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Hearing held despite tragedy

HUMPHREY: Hearing compounded by news of the Friday death of Bryan Humphrey

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – With the unexpected death of former Fort Madison attorney Bryan Humphrey, city officials are now relying on their attorneys to sort out the future of Humphrey's building in downtown Fort Madison.

A court hearing was held Friday morning at the North Lee County Courthouse to show cause as to why Humphrey hadn't acted to shore up his building on the southeast corner of Eighth Street and Avenue G, including a possible contempt charge.

No confirmation has been received on the cause of Humphrey's death, but parties involved in Friday's hearing learned of the situation at that time.

Fort Madison Building Director Doug Krogmeier said Monday due to the circumstances no contempt order was requested or issued, but a district judge gave the city some rights to correct building deficiencies.

"We did get the right to evacuate and secure the building," Krogmeier said. "But how we proceed from here, our attorneys don't even know yet."

He said the building may end up in an estate and then legal proceedings would

sort the issue out.

Humphrey was facing possible contempt of court charges for not following court orders to shore up the building before Dec. 15, 2020.

Krogmeier said the city's attorneys are now looking into how the case will progress in the wake of



HUMPHREY

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Nothing is Beside the Point today

Saturday was a bittersweet day and just chalked full of emotion for this spent editor, father, uncle, brother, and friend.

I'm a homer for sure and when Fort Madison loses, I lose. When Fort Madison wins, I win. My heart is invested after five years of chasing coaches and kids around the state.

That heart goes out to Tony Sargent and the Lady Bloodhounds who were beyond something special this year. He's done more with the girls in the past two years than in the previous 24, dating back to Matt Aultman who took the Lady Hounds to the tourney in 1997.

They lost to eventual champion Ankeny that year 54-39. This year's loss might be tougher to swallow with the anticipation we all held.

But any coach will tell you, the lid can go on at the worst time. And it did for most of the night as the Lady Hounds fell 43-29 to a Fairfield team they beat twice during the regular season.

That's a young team with solid players coming back and they have a very bright future. Today stings... a lot. But if they can get a full season of workouts this year, things could be just a bit different in the winter.

That game came hours after three days of watching what's quickly becoming one

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STATE WRESTLING

Kruse gets 8th step on podium

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DES MOINES – One of the most telling statements out of this weekend's Iowa State Wrestling Tournament came from Fort Madison Head Coach Ryan Smith after FMHS senior Owen Kruse lost in the 7th-place match.

"He wasn't ranked all year," Smith said. "To finish eighth in the state is a good feat."

Kruse had just lost to Class 3A 4th ranked Carter Fecht of Waverly Shell-Rock, the top 3A team in the state. Fecht got bumped into the consolation by No. 2 Grant O'Dell of Iowa City West, and then was upset in a tight 5-4 decision by Dallas Center-Grimes sophomore Jacob Fistler in the consolation semis.

Fecht scored a take down



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Fort Madison senior Owen Kruse tries to find a way out of the hold by Ankeny's Cael Cox Friday morning. Kruse would finish in 8th place at 126 lbs at the Iowa State Wrestling meet. Kruse was unranked in the weight class all year.

23 seconds into the match for a 2-0 lead, and Kruse was able to wrestle to the circle for hold breaks on several occasions. But the Hound couldn't make any progress from the down starts.

Again in the 2nd period, Fecht scored another take down with 25 seconds gone and took about a minute to get Kruse to roll over, but Kruse fought out of the hold suffering a 3-point near fall and trailed 7-0 going into

the third.

Kruse tried an aggressive rollover move to start the third, but Fecht sniffed it out and pulled Kruse in for a take down and a pin 18 seconds in ending Kruse's run at the tourney.

"He just out-techniqued me there," Kruse said. "Nothing more to it."

The senior said he thought he scored a couple points at the end of the second when he was able to move into a

better position with Fecht, but he said in the end it didn't have an impact.

"I thought I was pretty close to two, but it didn't end up mattering because he reversed it right back," he said.

