12:00 noon Sunday, October 14, 2018 at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson where the family will receive friends from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. that afternoon. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, October 15, 2018 at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson with Reverend Bob Molsberry officiating. Burial will be at Evangelical Cemetery, Donnellson with full military rites presented by the Donnellson American Legion.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in his memory. Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.
Moats wants to know where all tax dollars are going

Moats said he wants to go to college and we need to help people see that working with their hands can lead them a pretty good job and create wealth rather than debt.

Health Care

“There is a time and a place for making money, but making money off the sick and disabled in Iowa is just wrong,” Moats said. “Every time the tax dollars are being used.”

He said he had conversations with the Iowa Hospital Association who claim there are ways to bring overhead under control. Moats said administrative costs were about 4% and now they are upwards of 15%. He said officials there indicated the state could bring those costs back down to 4%.

“I don’t know for a fact if that’s the best or not, but I want to look at states to see what they are doing because we have to take care of our people,” he said.

Moats’ opponents said in a forum the other night, it’s getting better. It’s not getting better. Look at the area hospitals in town and Fort Madison that have had to join with Burlington to stay open.

These places aren’t getting reimbursed.” Moats said it’s time to pull in the reigns on insurance companies with regard to the high salaries corporate people get.

“We need to start going back to the state run health care until we get this figured out. We should go to the companies that are currently being paid to cover these people and get the money back out of them,” Moats said.

“I don’t know if we get that done, but if you look at Europe, everybody gets free healthcare and no one’s making millions off that. One of the biggest health care and the greed there is slowly diminishing people.”

Moats said the changes were by the governor, but the legislature could have intervened to stop the mess he says has been created.

“I am all ears and willing to sit down and listen and weigh everything if people have good ideas.”

State Budget

Moats said he wants to get more information on where Iowa’s taxes are being spent. He opposes the privatization of FMLA where the state paid an out-of-state company $32,000 a month.

“Small businesses create jobs, too and if those people are paid more money, then they can grow and offer more job. But what we’re seeing is there is no growth and people are getting financial money. The corporate pockets are growing and we need to put an end to that and get the help for the smaller mom and pop businesses.”

He said he small businesses create jobs, too and if those people paid more well the people stay. He’s working for a paid right here in Iowa.

Open Mic

“Nobody seems to know what the future holds. I want to know where we can cut, instead of the known places of education, public safety, and health care system. I want to know where those dollars are at. The company out of state managing FMLA, that’s money we can bring back. I want to go in and get that money back.”

“I want to know that, and mental health, and get these programs back in shape.”

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BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - It didn’t take long for Mt. Pleasant to set the tone Friday night in handing the Bloodhounds their sixth straight loss.

The Panthers scored quick and often in the first half en route to a 47-7 win over Fort Madison on senior night at Richmond Stadium.

Senior quarterback Zach Beason had the game under thumb from the get go completing four of his first five passes in the first series of the night and scrambled for a six yard run before senior Levi Puig went off left tackle for the first score of the game.

Fort Madison experienced a disease of four-and-outs in the first half with senior quarterback Lennon Barker missing on three straight in the Hounds’ first possession forcing a punt from deep in their own territory. Senior Tucker Johnson returned Bark-er’s pooch kick to the Hounds’ 38 and, three plays after a Panther holding flag, Beason found junior Rylan Seberg along the right sideline for a 31-yard touchdown and it was quickly 12-0. The Panthers failed on an extra point and a 2-point conversion attempt after the first two scores.

After junior Jace Burgher returned the kick to the Mt. Pleasant 30, the Hounds went four and out again. Barker did hook up with Trey Kuntz on 2-10, but Kuntz was tackled on the bubble screen for a 2-yard loss. Barker then threw errant again and Fort Madison was forced to punt.

The Panthers then went right back down the field. The Hounds had Mt. Pleasant stopped on third down three times in the drive but allowed the conversion all three times, before junior Logan Bass slipped back from the end for the Panthers’ third score of the first period. Bass’ run capped a 14-play, 62-yard drive and put the Panthers up 19-0.

“We didn’t step up and we didn’t play well to start the game and you can’t get behind with a team like that,” Shiffman said.

The Bloodhounds switched to pounding junior Kali Maestro who had three carries for 13 yards. The first of which was nullified on a Fort Madison holding call. Barker hit Dom Frantz on a screen for three yards, but the Hounds were out again without a first down.

