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Empty home gutted by fire



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Two unidentified Fort Madison firefighters were venting a roof at 3431 Avenue O Thursday morning. The home caught fire as a result of a furnace issue in the crawl space and did about \$40,000 in damage.

FIRES: FMFD tackles second structure fire in city in under 24 hours

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison firefighters have had a busy stretch as a second home was heavily damaged by fire Thursday morning.

Firefighters were called to 3431 Avenue O shortly after 9 a.m. for a fire that had broken out near a furnace in a crawl space of the home.

The building was an unoccupied rental unit owned by James and Connie Brown who live next door to the west.

Fire Chief Joey Herren said the origin of the fire was a furnace in the crawl space, which caused smoke to get throughout most of the structure.

“We had smoke leaking out of every orifice of that house,” Herren said “That makes you worry about what’s going on.”

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HOUSE DISTRICT 100 RACE

Bowker to challenge Graber for House seat

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Another sitting Fort Madison Councilperson has announced intentions to run for higher office.

Fort Madison 1st Ward Councilwoman Rebecca Bowker announced Thursday morning that she will be challenging Martin Graber (R-Fort Madison) for the newly created 100th District, covering most of Lee County.



BOWKER

Bowker was elected to the City Council in 2019 and said she wants to continue to serve the people of Fort Madison, and Lee County, at the state level.

Bowker, a Democrat, said she had been approached by the Lee County Democrats earlier to run for the seat, but had some personal things to get buttoned down before making the decision.

“I’m proud to announce my campaign for House District 100,” Bowker said.

“In 1995, I made the move to Fort Madison as a single mom with my two year old son in tow. Those first years were a challenge as I tried to provide the best home I could without any support system. However, as my son grew, life became a little easier. I made contacts, volunteered in the community, and found a routine to life that made earlier hardships distant memories. Now I want to serve that community in the State House and fight for working parents like me.”

She said the politics of the GOP on the national, state, and local levels just don’t work for Iowans.

“When we scaled back the rights of

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CLASS 3A NO. 1 BLOODHOUNDS

Fort Madison survives tough test in Fairfield

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FAIRFIELD – The chant from the wayward Fairfield student section was “over-rated”, but the reality was Fairfield gave No. 1 Fort Madison a usual down-to-the-buzzer battle at Fairfield High School Thursday night.

The Hounds fought back a fierce rally by the Trojans to hang on for a 57-54 win in



DAVIS



DEAR

3A AP poll, improves to 14-0 on the year and stays perfect in Southeast play at 7-0, just a half a game in front of Washington

Southeast Conference boys action.

Fort Madison, sitting atop the Class

(6-1), the No. 2 team in the state in 3A.

“I told the guys in the locker room, that environment there tonight, the hostility, the noise, the gettin-everybody’s-best is what we’re gonna have the rest of the year,” said Head Coach Ryan Wilson.

“We’re home on Saturday, but we’re going to go to Burlington on Monday and it’s going to just as bad – and it’s going to be loud.

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FRI 28 Jan.....Partly Cloudy & Cold, 18° F/ 9° F
SAT 29 Jan.....Scattered Clouds, 32° F/ 11° F
SUN 30 Jan.....Scattered Clouds & Cold, 28° F/ 21° F

IOWA LOTTERY

LOTTO AMERICA 01/26.....18 22 23 29, Star Ball: 2, All Star Bonus: 2
LUCKY FOR LIFE 01/26.....10 11 15 18 22, Lucky Ball: 3
PICK 3 01/26 MIDDAY.....177
PICK 3 01/26 EVENING.....8 3 8
PICK 4 01/26 MIDDAY.....7 3 8 0
PICK 4 01/26 EVENING.....5 5 2 9
POWERBALL 01/26.....4 11 38 49 69, Powerball: 16, Power Play: 3

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

DOROTHY R. BARNES

Dorothy Rosalie Barnes, age 91, of Keokuk, passed away on January 27, 2022 at the Montrose Health Center in Montrose, Iowa. She was born May 4, 1930 in Keokuk to Earl and Frances Barnes.