Kruse got to the podium on Friday afternoon after knocking off Lewis Central's Taber Dominguez with a stunning reversal and take down with less than five sec-

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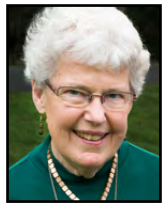


Obituaries/Education News

OBITUARIES

BETTY LOU SCHROEDER

Betty Lou Schroeder, 79, of West Point, formerly of Burlington, passed away at 4:32 p.m. Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at Fort Madison Community Hospital with one of her many cherished friends, Father Dan Dorau, by her side.



SCHROEDER

Betty was born on March 5, 1941 in Fort Madison, Iowa, the daughter of Henry Bernard Jr. and Doris Evelyn (Groth) Schroeder. She spent her childhood years in West Point and later moved with her family to Burlington where she graduated from Notre Dame High School. Betty graduated from University of Northern Iowa and began a wonderful teaching career in the Burlington School District for more than 30 years.

Betty found such joy in her countless volunteer hours through the years with Girl Scouts, several nursing homes including the Klein Center, Notre Dame Elementary School, Divine Mercy Catholic Parish in Burlington and St Mary of the Assumption in West Point. Her time spent as a volunteer at the Carousel at Old Threshers was a highlight for her each year. She was very generous with her time.

Betty's gentleness, kind heart and soul touched so many lives. Her faith, commitment, and strength were commendable. Her retirement to her "roots" in West Point was such a happy move.

Family was very important to Betty. She is survived by a sister: Mary Ann (Charles) Buettner of Hernando, Florida; three nephews: Kevin

(Marilyn) Buettner of Fountain Hills, Arizona, Darrick (Tracy) Buettner of Hernando, Florida, Karl Buettner of Marquette, Michigan and a niece: Mara (Tom) Gallagher of Naperville, Illinois. She is also survived by several great nieces and nephews: Anna Buettner, Greg Buettner, Joe Buettner, Marie Buettner, Katie Gallagher, Patrick (Ellen Hunt) Gallagher and many cherished cousins who will miss her expertise in organizing the Schroeder reunions as well as many cherished friends including: Gregg, Becky and Elaine Godfrey, Father Dan Dorau and Father Bill Roush.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents and niece: Johanna (Andy) Clark.

Friends may call from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point where a parish rosary will be recited at 4:00 p.m. and a Christian vigil service will be held at 5:00 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 25, 2021, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point with Father Dan Dorau, Father Bill Rousch and Father Dennis Hoffman as celebrants.

Memorials in Betty's name may be made to Divine Mercy Parish, Burlington, Iowa, and St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, West Point, Iowa.

Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.schmitzfuneral-homes.com.

OBITUARIES

BILL SHEPPARD

Bill Sheppard, 84, of Ft. Madison passed away on Saturday, February 20, 2021, at 5:20 AM at his home with his family at his side.



SHEPPARD

Bill was born on February 7, 1937 in Ft. Madison to Joe and Dorothy (Alvis) Sheppard. Sixty-three years ago on November 23, 1957 he married Joan Schneider in Ft. Madison.

Bill was a life-long farmer. He recently said, "I couldn't imagine a better life."

He loved growing up in the country and spending time outdoors. One of Bill's favorite childhood memories was ice-skating with his lifelong friend, Raymond. "As soon as the ice formed, we'd be exploring the sloughs along the Mississippi."

After retirement, Bill and Joan enjoyed traveling with their friends in their fifth-wheel camper. They traveled most of the country including Alaska. Later in life Bill became an avid rock collector. His favorite activity was traveling the countryside in his mule looking for treasures with a trusty companion.

Bill was a member of the Holy Family Parish, the Lee County Farm Bureau, and a former Fort Madison School Board member.

Survivors include two sons, Michael Sheppard (Ruth) of Donnellson; Brian Sheppard of Tallahassee, FL; two daughters, Sandy Johnston (Rick) of Montrose, and Amy Sheppard (Chris Dorsi) of Bozeman, MT; grandson Clayton Greenwald (Alyssa) of Fort Madison; great grandchildren Collin and Maisie Greenwald and Lily Buckner of Fort Madison; multiple step-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren; and his best friend since the sandbox, Raymond Hoenig.

Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The family will have a celebration of Life at a later date and burial will take place in Montrose Cemetery. A memorial has been established in his memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

FMCS D ask voters to weigh in on use of SAVE funds

Submitted article

On March 2, 2021, Fort Madison Community School District residents will have an opportunity to authorize the use of Iowa's SAVE (Secure an Advanced Vision for Education) funds for district-wide building upgrades.

Voter support of the revenue purpose statement would give the Fort Madison Community School

District access to state funds for building improvements at no additional cost to taxpayers.

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• Committing district resources to two future-focused buildings

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY AD HOC FACILITIES COMMITTEE:

"Our role was to discuss what is best for the whole community. We talked to students and teachers, and the community forums were excellent. After looking at the data, there is no doubt in

my mind that this is the best solution for our community and that everyone got to express their support or non-support. I am excited by the opportunity!" - Joni McLees, Parent and Ad HOC committee member

PROPOSED WORK:
Based on input from our community and the work of the Ad HOC committee, the

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OBITUARIES

BRYAN J. HUMPHREY

Bryan John Humphrey, 64 of Ft. Madison, passed away at 9:21 AM on Friday, February 19, 2021.

He was born on May 8, 1956 in Ft. Madison to Albert Francis and Marilyn Steffos Humphrey. He married Leslie Brown Pezley and together they had Bryan and Taylor. He then married Neeley Moon and together they had Benjamin. Bryan was a private practice attorney. He was a gifted artist and especially like to draw. Bryan was an avid animal lover, he enjoyed horses and couldn't wait until the foals arrived in the spring. His best friend and side kick was his dog Sparky with whom he loved taking on car rides. He was a classic car enthusiast and was most fond of European cars and Corvettes. Bryan loved attending the Tri-State Rodeo and the Nauvoo Pageant.



HUMPHREY

Survivors include two sons, Benjamin (Jamie Folks) Humphrey of Ft. Madison and Bryan (Jessica) Humphrey of Kansas City, KS; one daughter, Taylor (Eric) Freitag of Ft. Madison; three grandchildren, Faye, Hannah and Claire; one brother, Greg (Jean) Humphrey of Ft. Madison also special family members, Neeley Moon, Brently Gates and Brogan Moon. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Rosemary.

Friends may call after 2 PM on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will receive friends from 4-6 PM. A private graveside service will be held at Gethsemane Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in his memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

MARGARET L. DEERE

Margaret Louise Deere, 93, of Farmington, Iowa, passed away at 1:15 p.m. Thursday, February 18, 2021 at the Donnellson Health Center in Donnellson, Iowa.

She was born on July 15, 1927 in Farmington, Iowa the daughter of Ernest "Ernie" and Vera (Stansbury) Evans. On June 21, 1947, she married Ardath "Ardie" L. Deere. He preceded her in death on April 25, 1993.



DEERE

She is survived by her daughter: Patricia "Pat" (Larry) Wooten of Nixa, Missouri; grandchildren: Ben, Amy, Crystal, Lauren, Lucy Anne and Chelsea; great grandchildren: Lily, Lincoln London, Kyle, Sophie, Ryver, Jonathan, Hudson and Rocky; sister: Edith Hemmings of Farmington, Iowa and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her sons: Michael and Russell "Russ" Deere.

Margaret was a member of First Baptist Church of Farmington, the Farmington library board, the cemetery board and was missionary treasurer at her church. She graduated from Farmington High School with a teaching certificate. She taught for two years in a one room school house. She cooked at Harmony Elementary and Jr. High and retired from State Central Bank after working there for twenty-three years.

Friends may call from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday, February 25, 2021, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington.

Family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Friday, February 26, 2021, at the First Baptist Church in Farmington. Her funeral service will follow at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Chad Welch officiating. After her funeral, the service will be posted on her obituary page under her "Tribute Wall" at www.schmitzfuneral-homes.com.

Burial will be at Greenglade Cemetery in Farmington.

A memorial has been established in her memory for First Baptist Church or Farmington Library.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

ANDREW J. HARL

Andrew James "Andy" Harl, 50, of Colusa, Illinois, passed away peacefully Friday, February 19, 2021 at his home.

