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Pickleball on display



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Fort Madison's Gary Hoyer returns a shot during a late afternoon pickleball game Sunday afternoon on one of three make-shift pickleball courts on the west side of Riverview Park. The courts were part of an exhibit to showcase the sport in Fort Madison. About 80 people took part in the event put on by a committee trying to get six new courts built in Victory Park.

OFP looking to fill roles in next two productions

RADIO PLAY: Christmas live radio read of "It's a Wonderful Life" coming in Dec.

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – Old Fort Players will be multi-tasking next week (October 19, 21 and 24) as they audition for the next two upcoming productions. Time between the two shows is limited with the holidays so in order to get scripts to the actors in plenty of time before the February performances as many of those roles as possible will be cast from the same auditions as the December play.

Actors can read for "It's A Wonderful Life: A LIVE Radio Play" by Joe Landry to be performed December 3-5 & 10-12, 2021. Produced by Special Arrangement with Playscripts, Inc. (www.playscripts.com), this beloved American holiday classic comes to captivating life as a live 1940s radio broadcast. With the help of an ensemble that brings a few dozen characters to the stage, the story of idealistic George Bailey unfolds as he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve. This show will be directed by Kelly Shields. The cast can include from four to ten men, women and children of various ages, all of whom will fill multiple roles. Actors will not

need to memorize lines or change costumes. This is a great chance for those who have never been in a play before and those who feel a bit rusty.

Actors will also be able to audition for director Dorothy Schulte's production of "Dearly Beloved" which runs February 4-6 & 11-13, 2022. This Jones, Hope, Wooten Comedy is produced by Special Arrangement with Dramatist Play Service, Inc. "It's written by the authors of 'The Dixie Swim Club' which was a big hit for us," Schulte said. "It's also the first in a trilogy that we are hoping to continue in the coming seasons." This hilarious southern fried comedy calls for eleven actors: six women (3 – age 30-60's, 2 – age 30-40's, 1 – age 20-30's) five men (4 – age 30-50, 1 – age 20-30's). It follows an over-the-top wedding, three feuding sisters and a church full of small town eccentrics. What could possibly go wrong? Desperate to make this antebellum-themed wedding an elegant affair, it soon becomes obvious that Fate has other plans.

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A few tears, a few beers at Kinnick

It's kind of surreal at Kinnick Stadium. In a pandemic world we're torn at times over a multitude of arguments about whether to get a shot, or not... wear a mask, or not... go to a crowded stadium of black and gold and gray... or not.

My brother and his family, extended by a couple of the kids significant others, headed to Iowa City Saturday to watch the No. 2 Hawkeyes try to "not stub a toe" against Purdue's Boilermakers

Going to Iowa City usually means a bit of tailgating before the game, or a lot of tailgating depending on which place your in. We got there late and ended up settling for the top of a parking garage with some folded chairs and some snacks. No football to toss around or bags to throw at a hole. Just conversation and people watching.

We weren't the only ones settling for the parking garage. The town was packed as usual. As we drove up Hawkins Driver from Hwy. 6, all the parking lots had barricades and placards telling us to move along.

"Lot Full", "No Event Parking". We pulled up to a main lot where a volunteer was checking permit passes. I yelled out the window..."Are you full?" He said the lot was for pass parking.

"I have to have a pass?", he looked at me funny as we drove by with my arms and upper body hanging out the an window..

"Does a \$20 bill work for a pass."

My brother and the van full gave a laugh to that, but the volunteer got that raised eyebrow and raised shoulder thing going and smiled. I looked at John who was still laughing, "Turn in there, I swear he said yeah and I got \$20! Always the straight and narrow for him, and we drove away about

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MON 18 Oct..... Clear and Cool, 72° F / 49° F
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 WED 20 Oct..... Cool with Light Rain, 70° F / 54° F

IOWA LOTTERY

LOTTO AMERICA 10/16..... 3 10 17 40 48, Star Ball: 1, All Star Bonus: 4
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For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

10/11/21 – 7:52 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1700 block of Avenue E.
 10/11/21 – 11:52 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2300 block of Avenue H.
 10/11/21 – 3:00 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Serena Dawn Schnider, 43, of Fort Madison, in the 4600 block of Bluff Road in Fort Madison, on a charge of driving while barred.
 10/11/21 – 3:16 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1500 block of 20th Street.
 10/11/21 – 3:36 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2400

block of Avenue M.
 10/12/21 – 2:57 a.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Robert Lee Dunn, 32, of Fort Madison, in the 2200 block of Avenue H, on a charge of driving while barred.
 10/12/21 – 3:54 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 100 block of 18th Street.
 10/12/21 – 12:30 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Jermaine Whitney Dawson, 40, of Fort Madison, in the 3100 block of Avenue J, on warrants for controlled substance violation.
 10/12/21 – 5:44 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Penny Flores, 46, of Fort Madison, in the 2100 block of Avenue B, on a charge of a dog running at-large.
 10/12/21 – 5:53 p.m. – Fort Madison Po-

lice cited Ozzy Moon Huebner, 18, of Fort Madison, at the police station, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
 10/12/21 – 7:55 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Joseph Rodney Lamont, 18, of Fort Madison, in the 4900 block of Avenue O, on a charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled substance – marijuana.
 10/12/21 – 8:23 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Jared Charles Spent, 22, of Fort Madison, in the 4800 block of Avenue O, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.
 10/13/21 – 4:17 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1500

block of Avenue H.
 10/13/21 – 10:35 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Nevada L. Lyon, 33, of Fort Madison at the intersection of 10th Street and Avenue G, on a charge of driving while barred.
 10/14/21 – 10:12 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Chelsea Christine Smith of Fort Madison, in the 4600 block of Avenue J, on a charge of interference with official acts. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
 10/14/21 – 10:12 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Jayme Thomesa Jenkins, 35, of Fort Madison, in the 4600 block of Avenue J, on a warrant service. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

Lee County Sheriff's Report
 10/11/21 – 6:01 p.m.

– Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested David Adam Skinner, 31, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 10/12/21 – 8:11 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Lea Jane Barrs, 22, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold.
 10/12/21 – 10:28 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Micheal Jacob Cain, 44, of Farmington at Hwy. 2 and Main Street in Donnellson on a charge of driving while barred. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear.
 10/14/21 – 4:02 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 1400 block of 255th Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Jeffrey Lee Kay, 57, of Farmington struck livestock in the roadway. Kay's vehicle then left the roadway and entered the south ditch, going through a fence and came to

rest in a corn field.
 10/14/21 – 8:11 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michelle Deann Blakely, 56, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for contempt. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released on her recognizance.
 10/14/21 – 4:05 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Anthony Dion Lumsden, 54, of Fort Madison, in the 1100 block of Denmark Hilltop, on a warrant for domestic assault – choking. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 10/14/21 – 8:15 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested William Paul Cochennour, II, of Fort Madison, in the 3100 block of Avenue M, in Fort Madison on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held. Those individuals listed above are arrested on a suspicion of a crime and are presumed innocent until proven in a court of off.