BARNES

Dorothy shared her love through cooking and sewing. She baked and delivered holiday-themed frosted sugar cookies to local Veteran and nursing homes and sewed lap blankets for Veteran homes. She was famous for her homemade noodles which she made regularly to give as a gift to family and friends.

Dorothy worked in the Dietary Department at Graham Hospital and the Heritage Center where she was known for the tasty meals she planned and cooked with many asking her to return after she retired. She was also a long-time member of the American Legion Lady's Auxiliary and volunteered regularly.

Dorothy is survived by many nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, six brothers, and three sisters.

A graveside service will be held on Monday, January 31, 2022 at 1:00 PM at Oakland Cemetery, 1802 Carroll Street, Keokuk. All friends and family are invited to attend. A celebration of life luncheon will be held at a later date. Dorothy specifically requested no flowers; in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Keokuk American Legion Lady's Auxiliary or to the charity of choice.

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

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

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OBITUARIES

JACQUELINE "JACKIE" SLOWICK

Jacqueline "Jackie" Slowick, 73, of Nauvoo, Illinois, passed away at 7:15 a.m. Saturday, January 22, 2022 at her home.



SLOWICK

Jackie was born June 14, 1948 in Peoria, Illinois, the daughter of Robert T. and Harriet N. (Wertz) Foy.

Jackie worked at the Nauvoo Cheese Factory in Nauvoo for many years.

Survivors include three children: Kerry (Mark) Seigfried, Thomas M. Slowick, Brian J. Slowick, five grandchildren: Amber, Brittany and Courtney Slowick and Hailey and Hannah Seigfried and one great-grandson: Denver Allman. Also surviving are two sisters: Junine (Ben) Harmon of Lake Forest, Illinois and Janice Snyder of Grays Lake, Illinois; one niece: Heather Mraz; two nephews: Edward and Paul. She was loved and will be missed dearly by all of her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother-in-law: Mike Snyder and one nephew: Vinnie.

Cremation has been entrusted to Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home of Nauvoo. No service are planned at this time.

To leave a tribute for the family, please visit Jackie's obituary at sbbfuneralhome.com.

KATHRYN M. "KAY" PERRY

Kathryn Margaret "Kay" Perry, 85, of Dallas City, Illinois, passed away at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at the Memorial Hospital in Carthage, Illinois.



PERRY

Kay was born September 16, 1936 in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of Frederick and Katherine (Kensett) Morrow. On November 17, 1956 she married Jack E. Perry in Keokuk.

She was a member of the Durham United Methodist Church.

Kay was born and raised in Keokuk IA. and a graduate of the Keokuk High School. She had many jobs in her life including raising her 5 children. In the early 70's Kay managed the Italian Village Restaurant and was also actively involved in many community events in Dallas City including; Planned Progress, the annual Dallas City Tomato Festival, instrumental in establishing the new elementary grade school and was a former Cub Scout Den Mother to name just a few. Kay was also known as a great baker in the local area making her homemade sweet rolls. Later in life she found her true passion in antiques and collectibles and from this passion, she formed her business, Kays Antiques and Things. She set up in Antique malls throughout SE Iowa and was well known at the Mt. Pleasant Old Threshers and What Cheer Flea Market in What Cheer, IA. Among other things that Kay enjoyed were reading books, playing cards, solitaire, and all the preparations and activities associated with the Christmas holidays with her family. Kay and her husband Jack were frequent swimmers at the YMCA in Ft. Madison, IA and enjoyed spending time with all their friends having coffee afterwards. She will be greatly missed.