Andy was born on September 23, 1970 in Fort Madison, Iowa, the son of James R. and Karen (Dusenberry) Harl. On August 28, 1990 he married Vanessa Jairl in Keokuk, Iowa.

Andy was a 1988 graduate of Nauvoo-Colusa High School. Andy's dream from a young age was to drive a semi. He lived out his dream for last 30 years driving over-the-road and locally. He worked for several different trucking companies, but spent most of his career driving for Dadant & Sons in Hamilton, Illinois.

He was proud to be from the Colusa area. He was a proud member of the NRA. He enjoyed collecting 1/64th toy semis, farm equipment and guns. Andy especially enjoyed helping others and would do so anyway possible.

Survivors include his wife, Vanessa; mother, Karen Harl of Colusa; three siblings, Karie Mathena, Kelly (Matt) Lemaire and Kade (Stacie) Harl; one uncle, Larry Dusenberry and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Also surviving is Andy's mother and father-in-law, James and Betty Jairl of Keokuk, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his father, James and his grandparents.

Cremation has been entrusted to Banks & Beals Funeral Home.

No services are planned. To leave a condolence or sign the guest book, please visit Andy's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

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Sports/From the Front

Kruse left it all on the mat

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onds remaining in the match for a come-from behind 7-4 win.

Seventh-ranked Cael Cox of Ankeny pushed Kruse to the 7th-place match when he recorded five take downs and a nearfall, but couldn't get the Hound to the mat scoring a 12-4 major decision in the consolation semis.

Kruse said despite the losing the match, he'll look back on the tournament with joy.

"It sucks right now because I didn't want to finish like that, but overall I'll look back and be happy," Kruse said.

"I just wanted to end it all with a win, just go out hard and leave it all out there."

Smith said that's just what Kruse did.

"He's got nothing to hang his head about. There are some tough dudes up and here and that wasn't a typical 7th-place opponent."

He said Kruse's risky move in the third was the right tact.

"It was something he had to do. Something that worked for him last year in district wrestlebacks," Smith said.

"But his mentality and attitude shows so much about him. He just goes about his business, works hard and knows what he wants. For him to finish where he did is a good accomplishment.

"He wanted more, but when he looks back on it he'll appreciate what he did."



Photo courtesy of Luke Rickelman



Fort Madison Senior Owen Kruse battles with Class 3A No. 4 Carter Fecht Friday night in the 7th place match at 126 lbs. Fecht would score a 3rd period pin to give Kruse 8th place on the podium above.



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

SPORTS BRIEFS

HTC, Central Lee boys split

FORT MADISON – The Holy Trinity Catholic 8th graders downed Central Lee 51-12 Thursday night behind 14 points each from Adam Sobczak and Luke Hellige. Six other Crusaders scored behind Mason Kruse's six 2nd quarter points.

Brayden Wyrick had all 12 points for Central Lee including two 3-pointers.

In the 7th grade game, Central Lee won 31-17.

Owen Swan had 11 points for the Hawks and four assists. Frankie Jenkins and Caleb Larson each had six points in the win.

Layne Rung had seven for HTC, Blake Mohrfeld and Nathan Box each had four,

FMMS 7th graders get wins

FORT MADISON – Thursday night Fort Madison the 7th grade girls basketball team beat Fairfield 35-19. Dayonna Davis was the leading scorer with 25 points, followed by Mara Smith with 6. Halle Menke and Jaycee Fullenkamp each scored two points. Davis led in rebounds with 10 and Hadley Wolfe handed out five assists.

Fort Madison won the B game 17-12. Jaycee Fullenkamp led the scoring with eight points followed by Dynasty Bell-Washington with five points. Ellie Huebner and Kayreena Sterling each scored two. Bell-Washington led in rebounds with seven.

Earlier in the week the 7th grade Lady Hounds beat Burlington in the A game 36-29. Davis led in scoring with 20 followed by Mara Smith with 10. Halle Menke, Ellie Huebner, and Jaycee Fullenkamp each chipped in two points. Menke led in rebounds with eight. Hadley Wolfe added five assists.

