Lee County Sheriff’s deputies, West Point Police, and Lee County EMS crews responded to this one-vehicle accident near milemarker 20 on Hwy 61 west of Fort Madison Monday afternoon on the Hwy 61 bypass northbound. A vehicle driven by Malisa Kaye Kothe, 49, of Burlington, lost control on icy conditions, entered the shoulder northbound, and rolled down the east embankment. She received medical treatment and no citations were issued.

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BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - More than a half dozen vehicle accidents occurred Monday afternoon after a dusting of snow turned wet and the froze on area bridges and overpasses.

The only injuries were sustained when Malisa Kaye Kothe of Burlington lost control of her red Dodge pickup headed northbound on the Hwy 61 bypass about a mile north of the Hwy 2 interchange. The pickup lost control on an overpass on and slid into the east ditch before rolling down the embankment on the east side of the bypass and coming to rest on it’s wheels in the bottom of the ditch. Kothe complained of sternum pain and was treated by EMS staff. Lee County Sheriff’s deputies, West Point police and Lee County EMS responded to the accident.

Lee County Sheriff’s deputies responded to three more single-vehicle accidents after Kothe’s and the Fort Madison Police Department responded to two vehicle accidents on the city’s west side. City streets were mostly unaffected, but icy conditions existed where freezing winds blew under bridges and overpasses causing the icing to occur.

WP Dollar General annex hits small snag

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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WEST POINT - A move by the holding company leasing property in West Point to the new Dollar General hit a small snag last week in being annexed into the West Point city limits. At Tuesday’s regular monthly meeting of the West Point City Council, a move to annex property on the city’s west side on Hwy. 103 had to be reset due to a boundary issue. City officials didn’t realize, until the Lee County Auditor’s office pointed it out, that the city didn’t own the 20 feet between the Dollar General property and the city limits. The city can’t annex property unless it’s adjacent to the property so the city had to move to annex the 20-foot patch.

Taylor elected to state Dems leadership

State Senator sees IPERS as first thing on the GOP agenda

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MT. PLEASANT - State Senator Rich Taylor has been elected as part of the senate’s Democratic leadership team for the next legislative session that will begin in January.

Taylor (D-Mt. Pleasant) represents Iowa’s 42nd Senate district, including Lee County, and was elected by the 18 democratic senators currently in office following Tuesday’s general election.

The senate makeup is 18 democrats and 32 republicans after GOP candidates picked up a spot on the senate when Rita Hart retired from the state’s 49th district. Democrats picked up three spots in the House but are still in the minority at 47-53, with several issues being under recount.

Taylor, who will be beginning his 7th year in office, said the election as an assistant leader will give southeast Iowa a bigger voice in the senate.

"It give me a little bit more voice, I guess, in the Senate," Taylor said Monday. "I can be on some of the better committees, and one of them I’m hoping to get on is the Rules Committee. It just makes my voice a little more than I had before and I can speak out more for the people in southeast Iowa."

He said nationally Democrats did pretty well, but the state didn’t move as much as Democrats had hoped.

"I was a little disappointed with how we did in Iowa. We actually lost one spot where Rita Hart was just the right democratic fit in a republican district. The girl that tried to replace her didn’t quite make it."

Taylor joins senators Joe Bolkcom of Iowa City, Bill Dotzler of Waterloo, Pam Jochum of Dubuque, Liz Mathis of Hiawatha, and Herman Quirmbach of Ames under the leadership of Janet Peterson (D-Des Moines) as the minority leader and Amanda Regan

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Icy roads cause havoc with motorists

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Proposed annex will go back to state, county for OK

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and reapply to annex the store property.

City Clerk Diane Smith said the city received infor-
mation last week that the owner of the property that was
sold to the Dollar General holding company kept the 20-
foot swath of property in the deal with the company.

She said he held ownership to help with storm water
run off and wanted to maintain the property. Howev-
er, the city is now sending paperwork to the auditor’s
office to annex the 20-foot strip and, for a second time,
voluntary annexation paperwork for the Dollar General
property.

West Point Mayor Paul Walker said all the paperwork
diligence has now been done on both sets of property
and the city should be able to move forward with the
annexation. New Councilmember Dan Waters, who replaced
Shawn Bales after he resigned in September, asked what
the advantage was to the property being annexed. Walker
did not provide the advantage was to the property being
annexed. The owner of the property that was
sold to the Dollar General holding company kept the 20-
foot strip in the deal with the company. Walker
said Dollar General asked to be voluntarily annexed
and they will be hooked into the city’s electrical grid. He
said, however, that they would have been on the city’s
electrical service because the property is within the city’s
franchise area. Dollar General, which will use minimal
water, will be on the Rathbun Regional Water Service
and not city water, but will be on city sewer, pending the
approval of the annexation.

