Auge, Beavers could join county attorney staff

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LEE COUNTY - Lee County Supervisors could approve a move that would bring Fort Madison attorney Kim Auge and current Des Moines County Attorney Amy Beavers under the direction of Lee County Attorney Ross Braden.

On the agenda for the regular Tuesday meeting of the supervisors is a request from Braden to add Auge to the county attorney’s staff to replace part-time veteran prosecutor Bruce McDonald, who will be retiring from the Lee County Attorney’s office at the end of the month. He will continue to work as a private practicing attorney out of Keokuk.

Auge would take over as a full-time assistant on Jan. 1. Braden is also hoping to add Beavers as a full-time assistant to replace Artemio Santiago, who also has a private practice in Fort Madison. Braden said that Santiago has declined to accept the full-time position with the county. That position would be filled effective March 1, 2019 if approved Tuesday.

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Supervisors to discuss sale of county shed in Argyle

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$80,000 per year and San-
tiago was making $65,000. Braden told supervisors he could get both those positions for full-time for the same money.

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Braden is also adding a victim’s advocacy coordinator under a grant program that is funded for three years with grant money. “I’ve known Kim for a long time dating back when I was in private practice. I know her to be a hard worker and very knowledgeable. She’s been with the public defenders’ office for two or three years. She does a great job in criminal cases and she’s multi-dimensional in that she knows juvenile and criminal law so we can utilize her in many different facets of the office,” Braden said Sunday. He said Beavers has been a prosecuting attorney for close to 20 years and did a very tough job in Des Moines County. Beavers indicated in the spring that she wouldn’t be seeking re-election to the post. “I think Amy is just a fantastic attorney and prosecutor and had a tough job in Des Moines County. Amy’s been prosecuting for 20 years.” If the board approves the resolutions on Tuesday, Braden said he didn’t know exactly how the office would be structured but said it makes the office very strong. “It’s still pending board approval and we haven’t made any decisions along those lines yet, but I’m very excited for the opportunity to work with these two attorneys and think it makes our office here in Lee County very strong.” In other action, the board will also be discussing the possible sale of the county shed property in Argyle. The property has been at the center of concerns of Argyle residents who claim the county has done a poor job of maintaining the property. However several residents have expressed interest in purchasing the property, as well.

Supervisors will also continue discussions on Moor/Powdertown sanitary sewer systems. Supervisors are trying to get the remaining residents with antiquated sewer systems up to code in accordance with Iowa Department of Natural Resources mandates. Also on the agenda is discussion on a recommendation from the Lee County Compensation Board for a 3.5 percent increase for the county auditor, recorder, sheriff, and treasurer. The recommendation also does not provide for an increase in the county attorney’s office or for supervisors, but will include a $2,500 stipend for the auditor’s office.

The meeting starts at 9 a.m. in the sheriff’s office in Montrose.

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Lady Hounds just miss win at Davis County

BLOOMFIELD - Senior Jassmine Bass put in 13 points and Davis County had to overcome a 12-point first half deficit as Fort Madison fell 52-49 on Friday night in girls high school basketball action.

Bass went to the free throw line 10 times on her way to 11 points in the first half to lead Fort Madison to a 27-15 lead.

The Lady Bloodhounds, looking for their first win of the year jumped out to a 9-6, behind five points from Bass, a 3-pointer from senior Braxtyn McGhghy. Brandy Walker added a free throw.

Fort Madison extended the lead with a 15-9 second quarter advantage with sophomore Maddie Rashid throwing in seven points in the period including a 3-pointer. Nadia Boeding and Bass also combined for eight points.

But the second half turned in a cool shooting period for Fort Madison when the Hounds converted just five baskets in the half and only went to the free throw line three times. Boeding led the Lady Hounds with five points in the half. Davis County adjusted to keep the ball from Bass and Rashid as the two combined for just five points.

The Hounds didn't get a bucket in the fourth quarter until the final minute when freshman Anna Lynk converted a bucket and Rashid added a free throw. But it was the Hounds defense that suffered in the period allowing a 15-0 Davis County run after holding a 30-19 lead going into the fourth.

Head Coach Todd McGhghy said foul trouble in the second half which cut into the Hounds lead. Davis County went to the free throw line 11 times in the final period converting five.