Survivors include five children: Jim (Natalie) Perry of Effingham, Illinois, John (Teresa) Perry of Fort Madison, Iowa, Jenny Patten of St. Charles, Missouri, Jeff (Heidi) Perry of Spring Hill, Tennessee and Jason (Cheryl) Perry of Fort Madison; ten grandchildren: Renee (Jason) Kihne, Ashley (Mike) Janis, Jamie (Matt) Jones, Johnna (Danny) Boggess, Joshua Perry, Jarod (Karree) Patten, Julia (Luca) Patten, Rebekah Perry, Jake Perry and Jillian Perry and fourteen great-grandchildren: Kaleb, Gabe, Cory, Max, Owen, Maelynn, Maverick, Jenna Kay, Alyssa, Isabella, Madison, Samantha, Amelia and Lincoln. Also surviving is one brother: Vernon (Nancy) Morrow of Burlington, Iowa; one brother-in-law: Donald Arnold and three sister-in-laws: Janice Morrow, Judy Jahnke and Linda (Jerry) Skiles along with many nieces and nephews and her many care providers at the Heritage House and Hancock County Home Health Department in Carthage.

Kay was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Jack; one sister: Carolee Arnold; one brother: James Morrow and one niece and nephew.

The funeral service for Mrs. Perry will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 30, 2022 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City with Rev. Jim Clayton officiating. Burial will follow in Harris Cemetery, near Dallas City.

The visitation with the family will be from noon until time of service Sunday at Banks & Beals in Dallas City.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established to help local charities. Contributions may be made to the Kathryn Perry Memorial Fund. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit Kay's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

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OBITUARIES

MARIA L. HELLWEG

Maria L. Hellweg, 35, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 4:10 PM at the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics.



HELLWEG

She was born on January 4, 1987 in Ft. Madison to Terry Strah and Linda Bohnenkamp. On June 5, 2010 she married Cody Hellweg in the Lake of the Ozarks. Maria was a homemaker and loved every moment of caring and spending time with her family. She enjoyed camping, cooking and making crafts, especially tie blankets and doing anything with her kids.

Survivors include her husband, Cody Hellweg of Ft. Madison; her children, Cadence, Alexis, Kylie and Cash Hellweg all at home; her father, Terry (Beverly) Strah of New London; her mother, Linda Bohnenkamp of Ft Madison; two brothers, Tyler Strah of New London and Ryan Strah of Burlington; several aunts, uncles and cousins including James, Joshua and Jody Bohnenkamp whom she considered brothers. She was preceded in death by her Maternal and Paternal grandparents.

Friends may call after 2 PM on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will meet with friends from 4-6:30 PM. A rosary will be recited at 3:30 PM prior to the family visitation. The funeral service will be held on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 11 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Joseph Phung officiating.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in her memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

Fire smolders throughout the day

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Firefighters had the blaze under control quickly, however, and were on the scene until about 12:30 p.m. Lee County EMS Ambulance and Fort Madison Police were on the scene to assist. Herren put out an all-shift call for the fire.

He put the damage at about \$40,000 and said he didn't know if the structure would be considered a total loss.

"The fire burnt the floor joists and some rafters in the roof, but sometimes it's just a toss up as to whether they can fix them or not," he said.

According to Lee County Treasurer records, the home is valued at \$62,000.

It is the second home in two days that's been severely damaged. Firefighters worked on a structure fire in the 1600 block of Avenue L on Wednesday afternoon. That home was considered a total loss and was uninsured.

OBITUARIES

GEORGE K. BROWN

George K. Brown, 67, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa died Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at the Henry County Health Center, Mt. Pleasant. He was born March 7, 1954, a son of



BROWN

Laborn and Ruby Faye (Atwell) Brown. He married Julie Ilmberger, they had two children, Amanda and Ryan. They later divorced.

George attended Fort Madison High School. He served in the United States Army. For years he worked at Fruehauf as a certified welder.

He earned his Computer Science Degree from Southeastern Community College. He worked at Dodd Printing and then moved to Kansas City where he worked in IT at Gateway 2000. George was a die hard Chicago Cubs fan, he shot pool, and did wood-working. He loved cooking and grew vegetables in his garden and shared them with family and friends. George loved his family especially his grandkids.



He is survived by his daughter, Amanda Brown of Mt. Pleasant; three siblings: Wesley (Violet) Brown of San Antonio, Texas; Judy Rotchford of Havelock, North Carolina; and Deborah Armstrong of Donnellson, Iowa; three grandchildren: Samantha, Dani, and Van Crawford and their father, Jeremy; nieces and nephews; his former wife, Julie, and husband, Steve Long; and numerous other relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Ryan, five siblings: Liz, Karen, Roger, Seldon, and Steve; and his dog, Girlfriend.