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Obituaries/From the Front

OBITUARIES

HAROLD F. LEMASTER

Harold Franklin LeMaster, 81, of Alexandria, MO, died Friday, October 15, 2021 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL.

He was born on July 6, 1940 in Keokuk, IA, the son of William Ralph and Francis Kathern Wilkens LeMaster. Harold graduated from Revere High School with the Class of 1958. He attended Southeastern Community College in Keokuk.

On December 31, 1958, Harold was united in marriage to Jessie Roseann Dennison in Keokuk. She survives.

He is also survived by his son, Jim (Kerry) LeMaster of Keokuk, two grandchildren, Logan (Portia Smeltser) LeMaster and A.J. LeMaster, two great-grandchildren, Jewel Hopp and Wyatt Wagner, and one due on October 20, Stori Roze LeMaster. Other survivors include three brothers, Ken (Janice) LeMaster of Revere, MO, Gary LeMaster of Alexandria, MO and William (Mary) LeMaster of Pensacola, FL, two sisters, Mary Toops of Alexandria and Janis Davis of Burlington, IA, many nieces and nephews and close friends, Adelina LeMaster Segovia and Cindy LeMaster.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his in-laws, Russell and Gladys Reed, one daughter, Dana LeMaster, two brothers, Donald LaMaster and his wife Margerite, and Tom LeMaster, three sisters, Barbara Holtkamp, Leona Rampley and husband Gene, and Velma Dickwisch and husband Jack.

Harold had been employed at Sheller Globe in Keokuk for ten years, and then worked at Stone Container in Keokuk until his retirement in 2000.

He was a member of the St. Francisville United Methodist Church.

Harold enjoyed boating and skiing on the river. He loved to ski and was a very good one-footed skier. He was an avid Kansas City Chief fan and never missed a game on TV or the radio. He was also a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals. Harold loved to go on family vacations to Branson, taking his boat and spending time on the lake. It was time spent with family that Harold treasured most.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Tuesday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Kahoka with Pastor Shawn McAfee officiating. Burial will be in the Sand Cemetery in St. Francisville, MO. Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Monday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Kahoka with the family meeting with friends from 5 - 7 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the St. Francisville United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

OFP players to put on Dearly Beloved in February

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Drop by the OFP downtown location October 19 & 21 starting at 7pm. Also, that Sunday, October 24, auditions start at 6pm. Auditions will consist of cold readings from either script. No experience or preparation is necessary. Also needed are volunteers to fill in as Stage Managers and as a Sound and Lights Technicians. Experience is preferred but not required for either of these and training will be provided.

Sponsors for the season include Lee County Bank, Jim Baier Ford and partners include the Fort Madison Daily Democrat and Scotts, with Connections Bank also contributing.

Last season would have been Old Fort Players' 40th anniversary but the celebration was postponed due to CoVid. So this will be the "40+1 Anniversary Season." The theater is located in downtown Fort Madison at 725 Avenue G.

OBITUARIES

IAN S. VRADENBURG

Ian Seth Vradenburg, 45, of Keokuk, passed away on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Illinois.

Seth was born on March 15, 1976, in Keokuk, the son of Arthur "Art" and Patricia (Nixon) Vradenburg. He graduated from Cardinal Stritch High School in 1995, attending trade school after. He was employed at several factories in the area and enjoyed umpiring in his spare time. He loved sports, especially baseball, and always rooted for the St. Louis Cardinals. Seth saw the good in everyone, and always took time to help others.

Seth is survived by his parents Arthur "Art" (Cheryl) Vradenburg and Patricia Vradenburg, both of Keokuk; his brother Brian (April) Vradenburg of Edina, Minnesota, and his nephew Max Vradenburg of Edina, Minnesota.

Seth is preceded in death by his grandparents and his infant twin Aaron.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk, with burial to follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Keokuk. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Monday from 5 to 8 pm, with family meeting friends from 6 to 8 pm.

Memorials may be directed to Keokuk Catholic Schools.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com.

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

TIMMY J. WASHBURN

Timmy J. Washburn, 71, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 10:45 a.m. on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison. He was born on July 8, 1950 in Muscatine, IA to Paul & Berniece Waytes Washburn. He married Amy S.

Shoup on May 27, 2001 in Keokuk, IA. He served in the U.S. Navy and did janitorial work for many years. He enjoyed fishing, camping & watching Nascar.

Tim is survived by: his wife: Amy Washburn of Fort Madison, IA; 3-children: Nikkea (Andron) Barnett of Keokuk, IA, Juanito Shoup of Hamilton, IL & Zachariah Washburn of Keokuk, IA; 3-grandchildren; 1-brother: Tommy (Barb) Washburn of Hamilton, IL; 3-sisters: Lorna (Mark) Swinderman of Hamilton, IA, Porsha (Barry) Anderson of Carthage, IL & Paula Hendricks of Keokuk, IA. He was preceded in death by his parents and 1-sister, Glenda Bown.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and no services are planned. Online condolences to Tim's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

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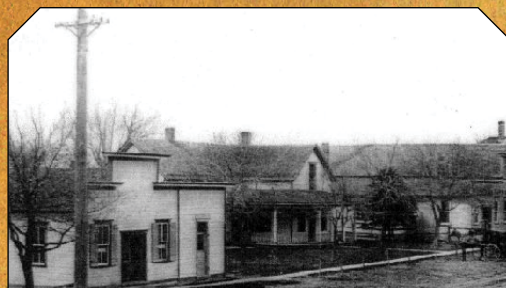
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Sports

HTC wins Mepo 4-team round-robin going 3-0

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MEDIAPOLIS – Holy Trinity survived an early scare from Class 3A No. 11 Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont to go 3-0 at the annual Mediapolis Invitational Thursday night.

The Crusaders, ranked 5th in Class 1A, took the first set from the Rockets in a tight match that saw ties at points 15-19. EBF took a three-point lead at 23-20 before they got a case of the yips and recorded three straight errors to let HTC close the gap.