Mt. Pleasant was moving the ball after returning the punt to their own 34 yard line. Beason completed his first two passes after a Mt. Pleasant penalty started the drive on third down. Bass ran for eight yards. On the ensuing first down, the Hounds stripped Bass on a carry to the left side and Beason completed his first two passes after a Mt. Pleasant penalty started the drive on 3-12 and the Hounds’ defense forced the Panthers’ first punt of the night.

Fort Madison would take over at the 10-yard line and Maestro would get the call, but a Panther face mask would give the Hounds an automatic first down. An officials penalty then made it 1st and 5 from the Hounds’ 34. Maestro carried for four and on 2nd and 1, Barker tried a shotgun draw up the middle but coughed up the ball and Mt. Pleasant recovered. Center Caleb Wood was injured on the play and had to be carried off on a gurney and was taken to Fort Madison Community Hospital where he was recovering.

Beason would take control on the next drive, running for 11 yards and hooking up with senior Chase Lamm on two receptions for 29 yards. Beason also found Johnson on a four-yard strike and then hit Seberg for 20 yards before the quarterback bulled in from three yards to up the lead to 26-0.

Mike Mosena brought the kickoff back to the Fort Madison 35 and then Maestro got his biggest run of the year with a 35-yard scamper on 1st and 10. Maestro got through the secondary but was caught from behind by Johnson on a shoe string tackle. The Hounds found themselves at 3rd and 3 after Barker threw incomplete and then scrambled for three. A Fort Madison penalty made it 3rd and 21 and Barker hooked up with Sheymouhr Redd-Donald for the first time for nine yards but an incompletion at 4th and 12 turned the ball over on downs.

Shiffman said Maestro had a good night, but the Hounds just couldn’t get the spark to start a fire.

“He had a good run and we had a couple good plays, but you know, it’s too little too late and we’ve got to play better when our backs are against the wall so to speak,” he said.

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Mitchell short on years, long on experience

Election Preview

Mitchell said he thinks the $127 million surplus announced in August was a byproduct of frugal spending. “Would you rather be on the safe side and not spend every single penny you have and have a little savings. Having more sales than you think and more revenue is good thing,” Mitchell said. “Governor Reynolds has made it clear that she knows how the budget and they knew how much would come in, they just happened to have more and that’s a good thing for the state.”

Open Mic
“Terry Branstad and not the governor. “I think I’m the best choice because I have more experience than my opponent. I said this in the primary, too, against my opponents. I’ve been there and done that in the process works. I have relationships built and I can get stuff done faster for the voters of District 84. The state needs to do a great job of being bipartisan and really representing people on either side of the aisle and you saw that in his votes. He looks for his constituents and, if you talk to any legislator on either side about who has been the most bipartisan legislator, they will tell you it was Dave Heaton or he was in the top three. And Dave has endorsed me.”

“I don’t care who you’re going to vote for across the state, I don’t think you should be running because you’re tied to a party ideology. You should run because you care about the people of your district and care about representing those people’s values and views, and particularly the farmers there. I would just ask for your vote because I really care about this district. I grew up here, my parents own a business here, and when my kids grow up here someday, they grow up in a better Iowa than even I did.”
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Hounds want to keep county seat in FMHS

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Five plays later, Mt. Pleasant was in the endzone again when Beason pump faked a screen and found Seberg behind the secondary for a 56-yard touchdown pass to put the lead at 32-0. After the ensuing kick off, both teams went four and out with Mt. Pleasant turning the ball over on downs and Fort Madison ran out the clock on the first half.

The Bloodhounds got the kickoff to start the second half and converted 2nd and 5 to a first down on a Mt. Pleasant penalty. The Hounds couldn’t get anything else going and were forced to punt. Mt. Pleasant took over at the 37 and ran 10 plays but the Hounds held on 4th and 3 and took over with 5:37 left in the third.

Barker and Mosena hooked up for a first down on 2nd and 4, and then did it again on 2nd and 3 to give the Hounds their first sustained drive of the game. Trey Kuntz took a Barker pass on 3rd and 1 for another first down.

The Hounds were in business when the Barker-to-Mose- na route gained another 20 yards, but two incompletions saw the drive stall out and Barker completed four of six in the next drive culmi- nating on a 26-yard touchdown pass to Seberg and Barker finished with 18-35 for 186 yards, with a touch- down and interception. Maestro led the Hounds on the ground with 77 yards on 12 carries. Frantz led the Hounds in receptions with six for 52 yards and a score.