Fort Madison also won the B game 17-2. Bell-Washington led the Hounds with 8 points, followed closely behind by Addison Rump with seven. Jaycee Fullenkamp added two points to finish the scoring. Avery Rump led in rebounds with five.

The A team is 6-1 on the season and the B team is 5-1.

FMMS girls down Fairfield

FORT MADISON – Thursday night the FMMS 8th grade A Team won 42-34 over Fairfield The Little Hounds are currently 6-0 with three games remaining next week.

Dayton Lamar had 18 to lead Fort Madison. Aiden Mitchell had 10, while Julian Dear scored eight, Brody Cashman had five and Caden Barnes chipped in with one.

FMMS B Team lost to Fairfield 29-15. Hunter Cooke had seven to lead Fort Madison. Jake Ehlers tossed in four, while Chandler Fullenkamp and Kaleb Heidbreder each had two.

Humphrey building now in hands of family, city lawyers

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Humphrey's death.

Humphrey's building has been a source of contention between him and the city. Humphrey lived on the top floor of the building, but the west side had deteriorated to the point of structural sagging.

The city had cordoned off the north half of Eighth Street beyond the alley to Avenue G when bricks started falling from the building in 2019. The sidewalk remains barricaded. Humphrey did some shoring up on the outside of the building, but had not communicated with city officials or their engineering representatives, as ordered by

District Judge Michael Schilling in September of 2020.

Schilling gave Humphrey until Dec. 15 to get the building brought up to safety codes in coordination with city officials. Krogmeier and Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld both indicated no efforts were made on Humphrey's part to work with the city on the building.

Krogmeier said the city has the right now to go in and shore up the building, but to whom the ownership is now transferred will have to be sorted out.

"Everything's just too fresh right now for any answers," he said.

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Sports/Education News

Fort Madison girls go cold in regional loss

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

Fort Madison scored 14 points in the first quarter, then was held to just six points total in the second and third quarters.

Fairfield switched out of its man-to-man defense in the first quarter, and the Trojans' 2-3 zone bothered the Bloodhounds, especially when center Brandy Walker picked up her second foul.

"She's been playing really good lately. (The foul trouble) really hurt," Sargent said. "The thing about it is, her defense is usually really good. Now you're not only losing an offensive threat, you're losing your best player inside."

The Bloodhounds could shoot the Trojans out of their zone. Malarie Ross, who had four 3-pointers against Fairfield in a 51-31 win on Jan. 29, didn't have a 3-pointer in this game until the closing minute, when the outcome had been decided.

Ross finished with 14 points, but no other



Bloodhound scored in double figures.

"To be honest, they didn't hit shots tonight," Fairfield coach Pat Pacha said. "Tonight, they weren't able to get those shots to go down. I'd like to think it had a little bit to do with our defense."

Fairfield led 30-20 at the end of three quarters, and the Trojans' patience in the fourth quarter put even more pressure on the Fort Madison offense.

"We were just trying to work around for a good shot," Pacha said.

Delaney Breen led Fairfield with 10 points. Danielle Breen had eight.

"It's a great accomplishment for these kids," Pacha said of the op-

portunity to play in the regional final. "Just excited. We know nobody thinks we have a chance on Tuesday night. I sold the kids on, 'Hey, you're the underdog tonight,' and we bought into it. We'll have our hands full but hey, we're there."

Sargent knew his players were disappointed. Fort Madison loses five seniors, including Walker, who was second on the team in scoring this season.

"We've got most everybody else back," Sargent said. "We'll just have to regroup, and try to figure it out. It should be fun next year."

SAVE fund voter approval would trigger redesign

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first phase of the district-wide facility master plan (funded by SAVE) would likely include:

- Single campus for PK-6 grade students at the current Fort Madison Middle School site
- Addition of PK-1 specialized learning environments and multi-purpose spaces
- Improved site traffic circulation
- Addition of outdoor play areas for PK-1 and grades 2-6
- Single campus for grades 7/8 grade students at the current Fort Madison High School site
- Additions of 7/8 grade specialized learning environments, gymnasium and locker rooms
- Remodeled student commons area and kitchen services
- New main entry and site circulation for improved safety, security and traffic flow

Work in future phases, as funding is available, would provide additional improvements to support middle and high school students. That long-term vision includes a potential new auditorium and fine arts remodel, maker space expansions and remodeling to already existing learning environments.