Whitney Klyn recorded a kill to make it 24-23, but another defensive error tied things back up at 24. HTC's Natalie Randolph would score on an attack from the right side following a sideout by EBF. Molly Shaker would score on a crosscourt kill from the left, but then would go wide to tie things back up at 26. After a Rocket timeout, Reagan Holvoet and Mary Kate Bendlage would go to work on back-to-back kills to take the first set 28-26.

EBF would win the second set 25-21. HTC had recovered from a 5-point deficit at 9-14 to tie things up at 20, but the Rockets would close the set with a 5-1 run on some inaccuracies on the HTC side attacking.

The Crusaders would rally in the tiebreakers, never giving up the lead, after jumping out to a 3-1 advantage early on. EBF would fight back for ties at 3 and 4, but HTC would pull away with a 7-1 run with Teagan Denning scoring four of the points including an ace. Randolph would get the kill again from the right side down the line to wrap up the match 15-8.

HTC (26-8) would then roll past Fort Madison 25-15, 25-18, and knock off Mediapolis in the final match of the round-robin style event 25-6, 25-15.

Fort Madison lost to Mediapolis to open play 25-17, but then took the second set 25-21 due, in part to a quick start with Lauryn Helmick serving five straight to open up a 6-2 lead. Alaina Simpson had three kills in the run. Mediapolis wouldn't get closer than five at 19-14 before the Hounds ran away at 25-19.

Mediapolis would win the tiebreaker despite Fort Madison's 4-1 lead. A kill from Hanna Wagenbach closed the gap to 4-2 and then three Hound errors worked a tie at 5-5. The two would knot up again at 7 and then the Bulldogs would go on an 8-2 run for a 15-11 win to get the match.

The Hounds would fall to EBF 25-19, 25-16 to end the



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont's Whitney Klyn tries to push a shot over the outstretched hands of Reagan Holvoet (14) and Kassi Randolph (2). The Crusaders would knock off the Class 3A No. 11 Rockets 28-26, 21-25, 15-13.

night.

Simpson had 20 kills on the night for Fort Madison. Anna Lynk had 10 kills and five aces. Molly Knipe had six aces, 31 assists, and 22 digs, while Madison Pirri had 25 digs and served 12-13 with three aces.

Head Coach Kelly Knustrom said the Hounds had one of their better nights of the year staying in at least one set in all three matches.

"I felt like we just played really consistent. We've been working in practice on trying to win two of every three points. That's our mindset going into the post-season – not giving up a lot of points in a row. We did that tonight and I'm really proud of the girls for that," she said.

The Hounds open regional play Tuesday at Solon. Knustrom said the girls have progressed through the regular season.

"I think they have grown tremendously. I'm going to focus on the little victories," she said.

"One thing I noticed tonight is we let balls go out that were going out. In the beginning of the season we tried

to play everything. So little things like that they are doing very well that go unnoticed by a lot of people. Our timing is getting better and we're getting touches."

Freesmeier said the Crusaders were able to get Holvoet back fully Thursday night after an injury had sidelined her.

"She was there at Central Lee, where we worked her in sparingly, but she played well at the net tonight," Freesmeier said.

The wins were just what the Crusaders needed after Tuesday's loss at Central Lee.

"We just took one point at a time tonight. Got down 9-3 in set 1, but we never looked defeated. The girls were like, 'Let's go.' But Eddyville is a great team and they gave us a good start," Freesmeier said.

"I like what I saw tonight. We eliminated a lot of the errors while staying aggressive."

Holy Trinity traveled to Knoxville this weekend for a Saturday tournament before opening Class 1 Regional action Wednesday after getting a bye in the first round Monday night.

Lee County Health Department Flu Shot Clinics

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Tuesday, October 5
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8:30am-10:00am

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Sports

North Scott's big plays result in Hounds' second loss

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

ELDRIDGE – North Scott sent a message early to the Bloodhounds that District 4A-3 is a tough division to play football in.

Fort Madison gave up a touchdown on the Lancers' fourth play from scrimmage as the Hounds fell 35-0 to the top-ranked team in Class 4A on the road Friday night.

Head Coach Derek Doherty said for the past two weeks the Bloodhounds have not been technically sound and have had execution problems. Those issues surfaced early when North Scott quarterback Greyson Juel found senior wideout Jakob Nelson over the top of Mikey DiPrima for a 34-yard gain on 1st and 10 from the Lancers' 41.

Three plays later, Darnell Butler went in from five yards out to give North Scott a 7-0 advantage.

Fort Madison turned around and put together an impressive drive, going 15 plays and eating up much of the first quarter.

The Hounds would pick up five first downs and have the Lancers on their heels, highlighted by a Landes Williams to Gavin Wiseman 17-yard connection on 4th and 12 to the Lancers' 17. But a 4-yard loss on a Jakob McGowan sweep and then a 4-yard sack of Williams left the Hounds at 3rd and 14. Williams would roll to his left and throw into the endzone where Connor Karson picked it off and ran it back to the 17.

North Scott would be forced to punt on 4th and 4 from their own 43 on a good Hounds' defensive stand and Fort Madison would go back to work on another sustained drive. On 3rd and 8, Williams found Xander Wellman on the right side and Wellman would twist and spin his way for a nine yard gain and a first down.

In the next set, the Hounds would get whistled for two holding penalties and were looking at 3rd and 23. Williams would throw incomplete on the play forcing a Hounds' punt.

North Scott would take over at the 12 yard line after an illegal block penalty reduced the return. The Lancers were on the move in the next series, running nine plays and picking up three first downs to get to the Fort Madison side of the field at the 49.

Juel would complete a screen pass to the left, but DiPrima would wrap up Nelson and scrape the ball free. It sat on the ground for several seconds as DiPrima took Nelson out of the play. Linebacker Teague Smith picked up it and ran 44 yards the other way and was caught from behind at the Lancer 18.

But Fort Madison couldn't convert the turnover into points as they went minus 2 yards on three plays and brought in Wellman to try the field goal, but the kick was blocked and North Scott took over with 2:21 left in the half.

Butler would bust loose on the next play on a sweep right and go for 34 yards. Then Juel would find Nelson again for about 4 yards. He would then throw incomplete forcing a time out with less than a minute to go in the half. On 4th and 2, Oliver Hughes would get behind the Hounds' secondary for a 34-yard strike to the Fort Madison 15.

Juel would find Nelson in the back of the endzone over DiPrima on a timing route on the next play for a 14-0 lead. Fort Madison would take the kick and run one play before letting time run out in the half.