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Dennis 4th, Cordray 5th at Southeast cross-country run

State qualifying meet set for Oct. 18 in Fairfield

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

KEOKUK - FMHS fresh- man Katelyn Dennis took fourth place and senior Dayne Cordray took fifth to highlight Bloodhound cross-country action at the Southeast Conference boys and girls meet Thursday night in Keokuk.

Dennis’ 21:36 was just :18 off of a top-three finish. Mt. Pleasant’s Abby Ryon won the meet with 19:25 mark and Fairfield’s Ashley Bloomquist finished at 19:43 to claim second place.

State qualifying for both the boys and girls runners will take place Oct. 18 in Fairfield with races begin- ning at 4 p.m.

In the junior varsity runs, Alex Steffensmeier edged out Mt. Pleas- ant’s Luke Ryon by three seconds with a 19:51 run, giving Steffensmeier first place in the boys run. Matt Huebner finished 26th at 23:10.

Tate Sellett took sixth in the middle school boys run to lead FMMS with a time of 8:51.85, just missing a top-five finish by .67 sec- onds. Emmett Kruse, Car- son Rashid both finished in top 10 for FMMS.

In the girls middle school two-mile run, Madison Huebner, Emily Steffensmeier, Ellie Schulte and Kay Quittm finished 7th-10th in some nice pack running with Huebner leading the way at 10:13.
# Lee County Health Department

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**Complete Flu Clinic Schedule:**
- Oct. 15, 8:00 am – 11:00 am – Montrose Public Library, 200 Main St., Montrose, IA
- Oct. 16, 8:30 am – 10:00 am – Hoerner YMCA, 2126 Plank Rd., Keokuk, IA
- Oct. 17, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm – Donnellson Public Library, 411 S. Main St., Donnellson, IA
- Oct. 18, 8:30 am – 9:30 am – Hotel Iowa, 401 Main St., Keokuk, IA
- Oct. 18, 10:00 am – noon – Heritage Center, 508 Main St., Keokuk, IA
- Oct. 18, 9:00 am – 10:00 am – Eagle Bluff Apartments, 2803 Ave. A, Fort Madison, IA
- Oct. 23, 8:30 am – 10:00 am – Rose Michael Gardens, 4516 Ave. L, Fort Madison, IA
- Oct. 23, 10:30 am – noon – Parkview Apartments, 507 Iowa Joe St, West Point, IA
- Oct. 25, noon – 5:30 pm – Lee County Health Department, 3 John Bennett Dr., Fort Madison, IA
- Oct. 26, 9:00 am – 10:00 am – Eagle Bluff Apartments, 2803 Ave. A, Fort Madison, IA


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**Veteran’s Breakfast at Sunnybrook**

Each month on the third Tuesday of the month, Sunnybrook Assisted Living hosts a Veteran’s Breakfast from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at 5025 River Valley Road in Fort Madison.

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**YMCA’s Trunk or Treat**
This event had more than 600 children through the parking lot of the YMCA in 2017 and it’s back for another year on Friday, October 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Vehicles can arrive at 5 p.m. for decorating. There is no charge for the event and businesses can decorate their car and handout candy as little goblins walk through the parking lot to receive goodies purchased by the businesses. Registration forms can be picked up at the YMCA and need to be returned by Friday, Oct. 19.

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**Witches Walk**
Fort Madison’s Main Street will be hosting a Witches Walk October 26th from 5 to 7 p.m. in downtown Fort Madison. For more information contact the Partner’s offices at 319-372-5471. Wear your witches costume and shop downtown.

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**Key Club Halloween Carnival**
The annual Fort Madison High School Key Club and Fort Madison Kiwanis Halloween Carnival will be held on Oct. 27 from noon to 2 p.m. at the high school with games, costume contests and prizes.

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**PORT Boo-Athlon**
The Fort Madison PORT Trail committee will be holding it’s annual Boo-Athlon on Saturday, Oct. 27 at the Baxter Sports Complex. A 5K Walk/Run, a 10-mile bike ride and Duathlon will start at 9 a.m. Registration forms can be found online at [www.fortmadison-ia.com](http://www.fortmadison-ia.com) under the Community tab/PORT; on the PORT of Fort Madison Facebook page or by calling Kathy Benda at 319-470-7848. and are due by Oct. 13 to guarantee a t-shirt.

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