His family will greet friends from 4:00 - 6:00 pm Friday evening, February 4, 2022 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Donations to help cover his cremation services may be made out to and mailed to Barr Memorial Chapel, 1919 Ave F, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Brown family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
December 20, 2021**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Office Building on Monday, December 20, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Rick Larkin, Ron Fedler and Garry Seyb. Rich Harlow was present by phone but having technical difficulties.

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

At 9:05 a.m. the Board went into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 (c). Present in the closed session were Attorney Stephen Ort, Sheriff Stacy Weber, Supervisors Larkin, Fedler and Seyb and Auditor Denise Fraise. At 9:15 a.m. a motion was made by Fedler and seconded by Seyb, to end the closed session. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to accept the proposed settlement of an inmate's lawsuit against the County in the amount of \$50,000 in insurance proceeds. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Larkin-aye and Fedler-aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to re-appoint Vic Conlee to

the Veteran Affairs Board for a three-year term ending June 30, 2024. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve Resolution #2021-129. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Larkin-aye, Fedler-aye.

Resolution #2021-129

Setting Public Hearing for Purpose of Approving 2020 Voting Precinct Boundaries

WHEREAS, after a federal decennial census, each county must review its voting precinct boundaries to see whether boundaries comply with current laws;

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of Supervisors has established a Temporary Redistricting Commission;

WHEREAS, the Temporary Redistricting Commission has met and have established the following voting precincts in Lee County:

Fort Madison Ward 1
Fort Madison Ward 2
Fort Madison Ward 3
Fort Madison Ward 4
Fort Madison Ward 5
and Madison Township
Keokuk Ward 1
Keokuk Ward 2
Keokuk Ward 3
Keokuk Ward 4
Keokuk Ward 5
Keokuk Ward 6
Keokuk Ward 7
Cedar, Franklin, Harrison, Marion Townships and Cities of Donnellson, Franklin, Houghton, St Paul Charleston, Des Moines, Van Buren Townships Green Bay, Denmark, Pleasant Ridge

Townships

Jackson Township
Jefferson Township
Montrose Township and the City of Montrose

Washington Township
West Point Township and City of West Point

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lee County Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing to accept comments from the Public on the proposed precinct boundaries. The Public Hearing will be held,

Monday, January 3, 2022 at 9:15 a.m. in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison, Iowa. Members of the public may offer oral or written comments prior to and at the Public Hearing. Members of the public are allowed to present an alternative plan.

Approved this 20th day of December, 2021.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Rick Larkin, Member and /s/ Garry Seyb, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve a contract with Sidwell for GIS Maintenance Services. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve a 28E Agreement with the Iowa State Penitentiary Food Service for inmate meals at the Jail beginning January 1, 2022 at a cost of \$3.25 per meal. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Seyb, to approve five tax abatement

resolutions. Roll call: Larkin-aye, Seyb-aye and Fedler-aye.

**RESOLUTION
NO. 2021-130**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: David and Dianna Sheppard 2394 255th Avenue Fort Madison IA 52627

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, 3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of December, 2021.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Rick Larkin, Member and /s/ Garry Seyb, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
NO. 2021-131**

WHEREAS, the Board

of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Clinton and Samantha Richers 1593 353rd Avenue Wever IA 52658

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, 3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of December, 2021.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Rick Larkin, Member and /s/ Garry Seyb, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
NO. 2021-132**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Ian and

Jeanna Orton 1198 280th Avenue West Point IA 52656

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, 3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of December, 2021.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Rick Larkin, Member and /s/ Garry Seyb, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
NO. 2021-133**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Kelly Heinold 1346 303rd Avenue Wever IA 52658

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, 3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of December, 2021.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Rick Larkin, Member and /s/ Garry Seyb, Member.