The Hounds kicked off to start the second half and forced a punt on the Lancers' first possession. But North Scott returned the favor and Wellman punted to the Lancers' 19 yard line. At 2nd and 3 from their own 45, North Scott took a timeout and three plays later they were in the endzone again, this time on a 45-yard pass to Nelson on a blown coverage as no one was within 20 yards when Nelson hauled in Juel's pass at about the 22 yard line.

Fort Madison couldn't get anything of substance going the rest of the way. North Scott would add two more scores, one a Juel 5-yard toss on 3rd and goal, and the final score came on Butler's 21 yard run with 6:16 left in the game.

The loss sets up a crucial matchup with Burlington at Bracewell Stadium next week. The Grayhounds beat Iowa City Liberty 20-18 in Iowa City on Friday. That leaves North Scott alone at the top of District 4A-3 play with no losses and Burlington with one loss. Iowa City Liberty and Fort Madison both have two losses and the top two teams automatically qualify for the post-season in 4A play. Williams shouldered most of the blame for the last two weeks.

"We've got to execute and I've got to be better. We've had two bad games, but we'll talk and hopefully pick up and execute again," he said.

"That will be a big game for us. It could be win or go home so we've got to get the guys together and get our heads right and compete to the final whistle to win that game next week."

Doherty said the Hounds just couldn't make the big plays and North Scott was able to do



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Above, the Bloodhounds' Tanner Settles chases down Lancer running back Darnell Butler in the second quarter Friday night. Below, Kane Williams (21) brings back a kick during the Hounds' 35-0 loss to North Scott.



that.

"We have to make plays. They made the deep catches and we dropped some and we over-shot targets and some of that may be to their credit in how they operate and scheme, but we did not hit on anything tonight," he said.

"We're way better than that, but the scoreboard shows something different."

To beat Burlington next week and have a shot at the post-season, Doherty said the Hounds have to find that full four-quarter ball game.

"We have to be technically sound for four quarters of football. We lose our coaching and kind of go rogue sometimes," he said.

"That first drive we were so keyed up we didn't tackle the way we teach tackling. We were leaving our feet. We chewed their butts a bit for that and then we played really good for a while. But dropping balls and dropping coverages are things you just can't do against a great football team.

"One week from right now we have to be executing. For two weeks in a row we've had execution problems and we just can't have it."

Williams was 9 of 21 through the air for just 51 yards. He had 18 yards on the ground on 13 carries. Jakob McGowan had 14 carries for 47 yards. Wellman led the Hounds in receiving with 24 yards on five catches.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
FORT MADISON
COMMUNITY SCHOOL
DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
October 18, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

Note: To view this meeting please see the link on the FMCSO Website Calendar or click on the link below

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Public Comments are welcome. They are limited to 3 minutes. Any member of the public who wishes to participate in public comments must be physically present at the meeting and follow the appropriate sign in procedures.

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AGENDA

- I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum
- II. Recognition of guests
- III. Reading of Foundation documents
- IV. Monthly communications

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- A. Student Rep Report: Tyler Horn & Kaylie McFadden
- B. Curriculum Corner: Trauma Champions
- C. "Did You Know?": Superintendent Goal Report
- E. District Presentations:
 - National School Safety Conference- Patrick Lamb, Nic Chiri, Josh Wykert

- Approve the agenda
- V. Consent Agenda
- A. Minutes
 - 1. September 20, 2021 Public Hearing
 - 2. September 20, 2021 Regular Meeting
- B. Financial reports
 - 1. September Balance Sheet
 - 2. Revenue Summary Report
 - 3. Expenditure Report
 - 4. Student Activity Report
- C. Accounts payable
 - 1. September General Account Board Bills for Approval
 - 2. October General Account Board Bills for Approval
 - 3. Student Activity Account Board Bills for Approval
 - 4. Nutrition Fund Board Bills for Approval
 - 5. American Express Board Bills for Approval
- D. Consider personnel resignations
 - 1. Julia Dennison, Food Service
 - 2. Ed Gutting, Food Service
 - 3. Dawn Linneman, Bus Associate
 - 4. Christine Mondon, Associate
 - 5. Carol Scott, Food Service
 - 6. Candice Smrt, Associate
 - 7. Tessa White, Food Service

- E. Consider employment of personnel
 - 1. Johnstun Recommendation to Hire
 - 2. Wilkerson Recommendation to Hire
 - 3. Sissel/Johnstun Recommendation to Hire
- F. Consider contract modifications

- G. Consider leave of absence
- H. Consider open enrollment requests
- I. Other reports
 - 1. Activity and athletic fundraisers
- Director (blank) and director (blank) seconded the documents submitted in the consent section of the agenda be approved and/or filed as submitted.
- VI. Action Items
 - A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services – Kim Harmon
 - 1. Consider approval of Contracted Services for Special Education Case Management
 - B. Superintendent – Erin Slater
 - 1. Consider FFA Request for Travel to National Convention in Indianapolis, IN Oct. 26-29, 2021
 - 2. Policy changes:
 - 103 Long-Range Needs Assessment - **ADOPT**
 - 103-R-1 Long-Range Needs Assessment - **ADOPT**
 - 103.1 Evaluation of the Board of Directors Operational Procedures - **DELETE**
 - 103.1-E-1 Board Self-Evaluation - **DELETE**
 - 103.2 Student Representation at Board Meetings - **DELETE**
 - 103.3 School District Goals - **DELETE**
 - 103.4 Recognition for Accomplishment - **DELETE**
 - 104-E-1 Harassment/Bullying Complaint Form - **DELETE**
 - 104-E-1 Complaint Form - **ADOPT**
 - 104-E-2 Peer Conflict Complaint/Resolution Form - **DELETE**
 - 104-E-2 Witness Disclosure Form - **ADOPT**
 - 106 Discrimination and Harassment Based on Sex Prohibited - **ADOPT**
 - C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager – Sandy Elmore
 - 1. Certified Annual Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

- 2. Special Education Supplement for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021
- 3. Annual Transportation Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2021
- 4. Resolution Fixing the Date of Sale, Approving Electronic Bidding Procedures and Approving Official Statement Preliminary Official Statement
- 5. Consider approval of Terracon Invoice
- 6. Consider approval of CANCO recommendation for Snyder & Associates bid for traffic study proposal: Snyder & Associates PSB&A
- VII. Discussion Items
 - A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services – Kim Harmon
 - 1. Fall Data
 - 2. Official Enrollment
 - 3. Building Instructional Tour
 - 4. Needs Assessment
 - B. Superintendent – Erin Slater
 - 1. Lee County Career Center
 - 2. Policies for Review only (Chronological)
 - 102 Equal Educational & Employment Opportunity and Non-Discrimination, Non-Harassment, Non-Retaliation
 - 102-E-1 Notice of Non-Discrimination
 - 102-E-2 Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Compliance Program
 - 102-R-1 General Grievance Procedure
 - 102-R-2 Title IX Grievance Procedure
 - 104 Anti-Bullying/Anti-Harassment Policy
 - 104-R-1 Anti-Bullying/Anti-Harassment Investigation Procedures
 - 600 Goals and Objectives of the Education Program
 - 601.1 School Calendar
 - 601.2 School Day
 - 602.1 Curriculum Development
 - 602.2 Curriculum Implementation