In an unrelated matter, the city also approved applying
for state revolving loan funds to pay for a $1.5 million
lagoon upgrade. The city has been working in plans for
the sewer system upgrade with Garden Associates Engi-
neering, which restructured its terms last week to off set the costs of the engineer-
ing fees.

The project will result in water in the lagoon going
through an additional four filters before being dis-
charged.

The council also approved a request to install Christ-
mas decorations in the city park and approved a request
to hold a Winter Wonderland Wine & Beer Walk on
Dec. 7 from 5 to 8 p.m. around the city’s square. Thir-
teen businesses on the square and Brad’s Pad and Pizza
Garden on the east side of the city’s business district have
agreed to participate in the 2nd annual event.

The council also approved the annual fiscal reports of
the Planning and Zoning Commission and West Point
Municipal Utilities.

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FMMS ‘A’ squad dumps Fairfield

FAIRFIELD - Carson Rashid dumped in 10 points to lead the Fort Madison Middle School ‘A’ squad to a 36-21 win over Fairfield on the road Thursday night.

Henry Wiseman added eight points and Hunter Cresswell fired in six for Fort Madison. Wiseman also led the Hounds in rebounds with three. Leif Boeding and Ben Ramatowski scored four points, Cade Denning and Jamarkus Kline each had two.

In the ‘B’ game, Ramatowski had four points while Nathan Bowen, Aiden Benda, and Jahbari Starks each scored two points in a 10-14 losing effort. Starks and Bowen each had three boards for Fort Madison.

In the ‘C’ game, William Bennett scored six and Ayden Moys and Raymond Jacundle Sutton had two Moys.

FMMS in rebounding with three in the 10-13 loss.
OBITUARIES

HAROLD R. TURTLE

Harold R. Turtle, 100, of Keokuk, IA passed peacefully into his heavenly home surrounded by his family on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at River Hills Village in Keokuk.

He was born March 15, 1918 in Kahoka, MO the son of Ernest and Anna Overhulser Turtle. On September 26, 1942 he was united in marriage to Helen Carlson in Keokuk. She survives.

Other survivors include, one daughter, Joan Heckenberg (Art) of St. Louis, MO, one son Richard ‘Dick’ Turtle of St. Louis, MO, five grandchildren, Diana Krueger (Dan) of Keokuk, Rob Kelly (Brandi) of Keokuk, Kristy Kelly of Stronghurst, IL, Karyn Nunn (Jeff) of St. Louis, MO and Kathy Turtle of Kansas City, MO, five great-grandchildren, Kelly Peavy (Anthony) of Albuquerque , NM, Kolton Krueger and Britney Kelly both of Keokuk, Addie and Cora Nunn both of St. Louis, MO, three step-grandchildren, Brian Granaman (Nancy) of North Liberty, IA, Mark Heckenberg (Leslie) of Stockport, IA and Stacy Heckenberg of Burlington, IA, seven step-great-grandchildren, Vera Gredell, a grandson Tyler Roach and a great-great-granddaughter, Rhykin Hall.

Besides his wife he was also preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, Mary Jo Morehouse and her husband Jim of Keokuk and Cathy Derr of Fort Madison, IA, one son Richard ‘Dick’ Turtle of St. Louis, MO, one daughter-in-law, Luana Gredell of Muscatine, seven grandchildren, Ed Gredell, Mary Jo Morehouse and her husband Jim of Keokuk and Cathy Derr of Fort Madison, IA, one daughter-in-law, Luana Gredell of Muscatine, seven grandchildren, Ed Gredell, Mary Jo Morehouse and her husband Jim of Keokuk and Cathy Derr of Fort Madison, IA, one son Richard ‘Dick’ Turtle of St. Louis, MO, one daughter-in-law, Luana Gredell of Muscatine, seven grandchildren, Ed Gredell, Mary Jo Morehouse and her husband Jim of Keokuk and Cathy Derr of Fort Madison, IA.

Harold was a veteran of the United States Army and proudly served his country during WWII, receiving his Honorable Discharge in December of 1945. He had been employed by Hubinger’s in Keokuk for many years and retired in April of 1980.