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Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-134

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Matthew Abel 3024 Timberlane Drive Fort Madison IA 52627

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, 3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of December, 2021.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Rick Larkin, Member and /s/ Garry Seyb, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve the Monday, December 13, 2021 Board minutes. Fedler abstained from voting on the minutes because he was not in attendance at the meeting held on the 13th, therefore there were not enough votes to approve the minutes.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve the payment of claims. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Seyb, to approve a step increase for Scott Edwards, Supervising Maintenance Tech, from \$22.51/hr. to \$23.11/hr., effective 1/1/22, a step increase for Erica Lambert, Accounting Tech II in the Auditor's Office, from \$19.68/hr. to \$20.22/hr., effective 1/1/22, a step increase for Kimberly Spear, Accounting Tech II in the Auditor's Office, from \$19.68/hr. to \$20.22/hr., effective 1/1/22 and a promotion for Nikki Sug-

ars, from part-time VA Administrator \$18.00/hr. to VA Director \$42,000.00/annually, effective 1/1/22. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the month of November 2021.

Committee Reports: Seyb reported on an ARPA Committee meeting and an Empowering Families Committee meeting.

Fedler reported on a Juvenile Detention Board meeting, an 8th Judicial Commission meeting and a RUSS Board meeting.

At 9:40 a.m. a motion was made by Harlow, seconded by Seyb, to adjourn. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Matt Pflug, Chairman Attest: Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor

Claims paid December 20, 2021

Nxt Deg Comm, sv	184.54
A Abueg, sv	150.00
Access Enrgy, sv	990.66
Ace Hardware, sply	161.69
AgriLand, fuel	406.72
AgriLand, sv	41989.37
Airgas USA, sply	152.60
Alliant Energy, sv	5716.01
Animal House, mtrl	44.10
Artistic Clnrs, unif	25.90
Axon Entrp, edu	375.00
J Baier, sv	27799.99
Bates Sntatn, sv	600.00
K Belmonti, sv	535.30
Blessing Hlth, sv	265.00
Bound Tree Med, sply	4508.05
Ray Bradley, sv	130.00
Brookes Publ, mtrl	945.00
CenturyLink, sv	62.08
Clerk/Dist Crt, sv	7.28
Commerce Bank	
4IMPRINT, Shirts	1692.99
Access Systems, cntrct	230.24
Adobe, rmwl	205.66
Amazon, sply	11717.20
American Airlines, tkts	512.39
Americana, meal	92.02
Americinn, hotel	448.00
Amtrak, tkct	155.00
AMZ Hornblasters, air horn	1781.99
Applebees, meal	26.49
B2B Prime, prime	179.00
Casey's, fuel	540.52
CBI Winzip, sftwr	53.45
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From the Front

Adversity rears head in fourth quarter of win over Trojans

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Everybody's gunnin' for you."

It was the Miles Dear and Dayton Davis show for most of the night. The two combined for all of Fort Madison's points in the first half with the exception of a Reiburn Turnbull bucket that capped a 15-3 run toward the end of the first half. Dear and Davis combined for 27 first-half points with Dear scoring 10 in the first quarter and Davis heating up in the second with 11.

The Hounds jumped out to a 12-8 first quarter lead on Dear's 3-ball with 4:04 left in the first quarter. Fairfield would come back to tie the game at 14 on a Max Wheaton put-back in the paint. A 3-ball from Turnbull at the buzzer popped up off the back of the iron and didn't fall.

J.J. Lane scored to open the second for the Trojans and, after Matt Hopper's 3-pointer from the right baseline came up short, Lane answered with a three from the top of the key to give Fairfield a 5-point lead.

Dear and Davis keyed a momentum swing and carried Fort Madison to an 11-0 run through the second for a 25-19 lead. Tate Allen stopped the shift with a 3-pointer to cut the lead to three before Davis and Turnbull scored back-to-back to make it a 7-point game before Lane converted a couple freethrows and Hunter Cecchini scored on a floater in the lane to make it 29-26 game at the half.

Dear opened the third with five straight points and then Fort Madison would miss its next six shots from the field. Fortunately for the Hounds, a couple turnovers and 2-of-7 shooting from Fairfield kept the lead at about five.