- 701.2 Transfer of Funds
- 4. Policies for Discussion (1st Quarter IASB)
 - 707.5 Internal Controls - changes; **recommend move to IASB model**
 - 707.5-R-1 Internal Controls Procedures - changes; **recommend move to IASB model**
 - 708 Care, Maintenance and Disposal of School District Records - changes; **rec.move to IASB model**
 - 903.2 Community Resource Persons and Volunteers - **new policy; recommend to adopt IASB model**
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 - 600.1 Instruction - Objectives - **ours only; recommend to delete**
- 6. American Education Week plan
 - C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager – Sandy Elmore
 - 1. Board Development (IASB Convention and November 1 work session)
- D. Board Member Attendance
- E. Certified Staff Attendance
- VIII. Comments from the audience
- IX. Legislative update
- X. Announcements
 - A. Monday, November 1, 2021, 6:00 p.m. Work Session
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Board of Supervisors
Agenda
DATE: Monday,
October 18, 2021
MEETING
CONVENING TIME:
9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
(CDT)
LOCATION:
933 Avenue H
Fort Madison, IA**

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Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Agenda
Public Input
Update on Lee County Resilient Communities Grant Project

Consider Approval of Lee County Disaster Mitigation Plan

Lee County Conservation Annual Report

Consider Approval of Training Agreement for Lee County EMS

Consider Approval of Contract with Medical Investigators

Consider Approval of Policy for Disclosure of Security Related Information

Consider Approval of Class C Liquor License for Keokuk HyVee Catering Rosas Wedding

Consider Approval of Monday, October 11, 2021 Board Minutes

Consider Approval of Claims

Personnel Actions:
A. New Hire-Health Department

B. New Hire-ARP A Manager/Grant Writer Commission or Committee Reports

Adjourn

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PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 10/5/2021

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, 10/5/2021, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Rink, Bowker, Schulz, Amandus, Cangas, Lair and Andrews (arrived at 5:38 P.M.) present.

On motion, Council approved the agenda. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 9/21/2021; Claims dated 9/30/2021 and September Manual Claims; Payroll of 9/24/2021; and Liquor License Renewal: Quicker Liquor, 1414 – 48th Street, effective 11/1/2021.

On motion, Council approved Ordinance No. D-076, rezoning 1501 – 39th Street from R-4, Single Family Residential, to B-4, Highway Business District. On motion, Council approved the second reading of an ordinance amending Title 9, Chapters 7 and 10, of the Fort Madison City Code, removing four stop signs on 15th Street and adding a no parking zone on the east side of 15th Street from Avenue E north to the City Limits. On motion, Council approved the second reading of an ordinance adopting the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Madison, 2021 aka “City Code”. On motion, Council approved the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 9, Chapter 10, “Stop, Yield Intersections”, of the Fort Madison City Code, as to make the northbound and southbound stop at 15th Street and Avenue E a four-way stop. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-54, accepting the submitted plat of survey and waiving subdivision requirements (Title 11 – Subdivision Regulations) for Richard Lovett, for property

located at 2336–259th Avenue, within two miles of City Limits.

On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a Management Agreement with the YMCA for the management of the City Swimming Pool. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a Professional Services Agreement with Solum Lang Architects, LLC, of Cedar Rapids, for the proposed fire station and public works facilities. Lair left the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

On motion, Council approved to provide the electric chargers at no charge for a period of 12

EXPENDITURES	
General	\$45,881.16
Special Revenue	245,583.80
Road Use	94,696.93
Capital	112,814.69
Water	66,030.30
Sewer	28,750.43
Solid Waste/IWC	4,206.21
Storm Water Util.	2,427.95
	\$600,391.47

REVENUES	
General	9/30/2021 18,717.59
Special Rev.	695,670.10
Road Use	170,917.04
Debt	803.97
Capital	17,173.84
Water	291,854.03
Sewer	305,822.28
Solid Waste/IWC	64,491.20
SW Utility	17,442.81
	\$1,582,892.86

CLAIMS - 10/5/2021

ABC FIRE EXTINGUISHER, EXTINGUISHER ANNUAL INSPECT	2,121.65
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING, PRINTER LEASE	900.85
ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC	27,587.12
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, PRINTER/BATTERIES/SPEAKERS	496.37
AMERICAN TEST CENTER, ANNUAL SAFETY INSPECTION	1,121.00
ANSER IOWA, ANSWERING SERVICE	197.00
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, UNIFORM	896.48
AUTOZONE, METAL SWITCH	27.05
BAIER FORD, BATTERY	114.15
BATES SANITATION & ASPHALT, PORT-A-POT-TIE RENTAL	430.00
BEN CORY BROWN, CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	444.05
BEST MOVE INC., MOVING FURNITURE	631.25
BLACKBURN MFG CO, PARTS	327.99
BRIAN S GREEN, CONFERENCE TRAINING	995.40
BURLINGTON MUNI WATER, BACTERIA SAMPLES	85.00

months to analyze the usage and cost. Discussion and possible action concerning electric car charge meters at Pen City Parking Lot. On motion, Council offered support and initial approval for the Fort Madison Pickleball Association to move forward with the construction of pickleball courts with final approval being made by appropriate city staff.