"I went in with an open mind, but leaning toward a new Elementary, as I was a PTO President and a long-time supporter of that idea," said Joni McLees. "But lots of discussion about declining enrollment, costs, and possibilities, and QLEO numbers made us realize that the biggest bang for our buck is to expand the two best buildings we have. The Middle School location made sense for younger students and the High School location made sense for the 7-8th graders to be a part of. This makes sense for the future too, only maintaining two buildings is more cost-effective."

Lee County Pheasants Forever banquet has been postponed until a later date

25 Gun Raffle drawing will still be held Saturday, February 27th at 4:00 p.m. at Faeths Cigar Store

All proceeds go to youth programs and youth trap teams in Lee County. Tickets may be purchased at Faeths up until the time of the drawing or by calling Mark at 217-440-9462 or Vicky at 217-430-9462 or Tracy at 319-470-4012.

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Lee County Board of Supervisors Meeting
Mon, Feb 22, 2021
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
(CST)
AGENDA

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Pledge of Allegiance
 Approve Agenda
 9:01 a.m. Public Hearing to Enter Into Loan Agreement To Borrow Money and Issue Not to Exceed \$3,200,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Combining Debt)
 Consider Approval of Resolution Approving Loan Agreement To Borrow Money and Issue Not to Exceed \$3,200,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Combining Debt)

Approved Engagement Letter with Piper Sandler for GO Bond and Refinancing

9:10 a.m. Public Hearing for Application to USDA for Grant Funds for Ambulance Fleet

Consider Approval of Resolution Approving Grant Fund Application for Ambulance Fleet

Consider Approval of Resolution Entering into Agreement with First Capital Leasing Corporation for Ambulance Fleet

Public Input
 Consider Approval of Notice to Bidders for County Wide Pavement Marking Project M2021-1

Consider Approval of Mutual Aid Agreement with Des Moines County Secondary Roads Department for Snow Removal During Coronavirus or Other Emergencies

Consider Approval of Contract with Lynch

Dallas, P.C. for Contract Negotiations, Grievance Counseling and Contract Administration Services
 Consider Approval of Resolution Appointing Pioneer Cemetery Commission Members

Consider Approval to Replace First Deputy in Recorder's Office

Consider Approval to Appoint Second Deputy in Recorder's Office

Consider Approval to Replace Records Clerk in Recorder's Office

Consider Approval to Replace Real Estate Tech II in Auditor's Office

Personnel Actions:
 A. Step Increases (2)

Health Department
 Consider Approval of February 16, 2021 Board Minutes

Consider Approval of Claims

Commission or Committee Reports

Adjourn
 Budget Workshop

Workshop to Follow

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING


Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Fort Madison City Council at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at the Council Chambers of Fort Madison City Hall at 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison concerning Public Improvement Project 2020-05, Reconstruction of Old Highway 61 – 6th to 10th Streets. The purpose of the hearing will consist of approving plans, specifications, contract documents and awarding construction contract for the project. COVID-19 restrictions can change and can limit the size of gatherings. Persons interested in participating may appear either in person at 811 Avenue E, or through their computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83563622338>

You may obtain further

information or express your views concerning this issue either in person or through an authorized representative at the public hearing, or prior to the meeting by fax at (319) 372-8661, by telephone at (319) 372-7700 ext. 206, by E-mail at mblind@fortmadison-ia.com or in writing to the Fort Madison City Clerk, P.O. Box 240, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa, 52627 no later than 4:30 PM on March 2, 2021.