Harold was a member of First Lutheran Church in Keokuk. He enjoyed bowling and had been on several leagues. Harold loved spending time tinkering in the garage. He also enjoyed fishing and camping. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan and had the opportunity to see a game in the new stadium in St. Louis with his family. Harold was an excellent barbeque chef and his specialty was grilling pork chops. Most of all, Harold loved his family and treasured the time he spent with them. His grandchildren were his pride and joy.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with Pastor Rodney Underwood officiating. Burial with military rites will be in the Keokuk National Cemetery.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Vigen Memorial Home with the family meeting with friends from 6 – 8 p.m. Memorial services may be made to the First Lutheran church of Keokuk.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

MARIANNA GREDELL

Marianna Gredell, 89, of Keokuk, died Sunday, November 11, 2018 at her home. She was born on September 19, 1929 on the family homestead in St. Patrick, MO, the daughter of Basil and Rachel Ellison Fryer. She attended Gravel Hill School in St. Patrick.

Marianna moved to Keokuk in 1948 and met the love of her life, Joseph ‘Chevie’ Gredell. They were united in marriage on September 26, 1951 at St. Peter’s Catholic Church in Keokuk. He preceded her in death on January 11, 2011.

She worked at Dryden’s in Keokuk for a short time. When she and Chevie started their family, she became a stay at home mom to care for her children. She dedicated herself to her family, making their house a loving home.

In 1964, she started working as a cook at St. Vincent’s Catholic School and retired in 2003. She was a wonderful cook and made many children happy with the delicious food she made.

Marianna was a faithful member of All Saints Catholic Church in Keokuk.

Throughout the years she was actively involved in many church and catholic school organizations and activities.

Marianna loved the St. Louis Cardinals. Her grandchildren were the sunshine of her life and she enjoyed playing Bingo, Canasta and Yahtzee with them.

She is survived by one son, Ed Gredell and his wife Colleen, of Keokuk, two daughters, Mary Jo Morehouse and her husband Jim of Keokuk and Cathy Derr of Fort Madison, IA, seven step-great-grandchildren, Vera Gredell, a grandson Tyler Roach and a great-great-granddaughter, Rhykin Hall.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 am Wednesday at the All Saints Catholic Church in Keokuk with Father Robert Lathrop officiating. Burial will be in the Keokuk National Cemetery.

Visitation will be held after 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with the family meeting with friends from 6 – 8:30 p.m. A Christian Vigil Service will be held at 8:15 pm at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to St. Vincent’s School or to All Saints Catholic Church.

On-line condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.
Fort Madison Police Report
11/09/18 - 1:13 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1900 block of 48th Street. 11/09/18 - 4:01 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 400 block of Avenue H. 11/10/18 - 7:01 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1800 block of Avenue A.

To a report of a burglary in the 2200 block of Avenue L. 11/10/18 - 9:35 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3300 block of Avenue G. 11/12/18 - 3:28 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2500 block of Avenue L. 11/11/18 - 1:23 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Daniel Wayne Shull, 32, of Hamilton, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 11/12/18 - 11:42 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Shawn Lee DeHaven, 47, of Fort Madison, at the Ottumwa Regional Health Center in Ottumwa, on warrants for violation of probation and voluntary absence from custody. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 11/12/18 - 1:01 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested AidenJ Michael Shanahan, 17, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 11/11/18 - 11:15 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Troy William James, 48, of Farmington, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 11/11/18 - 11:48 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responds to a report of a property damage accident in the 600 block of 12th Street. 11/10/18 - 3:24 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2700 block of Avenue O. 11/11/18 - 8:29 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Phillip Christopher Schulte, 32, of Hamilton, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 11/11/18 - 3:18 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue L. 11/10/18 - 12:51 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Kyle Max Ray, 30, of Fort Madison in the 5400 block of Avenue O, on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 11/10/18 - 9:38 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1800 block of Avenue A. 11/10/18 - 2:07 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2600 block of Avenue L. 11/10/18 - 1:13 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1900 block of Avenue H. 11/11/18 - 10:03 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2600 block of Avenue L. 11/12/18 - 10:33 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a theft in the 600 block of 12th Street.