At 7:15 P.M., the meeting adjourned until October 19, 2021, at 5:30 P.M.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld,

Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

PAYROLL		9/24/2021
General		\$207,900.87
Emp. Benefits		5,346.50
Marina		159.95
Old Fort		4,058.70
Road Use		29,908.18
Tourism		1,085.67
Water		30,651.26
Sewer		33,516.37
Solid Waste		14,582.63
Airport		315.09
Storm Water		3,816.64
		\$331,341.86

CALHOUN-BURNS AND ASSOCIATION, PROF FEE - BROS SWAP	56,714.50
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CHAMBER DINNER	100.00
CHARGEPOINT, INC., ELECTRIC CHARGE STATIONS	24,264.00
CORE & MAIN LP, GAS-KET	194.32
CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY, REPAIRING WELL #9	8,323.00
CULLEN CONSTR. & EXCAVAT, ASBESTOS TESTING	582.00
CURE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, INC, NOVEMBER AGREEMENT	4,711.25
DARYL'S DETAILING, POWER WASHING CH	554.40
DATA SUPPORT COMPANY, MICROFIBER PADS	732.80
DAVE VRADENBURG, SCRAP/PAINT DEPOT	2,750.00
DAVE'S MARINE, FILTER/OIL/FLUSHER	67.14
DENNIS HINKLE, MARINA PROJECT CONSULTANT	864.54
DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY, SHEET PROTECTORS	127.50
DOUDS STONE, LLC, ROADSTONE	3,759.83
EASYPERMIT POSTAGE, POSTAGE	1,000.00

EBERT SUPPLY, TOWELS/TOILET PAPER	250.55
ENTENMANN-ROVIN CO., DOME BADGES	461.00
FARM & HOME SUPPLY, TRASH CAN	112.43
FASTENAL COMPANY, PARTS	182.38
FOREMOST PROMOTIONS, JUNIOR FIRE HATS	540.00
FORT MADISON WATER DEPT, WATER @ RV	67.74
GRAINGER, ANCHOR/FUSE/V-BELT	184.87
GREENWOOD CLEANING SYSTEM, CLEANER/TOWELS	393.28
HACH CHEMICAL CO., TESTING SUPPLIES	3,639.69
HOENIG TREE SERVICE INC, CLEAN UP LIMBS	2,375.00
HOWARD R GREEN COMPANY, PROF FEE - PARKING LOTS	497.71
HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE, METAL REPAIR	902.81
HY-VEE FOOD STORE, COLLECTION FEE	31.20
IDEAL READY MIX COMPANY, INC, CEMENT @ 22ND H	3,824.55
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RES., ANNUAL FEE	95.00
IOWA MUNICIPAL WORKERS, INSTALLMENT #4 - WORK COMP	7,159.00
IOWA STATE PENITENTIARY, AMERICAN CRUISE TOURS	1,965.00
J.P. COOKE COMPANY, PET TAGS/O RINGS	116.50
JETCO INC., SURGE PROTECTOR/PIGTAIL	141.30
JONATHAN LANGE, TRAINING	629.49
JONES CONTRACTING CORP, PAY EST #4 -	

PORT TRAIL 48	147,442.64
KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE, PARTS/RENTAL/SHIPPING	4,238.70
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES, INC, SAMPLE TESTING	1,874.80
KLINGNER & ASSOCIATES, P.C, PROF FEE - MARINA IMPROVE	50,013.61
LIBERTY UTILITIES, HEAT	54.12
LYNCH DALLAS P.C., PROF FEE - GENERAL	3,492.00
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, INC, SWEEPER PARTS	572.39
MADISON TURF & TIMBER CHAIN	7,772.00
MCFARLAND-SWAN OFFICE CEN, LINERS/GLOVES	344.99
MENKE PROFESSIONAL AUTO PA, REC HITCH	514.76
MID-IOWA SOLID WASTE EQUI, SWR CLEANING/PARTS	156.81
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, HEAT	440.20
MIGUEL LANDEROS, NUSIANCE	1,333.01
MOBOTREX, ANNUAL CMU TESTING	1,035.00
NFPA, STICKERS/MAGNETS/BANNER	173.75
NORRIS ASPHALT PAVING, RESURFACING	408.36
NSI SOLUTIONS INC., SNIPS	91.00
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS, PARTS	794.87
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY SOLUTI, HAZ MAT TRAINING	1,400.00
PARKVIEW VETERINARY CLINI, RENTAL FEE	1,350.00
PATRIOT DIAMOND, INC., BLADES	975.00
PDC TECHNICAL SERVICES, IN, PROF FEE - CLOSED LANDFILL	1,205.05
POHLPETER, BILLY,	

SAFETY BOOTS	139.09
QUARRY CREEK ELK AND BISON, CLOTHING ALLOW - L WILSON	70.20
RAMAKER & ASSOC. INC, CEMETERY SYSTEM SUPPORT	950.00
RATHBUN REG'L WATER ASSOC, WATER	28.09
SEITHER & CHERRY CO., CURB/GUTTER REPLACEMENT	35,321.98
SERVICE MASTER OF FORT MA, FLOOD DAMAGE CLEAN-UP	360.00
SHANE ZUMDOME, SAFETY BOOTS	145.00
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS-BURLINGT, DEPOT RENOVATION	80.34
STEWART AUTOMOTIVE, REPLACE BRAKE LINES	315.00
TESTAMERICA INC., SLUDGE TEST	302.40
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	252.50
U.S. CELLULAR, PHONES	1,537.17
UNITY POINT CLINIC, OCCUP DRUG/ALCOHOL TESTING	84.00
UPS, SHIPPING	25.77
USA BLUE BOOK, GLOVES/GLASSES	266.18
VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC, PROF FEE - 10TH ST COMB SWR	2,378.00
VISION CUSTOM SIGNS, SIGN FOR PICNIC TABLE	44.64
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED, CHEMICALS	14,047.17
GENERAL REVENUES	28,432.27
SPECIAL REVENUES	151,457.76
ROAD USE	77,213.22
CAPITAL PROJECTS	112,040.65
WATER	59,313.25
WASTEWATER	



Registered Nurse Hospice & Homecare

Lee County Health Department is seeking a full-time RN to work in the agency's hospice & home health care programs. Experience in completing comprehensive patient assessments and providing skilled nursing care based on patient's plan of care preferred. Skilled nursing home visits and patient care management responsibilities will be required. LCHD's operational hours are 8:00am-4:30pm Monday-Friday with each RN assigned an on-call rotation every 3rd to 4th weekend and limited evenings during the month. LCHD offers a team oriented work environment with competitive wages and excellent benefits. Please send resumes to Becky Fader, Program Manager, at bfader@leecountyhd.org or to LCHD, PO Box 1426, Fort Madison, IA 52627 by November 8, 2021. LCHD is an EOE.