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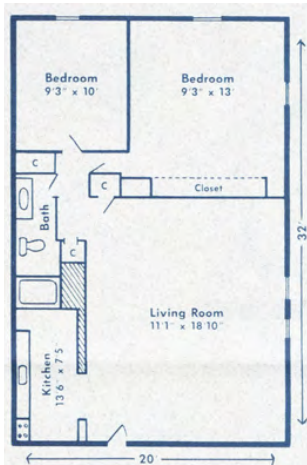
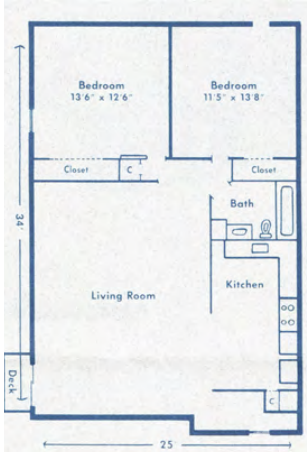
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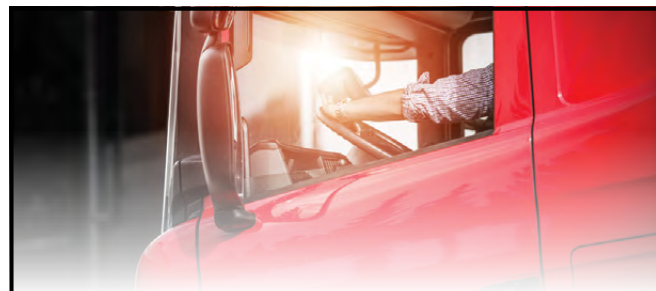
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From the Front

Saturday was a day full of bitter and sweet

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of my favorite sports.

In a testament to the program ushered now by Ryan Smith, and built by many others before him; and the athletes being built under the watchful eye of most FMHS coaches led by Derek Doherty, watching the Hounds' Owen Kruse and Gavin Wiseman leave it all on the mat at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines was exhausting.

Wiseman took Cedar Falls Dylan Whitt, who was pinned in the championship match Saturday night by Iowa City West's Hunter Garvin, to the brink in his opening round match. Wiseman had control of that match and a 4-4 tie with less than a minute to go. The junior, who had a smile on his face Friday night after being eliminated in consolation wrestling during the morning session, said he'll be back.

I'd bet on that.

Kruse scored a medal in the second round of consolation with literally a last second reversal and 2-point near fall for a 7-4 come-from-behind win.

Most people just see the media sitting on the mat with a camera and trying to get the picture. I was talking under my mask, starting to use words I didn't know were there, and that's saying somethin' from me. "Spin, sit out, loop him..... or Grab his face! Punch him! BITE HIM!"

That's all against the rules and why I played basketball. I'm glad I had a mask on.

Talking with these boys at the end is always heartbreaking... except when they win. That makes it all worth the trip. I always offer encouragement to these boys of the life that's ahead of them and looking back on these memories.

They have to remember that. Because we never forget.

My family built a memory of our own Saturday night.

We had a big day as my brother became the first coach in West Burlington history to take a 5-on-5 team to the state tournament. He got a personal note prior to tip off

from legendary West Burlington football coach Bill Nelson who knows a little about how hard it is to get to these state tournaments.

I thought that would be his motivation on this night.

But it apparently came from a 20-year-old girl who died one year ago Saturday night.

Throughout the post season my brother John, who's Class 3A No. 5 Lady Falcons pulled off a crazy, and maybe just a little miraculous, 4th quarter rally to beat No. 9 West Liberty 47-45 in the Class 3A Region 8 final, had been having private pre-game conversations with my daughter we lost to a heart condition on Feb. 20, 2020.

He was in the room with us when we told her it was okay to let go.

After firing off about 1,000 pictures I turned around to find him just looking at me. All this mayhem and wonderment - and he's looking at me. We grabbed each other and he said to me with tears in his eyes, "That was all your daughter. She was with me the whole time."

My niece Natalie, a senior guard for the Falcons that you've all read about here a couple times, hit a big 3-ball in a the midst of a frenzied fourth quarter rally to cut West Liberty's lead to two, and bring the Falcon crazies to their feet.

After the win, she came out of a storm of people and jumped on me and told me she was playing for Kelsey and we held each other and wept.

This 17-year-old kid was also in the room when we told Kelsey it was okay to let go. She insisted on it.

I didn't even notice when we let go of each other, her mother had a hold of me. Susan said she asked Kelsey for help on this one.

Message received.

Kelsey...we're going to Des Moines. If you're not too busy, sweetheart...

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