For the Record/Lottery Numbers
11/09/18 - 4:01 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3400 block of Avenue G. 11/11/18 - 3:18 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2300 block of Avenue I, on a charge of disorderly conduct, public intoxication, interference with official acts, assault on a peace officer, criminal mischief-third degree, violation of a no contact order and child endangerment. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 11/12/18 - 11:15 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Teresa Hull Meierott, 50, of Fort Madison, in Ottumwa, on a charge of violation of parole. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond. 11/09/18 - 5:05 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3000 block of Avenue O. 11/12/18 - 10:30 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3400 block of Avenue N. 11/11/18 - 11:42 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Joel Tyler Bell, 34, of West Point, at the Fort Madison police department, on a charge of disorderly conduct, and released for time served. 11/09/18 - 7:01 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a peace officer, criminal mischief-4th degree. He was released on a promise to appear. 11/13/18 - 12:49 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 5000 block of Avenue O. 11/11/18 - 9:29 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Kimmie Jo Nelson, 20, of Fort Madison in the 2200 block of Avenue L, on charges of disorderly conduct, public intoxication, interference with official acts, assault on a peace officer, criminal mischief-third degree, violation of a no contact order and child endangerment. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 11/12/18 - 11:42 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kevin Lamond Claville, 32, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of failure to appear. 11/09/18 - 7:47 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Phillip Christopher Schulte, 32, of Hamilton, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

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Taylor hopes Republicans take note of tight elections

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(D-Mason City) as the Whip.

He said committee assignments will probably be set in the next couple weeks after several of the races in the recount are resolved.

Taylor said four races were decided by less than 400 votes combined.

“Once you get a recount, you never know what can happen. If it’s within 100 votes or so you might consider it, but if it’s more than that people don’t figure you can change the results,” Taylor said.

Despite still being in the minority in both chambers, Taylor said he hopes the election results will show that people want lawmakers to reach across the aisle and get things done.

“In the House last year they had a few members that didn’t go along with the Republican agenda, so I’m hoping they work in a more bipartisan basis on legislation. If you’re within a few votes, you just have to have everybody on board and it’s pretty hard to do that,” he said.

One of those House members was Rep. Dave Heat-
on (R-Mt. Pleasant) who, among other bills, voted against the Chapter 20 overhaul because it wasn’t in the best interests of his constituency, which has two state correctional centers in Mt. Pleasant and Fort Madison.

Rep. Joe Mitchell, who defeated Jason Moats for Heaton’s seat, said he too, would not have voted for the Chapter 20 changes because it went too far, but did agree with many of the changes proposed.

Taylor said he’s hoping that dynamic will encourage Republicans to work with democrats during the session.

“They’ll have to work a little more across the aisle and that’s what we’re hoping for;” he said. “I don’t think Iowa can stand two more years of one party domination, specifically in regards to health care. Smaller hospitals can’t afford to lose $1 million because insurance companies are not paying, and that’s what Henry Countylost last year. Who knows that better than Keokuk, when that hospital just about closed. That would be devastating to that communi-
ty and we have small hospitals like that all over the state.”

Taylor said he fears the first thing on the agenda will be IPERS, Medicaid, and then employee wages.

“The very first thing they’ll be working on is the IPERS. Everybody says we’re not going to touch IPERS and then Gov. Reynolds said maybe it needs tweaked a little. I think they’re going to tweak it right out of existence,” he said.

“Then I think they’ll double down on the Med-
icaid disaster. And I think they’re going to go back after Iowa employees. They may try to lower pay about 10%. That contract is up on July 1, and they’ll say under a new contract and you’re going to make this. That would be absolutely devastating to our prison system. It’s tough enough to get anyone to work there. it’s so darn dangerous and the prison system is one of our biggest employers in this area. Nothing is going to surprise me. Hopefully in the next two years people pay attention to what’s really going on in Iowa government.”

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**For the Record**

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County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on Hwy. 61 when a vehicle driven by Richard William Wagner, 70 of Donnellson, lost control on an icy overpass striking the side of the overpass. No injuries or citations were reported at the scene. 11/12/18 - 2:36 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 2700 block of Hwy. 61, where a vehicle driven by Colby Matthew Tate, 25, of Alexandria.

Mo., slid on a patch of ice and went into the ditch. No citations or injuries were reported at the scene. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

**Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report**

11/10/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to six medical calls. 11/11/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls and one assist call. 11/12/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls.

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**Scene Around Town/For the Record**

HTC senior Emily Box speaks to the student body at HTC high school-Monday. The girls finished runner-up in Class 1A at the state volleyball-tournament Friday night.

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In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, we will not publish an e-Edition Thursday, November 22 through Sunday, November 25. We’ll resume publication on Monday, November 26. Breaking news will continue to be published on our website 24/7.

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