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..... 12,214.66
 SOLID WASTE .. 3,451.57
 AIRPORT..... 169.40
 STORM COURT
 2,427.95
 TOTAL 446,720.73

MANUALS - SEPT 2021

ALLIANT ENERGY,
 ELECTRIC..... 42,584.80
 CENTURY LINK,
 PHONE/INTERNET
 183.78
 ELECTRONIC ENGI-
 NEERING, EARPHONE
 KIT 51.50
 GREG HOWARD, NUI-
 SANCE ABATEMENT
 500.00
 IOWA DEPT OF NATU-

RAL RES., STORM WA-
 TER PERMIT - AIRPORT
 700.00
 LIBERTY UTILITIES,
 HEAT 56.72
 MARY BERRY, OVER-
 CHARGED FOR CITY
 LOT..... 270.00
 POSTMASTER, FORT
 MADISON, WATER
 BILLS/PAST DUES
 1,679.80
 WELLMARK BC/BS,
 HEALTH INS..... 92,391.56
 WEX BANK, FUEL
 USAGE 15,252.58
 TOTAL 153,670.74
 GENERAL 17,448.89
 SPECIAL REVENUES
 93,188.90
 ROAD USE..... 17,483.71

CAPITAL PROJECTS
 774.04
 WATER..... 6,717.05
 WASTEWATER
 16,535.77
 SOLID WASTE 754.64
 AIRPORT..... 767.74
 TOTAL 153,670.74

**PUBLIC NOTICE
 ORDINANCE NO. D-076**

**AN ORDINANCE
 AMENDING TITLE 10
 "ZONING" OF THE
 FORT MADISON
 MUNICIPAL CODE BY
 CHANGING THE
 ZONING**

**CLASSIFICATION
 OF PROPERTY FROM
 R-4 SINGLE FAMILY
 DWELLING DISTRICT
 TO B-4, HIGHWAY
 BUSINESS DISTRICT**

Be it enacted by the
 City Council of the City of
 Fort Madison, Iowa:
 SECTION 1. The
 City Council of the City
 of Fort Madison does
 hereby amend Title 10
 "Zoning" of the Fort
 Madison Municipal Code
 by changing the zoning
 district designation on
 property at 1501 - 39th
 Street, from R-4, Single
 Family Dwelling District,

to B-4, Highway Business
 District, legally described
 as follows:

Lots Four (4), Five (5)
 and Six (6) in Block Six
 (6) of Oakland Addition to
 the City of Fort Madison,
 County of Lee, Iowa.

SECTION 2. All ordi-
 nances or parts of
 ordinances in conflict
 with the provisions of this
 ordinance are hereby
 repealed.

SECTION 3. If any
 section, provision, or part
 of this ordinance shall
 be adjudged invalid or
 unconstitutional, such
 adjudication shall not
 affect the validity of this

ordinance as a whole or
 any section, provision, or
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 invalid or unconstitutional.

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From the Front

Despite rough game, Kinnick was a welcomed return

KINNICK - Continued from Page 1

a half mile and found the parking garage.

Tourist.

As we drove over I thought about the humor of people and how it's the salve of who we are as Iowans, along with the Mississippi River loads of BUUSCH Light we drink.

'In heaven there is no beer, that's why we drink it here.' Go to Indianapolis, they love to tell the story of how we literally drank them out of Busch Light.

Anyway, at about 2 we left our perch on the concrete beachhead we found and started the 1/2 mile walk to Duke Slater Field.

About half way there, as I was slipping comfortably into my role as class clown with the niece and nephew, it was totally oblivious to me that we were just around the corner from the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. My daughter had died there about 19 months ago.

I saw the parking lot where we used to park and walk her across the street into a northern entrance. I took a couple deep cleansing breaths, cuz that always works – and my sister-in-law Susan must have picked up on something, or she just wasn't oblivious to what I was. I believe she was expecting what I wasn't, or even herself feeling what I, for a moment in the see of black and gold, had gently let slip from my mind.

Tears began to flow and I started making this noise that's just the physical pressure of someone trying to suppress emotion with all they have, but when I hear it coming from me own body, it breaks my heart. I couldn't do it and stepped into a grassy area and turned away from everyone. The group kept walking to the stadium, until I heard my brother humming some freakin' song as he walked up behind me and stood there. Waiting. After about a minute... "Need a beer?" and hands me one from the pocket of his hoodie.

A chuckle came from the blubbering and we resumed our walk across the street to the north side of Kinnick Stadium.

Despite this pandemic still killing people, I was comforted by the numbers in front of me. Iowans are some of the best people in the world.

The kids had seats in a different spot than ours. They're all four over 16 and we were fine letting the look for their own seats. We agreed on a meet-up spot after the game and headed to our seats on the 35-yard line about 25 rows up. Thanks, Tony!!!

As we went up the ramp, initially the wrong ramp, the sense of 65,000 people cheering for the same team hit me. That feeling you get walking up into this venue is something very unique. I've been to the Horseshoe in Columbus and Illinois' stadium in Champaign, the former Metrodome in Minneapolis and the last three ballparks in Cincinnati.

But very few things compare to walking into Kinnick Stadium, putting hand over heart for the anthem and then watching a Naval fighter wing, or in this case an Air-Force refueling tanker, big and bad, go flying overhead. You felt like you could reach up and grab it. Everyone ratchets up the love for those symbols of freedom...and power. The pilots were honored in the third quarter in the north endzone, where the peeled by the chests on their fighter gear to reveal black Hawkeye t-shirts...AND THE CROWD GOES WILD!

Settling in to our seats people immediately start engaging with you as kick off hits and we all instantly become the greatest coaches... and officials, not just in the Big 10, but... in the world.

"69s half way down the field," the dude behind me yelled at the officials. I mean he was yelling it on a pass play. I'm a ball watcher because in sports journalism you develop an instinct for watching the ball so you can regurgitate action.

He yelled it again... and then pointed. He was literally pointing at the offensive lineman to far down field and screaming "69 can't be downfield!"

I'm laughing because I'm pretty sure over the other 65,000 booing that David Bell had caught another pass off a bubble screen, this cat was helping the line judge try to see things.

But he was RIGHT! 69 can't be downfield. That's okay. We kinda got our wake up call as Hawkeye fans that we are not the second best team in the country, Here's how I know that. On 3rd down and 2 yards the Hawks decided it would be a good idea to let Spenser Petras tap the center's butt and go off his right side for a sneak. TWICE! It worked once but only a second surge at the line.

Now I am the self proclaimed greatest armchair quarterback in the country with the highest grade of 20/20 hindsight vision, but why in the cosmos would you not let West Lyon alum Monte Pottebaum run through the wall, either with the ball or leading the dude with the ball for the first down.

Or...invoke a little misdirection and maybe throw something the Boilermakers aren't suspecting. All I know is my brother was sure screaming for Pottebaum. I was arguing that getting Sam LaPorta tucked in just passed the front five for a dump pass might be a better option. I just like to see the ball in the air, I guess.

