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### SUSTAINING SOBRIETY



Bridget Stitt holds her daughter, Kinslea, and looks back at her family Tuesday prior to graduating from drug court at the Cerro Gordo County Courthouse in Mason City.

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# Cerro Gordo drug court celebrates second grad

Keeping family intact provides motivation for Mason City woman

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MASON CITY — The threat of losing her daughters forced Bridget Stitt to confront her

meth addiction. When she entered the Cerro Gordo Drug Court to monitor her sobriety in March 2015, she was pregnant with her third daughter.

After 16 successful months in the program, Stitt, 31, on Tuesday became its second graduate. "I have an amazing life today. That's what's keeping me sober,"

the Mason City woman said after the ceremony.

"Didn't think I was going to be able to do this," she said.

"It's so hard to come out of that, especially when you're on the needle," she said. "I'm glad I got away from that. I looked pretty bad. I was pretty bad into it."

Struggling with addiction, her

low point came when she was on the verge of losing her parental rights in 2013. It sent her in a spiral deeper into drugs, she said.

"That was rock bottom, right there," she said.

Following a March 2014 drug conviction and failures to get sober, her future looked bleak.

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# Council sets a special election

Third person says he will seek at-large seat

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MASON CITY — The City Council voted unanimously Tuesday night to hold a special election Sept. 20 to fill the at-large council seat that became open with the July 15 death of Alex Kuhn.



"None of us want to do this," said Councilman John Lee. "It's something we have to do. Someone will be filling some shoes that will be hard to fill."

Joshua Masson, who attended the meeting, said he intends to run for the open seat. Masson, a systems analyst at Curries, ran for the Third Ward council seat last year and was defeated by Brett Schoneman.

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# Britt council delays ban on pit bull breed in city

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For The Globe Gazette

BRITT — Several pit bull owners spoke at a Britt City Council meeting Tuesday and the council agreed to delay enforcing a community ban on the dog breed.

The ban is part of the city's vicious dog ordinance, and last month the council had decided to begin enforcing the rule.

Now, whether the law will be enforced or changed will await a review by a committee.

The council's earlier decision to enforce the ban drew a backlash from various pit bull owners in Britt, the surrounding area and beyond.

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# N Iowans will make case for overpass

Group plans to attend DOT meeting to urge Avenue safety change

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CHARLES CITY — A group of North Iowans will attend a state meeting next week to make the case for an overpass near Floyd.

A group will have 15 minutes at the Iowa Department of Transportation Board of Commissioners meeting in Sioux City on Tuesday, Aug. 9, to de-

tail why an overpass at Avenue of the Saints and Quarry Road should be placed on the agency's 5-year plan.

The Floyd County Board of Supervisors phoned the Iowa DOT during a meeting Tuesday, asking to be on the agenda.

"I think our effort, collectively, would be a lot better if we got our state representatives, senators and a delegation of concerned people to attend that meeting," said Floyd County Board of Supervisors Chairman Mark Kuhn.



Travis Wiemann of Floyd stands next to the intersection of the Avenue of the Saints and Quarry Road for which he started a petition urging the Iowa DOT to take action to reduce accidents.

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