"We got into foul trouble and we were without Sarah Bernhart and that hurt our rotations big time," he said.

Bernhart was out with an illness. Jillian Wiseman scored 12 points as the junior varsity girls earned a 50-44 win.

The Bloodhounds are 0-5 and travel to Hamilton to take on West Hancock on Tuesday night.

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Fedler leads Hounds with 18

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CENTERVILLE - Bloodhound freshman Dayton Davis had a season high 14 and junior Jayden Fedler poured in 18 as the Hounds got back to winning ways with a 61-52 win over Centerville on Saturday evening.

Davis was averaging just over five points coming into the contest, with a previous high of 13 against Keokuk. Fedler led a previous high of 13 points each.

Starting the fourth period, Fedler was able to get some looks inside and converted four baskets inside the lane. Davis would get a bucket too, but the rest of the Hounds points in the period would come on free throws as the Hounds went to the line 12 times in the period as Centerville began to foul after closing the gap to four at 51-47 with less than three minutes left in the game.

Fort Madison would convert 7-of-12 free throws in the period to help ice the game.

Rashid finished with 11 points, Mosena added eight points and Keester had six with Burgler and Parker Denning each finishing with two points on the night.

Sophomores Myl- es Clawson and Brady Kauzlarich led Centerville with 17 points each.

The Hounds move to 2-3 on the season and face Danville at home on Thursday night. They have Burlington Notre-Dame on the road Saturday night before revving up conference play against Washington on Tuesday at home.

Freshman Davis goes for 14 in Hounds win

Jayden Fedler poured in season high 14 and junior Bloodhound freshman Dayton Davis, shown here in action last week against West Hancock, scored 14 points in the Bloodhounds’ win over Centerville Saturday night.
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FORT MADISON - The Potowonok Circle of King’s Daughters donated $1,000 to the Eichacker Center this week. The Potowonok members donate funds to a variety of charitable causes in the community.

“We are particularly concerned about heat costs for some families and Eichacker can use this money to help with that,” said Potowonok member Julie Hohl. Pictured above, Julie Hohl, with the Potowonok Circle, hands Dolly Stancil of the Fort Madison Eichacker Center a check for $1,000.

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Farm’s cow proving to be a bit of an escape artist

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Blossom got out and spent the night in the garden. We put her back in. Only farm boys know how to handle situations when they arise without making a fuss.

The third time, was in August on Ginnie’s birthday. I had taken Ginnie out for a dinner and movie. It stormed something fierce, knocked the power out, and blew half the countryside away. We came home in the pitch black to find Blossom standing outside her pen, confused from the storm and not knowing which way to go. While lightning flashed, I was able to get her back in and settled down for the night.

The fourth escape was one we didn’t even know about. Once again, we were gone. A neighbor drove by and noticed Blossom out. The neighbor stopped and put her back in. That was right neighborhood.

The last time she was out (that we know of), was when Ginnie and I were away for a luncheon. We came home and were checking the mail. There stood Blossom, looking at us, her tail swishing from side-to-side. Once again, I had to recruit city-girl Ginnie, in her high heels, to help herd Blossom back in. Somehow, Blossom had sprung a latch when we were gone. She’s quite smart, and knows when the timing is right for great escapes.

Buddy and Barney have a “working relationship.” We’ve noticed that our farm animals all have names that start with the letter “B”, including our chore boys, Bro and Bo. We have Blossom, Buddy, and the newest arrival, Barney, the barn cat. Barney was supposed to be our “outdoor cat,” in charge of de-miceing the barn. Wouldn’t you know it, Ginnie (and I) have a soft spot, and we now let Barney in “The Big House” to get warm and keep Buddy company. They have a “working relationship.”

Then there are the dozen hens. We have Bernice, Beulah, Betty, Beatrice, Betsy, Bobby Sue, Belle, Bonnie, Barbara, Bernie, Bunny and, last but not least, Bianca, the saucy one. They all have different personalities, and we do get them mixed up. They don’t seem to mind, and keep pumping out those fresh, brown eggs.

Between Buddy and Barney, Blossom and the birds, Bro and Bo have their hands full when we go bye bye!

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