Davis shot a chilly 55% from the freethrow line. Fairfield picked up on the trend and went into a special Hack-A-Dayton scheme and sent the senior to the freethrow line 14 times in the final 10 minutes where he went 4-of-11 giving Fairfield several chances to get back in the game.

The ploy worked and the Trojans cut the lead to just one at 41-40 when Sam Wheaton scored, got fouled in the paint, and converted the 3-point play.

A pivotal exchange for the Bloodhounds came when Turnbull spun around Wheaton on a Davis errant freethrow and gobbled up the rebound for a putback to give Fort Madison a 3-point lead.

Tate Johnson would get a steal in the Trojans' next possession, race to the Hounds' end, and miss a layup, but Turnbull again scraped off the shot and scored to put Fort Madison up by five.

Fairfield would cut the lead to just one three times in the final 2:45 seconds. Lane pulled up from three and got bumped by Davis on the errant shot. Lane would convert two of the three freebies to leave Fort Madison up by one at 53-52 with :46 left.

Dear would take the throw in after a Fairfield time out and slice into the lane for a scoop shot drawing a foul off Ryan Higgins. Dear would complete the three-point play for a 56-52 lead.

Tate Allen would score at the other end after a Fairfield timeout with :14 left. Dear would be quickly fouled on the inbound with :15 seconds to play. He missed the first end of the one-and-one but converted the bonus for a 57-54 lead.

Fairfield called another time out to set the halfcourt and got two decent looks at a 3 to tie, but Lane's final shot at the buzzer came up short of the rim.

Wilson said Davis and Dear were the leaders the team needed again, but Turnbull's timely buckets were also a key to preserving the win.

"This is what leaders do. They step up and make some plays and knock down some free-throws. We could've knocked down a few more to make things a little easier," Wilson said.

"These guys have worked their butts off all the way back to fourth grade in these kinds of environments and these kinds of situations. Miles just stepped up at the end and made some freethrows and got the game for us."

Davis said the idea of losing the perfect season was in his head.

"I felt like it was possible that we could lose at the end of the game, but I was also thinking positive like we were going to pull it through. Last year's buzzer beater loss was going through my head and then I thought overtime could happen, but I had to stay positive and get through the game," Davis said.

"But I didn't play very good. The freethrow line killed me,"



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Fort Madison's Dayton Davis looks for room in the lane as he slips around Fairfield's Ryan Higgins. Davis finished with 26 points on the night to lead Fort Madison.

Dear said he likes to play in the crazy environments like Fairfield in big games.

"I personally like that environment. I think it elevates my game. I would rather have a crowd that's loud rather than everyone just sitting there," Dear said.

He said in clutch times, his time on the court has him prepared for big games.

"We have confidence in those times. I know the work I've put in and I know in the clutch I'm built for that."

Davis said down the stretch he was trying to get inside to the basket and push Wheaton, who was playing with four fouls for the final four minutes.

"We just wanted to back him down and put pressure on him. When he got the fourth foul he got off me a bit and I was able to do some more things," the senior said.

Davis finished with 26 points on the night, including a 10-for-18 night at the freethrow line. Dear finished with 23, and Turnbull had eight.

The Hounds host Notre Dame at 5:30 p.m. Saturday and then travel to Burlington for a showdown with the Grayhounds at Johannsen Gym on Monday night in a weather-related makeup. Burlington is 5-1 in the Southeast and 10-6 overall. After Burlington, the Hounds travel to Washington in what is shaping up to be a clash of the No. 1 and 2 teams in 3A. The Demons are 13-2 on the year with losses to Ottumwa and Fort Madison.



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Sports/From the Front

Lady Hounds avenge loss to Trojans

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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FAIRFIELD – It took Fort Madison’s girls basketball team 36 minutes to score just 34 points Thursday night. The fortunate side of that story for the Hounds is that Fairfield only scored 28 points in the same time period.

The two squads ran into a 25-25 tie at the end of regulation in Fairfield, but Fort Madison was able to pull away in an extra 4-minute OT period for the upset over the hosts.