But I didn't like to see how many times the ball got in the air to Purdue's Bell, nor the Iowa staff calling defenses that gave this guy, one of the premiere receiver in the country, a 7- to 12-yard cushion on every snap. We've got a pretty

good defense, right. Get up there and hand fight with him for three or four yards to keep him engaged.

But that's all part of the fun. And even though Iowa "stubbed that toe" with a 24-7 stunning loss, a good time was had by all. Even those that walked out with folded arms shaking their head.

At the end of the first quarter my plan was to head down to the concourse for bottle of water and a snack, waving back at those kids is still very much akin to waving good-bye to Kelsey and brings tears whether I'm in Iowa City or in Fort Madison in front of the big screen. Instead of staring into those windows, one of which I knew was my daughter's former room, I looked back at the crowd and onto the field.

Everyone stood with helmets and hats off turning and waving. It is the single greatest moment in sports. All started by a social media post by some lady who thought it would be a great idea to waive as these children, peaking over the east side of the stadium, watch their Hawkeyes.

Tears came back, and just internally, I begged for the time to speed by.

Back to the game and testing my mind against that of Kirk and Brian Ferentz, and Phil Parker.

Aaaaaaa, what do I care, These guys are professionals and if we can't avoid the hiccup of a loss at home to a 2-3 squad, we still engage in the moments and say we were there.

It's not about the game today, but once again seeing some of the greatest fans on the planet go nuts about a flag on the field, or a broken coverage, or that Hawkeye sack.

But in spite of all that, it felt good to be in the company of the 'crazies'. Not of Duke's Cameron Indoor arena, which may have copyrighted the name "crazies", but I acknowledge that possibility and I choose to move on.

I ran into Gary and Lynn Hoyer, Jane Wentzien and Kara Morrow and they all high fived me on the way out. Gary – disappointed with the loss, and Lynn giddy about her pickleball demonstration today starting at 11 in Riverview Park.

"Where's Lee?" Lynn asked. "Home, still a tough place for her to be," I replied.

"You tell her I'm bringing her here. She can come with me. And don't forget to come play pickle ball tomorrow."

Did I mention pickleball in Riverview Park in a Sunday exhibition? The city is contemplating building six new courts on the former tennis courts at Victory Field.

I know the normalcy of being back at Kinnick after three years brought some pain in memory and in loss, on and off the football field.

But being with 65,000 people who I'm sure would give you a shoulder at anytime had built-in comfort. I even found three Payne Stewart garbbed duffers who came straight over from Finkbine Golf Course, but look like they came straight from Scotland. I snapped their picture because I thought THAT... WAS... AWESOME.

Straight off the links. Didn't get their names, just those outfits and Kinnick Stadium. A pretty good Saturday overall. Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Even sent that one to my bald superhero friend Chris Duerr at KHQA. He sent a smiley emogi with tears flying.

Indeed.

So, go watch some damn pickleball with Lynn Hoyer today at 11 a.m., did I mention Riverview Park? You might find Donna Amandus there, and she might hit you up for some money, and you might find RiverFest owner Charles Craft there and he may challenge you to a game (and he may clean your clock) – But that's all Beside the Point.

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Opinion

Historical house wall tells stories of slavery

Author's note: I ran this article in 2009. But upon rereading, I couldn't resist resubmitting it, doing a little editing of course.

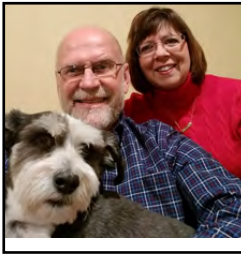
George A. Haven, of Chatfield, Minnesota was a different sort of man, not odd, but well educated, and a fellow who townsfolk might say, "walks his own path." He was president of the Root River State Bank, a contributor to the Root River Trail, and liked to travel—world travel. And in 1927, just a few years short of the Great Depression, anyone who made it out of Olmstead County was "unusual."

Not only did George Haven like to travel, he liked to collect mementos of the places and sights he had seen. For example, he shipped home a stone from King Tut's tomb, rocks from the Sea of Galilee, stones from the Great Wall of China, and the Parthenon at Athens. (Keep in mind, this was back in the early part of the Twentieth Century when regulations weren't so strict about memento collecting.)

George Haven was also passionate about local artifacts. He couldn't resist a stone from the Chatfield Academy dating back to 1858, the United States Land Office, Fort Snelling, the Sibley House, Alexander Faribault House,

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



the battlefield of Gettysburg, Fort Sumter, and Custer's Last Stand.

Of course, what to do with his ever-growing collection became a question, and a problem. George Haven hated to admit it, but the collection he was so proud of looked like any old pile of brick and rocks.

It came to him in a dream. He sat up in the middle of the night and said, "I will build a wall."

And so George Haven began to construct the wall in his backyard. He would come home from the bank and, slowly, one rock at a time, hand place each stone until darkness set in. The bulk of his rock was from a local quarry, and on this he used no mortar. Mortar

was only used to secure his precious mementos.

Why did George Haven build a wall? He had seen the Great Wall of China; he had read Robert Frost's poem, "Mending Wall." He did not want to keep his neighbors out or himself in. It was just that a wall, especially a stone wall, was so permanent, when most everything else was fleeting, including himself. More than a legacy, he did not want people to forget.

About half way through the project, which took 37 years, George Haven began to notice a darkness. Something was wrong. George Haven was going blind. Specialists at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota told him there was nothing they could do.

George Haven took the news with mixed emotions. After several months of brooding, he knew what he would do. He would finish the wall.

Night after night, stone after stone, George Haven worked on the wall. He could work until well after dark now, because he was completely blind. Sometimes he would smash a finger, and it would bleed, but stone after hand-fitted stone, George Haven worked on.

Neighbors and townsfolk would stop by to see how he was. Some of them would help George with his

wall.

And then George heard the good news. There was an experimental eye surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, and doctors were looking for volunteers. George immediately signed up.

The miracle happened. George Haven's eyesight was restored—not to twenty-twenty, but well enough to read.

There was one thing George wanted to see more than anything else. He wanted to see The Wall. Upon arrival home, he went directly to his wall.

He couldn't believe how beautiful and sturdy it was. He ran his hands over it, remembering every stone. The wall would last forever!

George Haven's wall still stands in Chatfield, Minnesota. It is 245 ft. long, and six to seven feet high. People often bring stones collected from around the world to add to George Haven's wall. George Haven is dead, but his wall lives on. The brick in the wall, pictured in this article reads, "Slave Mkt Charleston, S.C."

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