A strong defensive effort from both teams kept the scoring down and a combined three offensive rebounds in the first half was the story in a 17-15 Fort Madison lead at halftime.

Senior Malarie Ross had nine points at the half and junior Camille Kruse had four.

In the second half, Fort Madison shot just 1-12, but Ross went to the freethrow line 18 times and converted 13 to finish the night 17-22 with 22 points.

The fact that the Lady Hounds only managed one field goal in the final 2 1/2 quarters didn’t seem to phase Head Coach Tony Sargent.

He said he’s not sure if he would’ve believed his team would have come away with the win on the road, while only converting one shot from the floor in the second half – a runner in the lane from Aija Jenkins in overtime to give Fort Madison a 26-25 advantage.

Fairfield went to a spread man-to-man defense in the final four minutes and chased Ross and Camille Kruse all over the perimeter. But the two were able to protect the ball and move the offense around enough to

draw fouls and get to the line.

Sargent said he was expecting the tight man scheme.

“They played man-to-man on us last time we played them,” Sargent said of the Hounds’ 46-38 loss to the Trojans in Fort Madison.

He said the Lady Hounds kind of got in their own way in the spread offense.

“There’s times when (Ross) has got it and we’ve got girls cutting in the lane and plugging it up too much instead of staying out wide and giving it room,” Sargent said.

“But I’m proud of the kids because they gutted it out. Sometimes you play ugly and win and sometimes you play pretty and lose. This was an ugly one.”

Ross made two freethrows with 1:57 left in the game to tie things up at 25 after trailing since early in the third period. However, Ross would miss two freethrows with :14 left in the game to potentially win it.

She said the misses bothered her going into overtime.

“For a second it did, but I knew I had to snap back into it or else we weren’t going to get the game,” Ross said. “Just think positive – next shot, next shot.”

She said the tenacious defense is what kept the Hounds from scoring, but she knew if the Hounds could play solid defense on the Trojans’ side there was a chance to win.

“Basketball is a two-way game. If you said we’re going to make one field goal in the second half, but then say we’re going to play knockdown defense, I’d tell you we have a chance to win,” she said.

Ross’ 17-22 night at the freethrow line will help pad her already top spot in freethrows in the state. She also leads in freethrow attempts.

Bowker has deep history of community service, activism

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public workers in Iowa, that had a huge impact on workers. We need to raise the wages of teachers and take better care of them. We need to have the backs of our prison workers and law enforcement officers. And I’m sorry, but a \$1,000 bonus just isn’t enough,” Bowker said.

She said she hopes Democrats aren’t in the minority after the 2022 elections, but said if that is the case, she said Democrats can gain traction at the State House by working across aisles to advance platforms that are good for Iowans as a whole.

“There are good people in the Republican party. We need to find ways through the disparity and reach across the aisles to get things done for all Iowans.”

Bowker is the Executive Officer at Iowa State Penitentiary in Fort Madison and is also a very visible volunteer working to beautify Fort Madison, serving on the Fort Madison Housing Authority, and helping craft the Fort Madison Marina project. She also serves on the Historic ISP Non-Profit Executive Board.

Bowker grew up in rural Wisconsin in a working class family before relocating to Fort Madison to find new opportunities in order to provide her son with the best future possible. She said she recognized the value of education and decided to go back to school, taking college classes at night as well as online, while working full-time.

During that time, Bowker also was heavily involved in her son’s activities to include coaching and refereeing soccer. She has worked in the community for a local financial institution and now works for the Iowa State Penitentiary as the Executive Officer.

“I know what it’s like to work hard to support your family,” added Bowker. “And so do the families in House District 100. They deserve to have someone who’s going to work just as hard for them in the State House, putting aside divisive politics and working to deliver on the issues that matter most to them – issues like making quality healthcare more affordable, funding our public schools, and fighting to raise the minimum wage to make sure workers get paid what they deserve.”

She has two sons and spends her free time reading, running, and riding her bike enjoying the outdoor beauty of Lee County.

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