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Wright says family taught him time as important as money

Editor's Note: The following is a series of Monday stories looking at people who were raised in this area and now have made a life and impact here.

in Fort Madison raising his family and

tized him to southeast Iowa. He left work in professional baseball after

and my family so much. Not financially, but more of the aspect that we were able to do so much with youth sports and community organizations," he said. "Being raised in a Christian home we learned the value of relationships and fellowship. Mom was a homemaker and the glue to the family, but seeing our father out there with the Lions track meet (now the George Wright Memorial), and his work as an attorney and helping people for free and working with the booster club. He taught me the value of giving back. I'm not the one with a lot of money to give, I do where I can, but I have time."

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - When one thinks of families that give as good as they get, the name Wright is just one of many, many in Fort Madison that comes to mind. A name, again among many, that is becoming generational and helping Fort Madison stay viable and grow as a community. A tradition, that Brian Wright says, came to him from his mom and dad.

Wright is the youngest of five children born to George and Sandra Wright and the only one born in Fort Madison as the family moved from Des Moines in 1968 to start a partnership with Bill Napier, George's college and law school buddy. Brian's oldest sibling is ris from Des Moines; John, who is a sitting district judge in southeast Iowa; Tom, a teacher in the Baltimore school system and Doug, a construction worker in the Denver area.

Wright grew up in Fort Madison hanging out at Old Settlers Park, living on the east side of town and playing ball with kids like Jamie Decker and Paul Schulte on the ball field at the park and riding bikes around town.

"Paul and Jamie, and Ryan Bowen and other kids, we all played together since fourth grade in Y sports and AAU and that sort of thing. That's the thing about small town

values. Ryan grows up and goes onto play in the NBA, never forgets where he's from, and his foundation gives to many worthwhile efforts here locally," Wright said. "He may not live here, but you can feel his impact here and his parents still live here and continue to give back to the community."

It's lessons like that have Wright here

continuing to give of his time to local efforts, including sitting as 2nd Ward City Councilman.

Brian graduated from Fort Madison High School in 1994 and then headed to Valparaiso University where

he played baseball and graduated with a degree in business and public relations in 1998.

Wright then went onto work in the Cincinnati Reds organization in places like Louisville, Ky., and Phoenix, Az. Two attractive towns to a young man out of college, but Wright said his upbringing in Fort Madison has always magne-

cessful careers in pharmaceutical sales and was in that field for about 12 years before joining Rashid Pharmacy in a PR capacity.

"I wanted to move back to town because having those small town values of work ethic, family, just being part of a community that afforded me so much

talking with friends who had successful careers in pharmaceutical sales and was in that field for about 12 years before joining Rashid Pharmacy in a PR capacity.

In addition to serving on the Fort Madison City Council, Wright has also been a part of Fort Madison's Habitat for Humanity, helped resurrect the city-wide Easter Egg Hunt, served on the Baxter Sports Complex Fundraising Committee and even had an unsuccessful run at the mayor's spot in 2007. (Full disclosure, the author of this article helped Wright on that campaign).

"I guess I got the first taste of politics from hearing about my dad as campaign chair for Jim Leach in 1976. I guess that's how John became interested in that, as well. He would have been 14 at that time. But that helped instill those values. For me, being on the council and having run for mayor, I may not have been as versed on the issues as then-Mayor Steve Ireland was, but I still saw it as a way to give back."

Wright says the greatest gifts he received from his parents were his Christian upbringing, his values and a college education that allowed him to find his own identity and eventually bring that back in some form of service to Fort Madison.

"We were afforded that," Wright said. "We weren't pressured, but we saw what our father was doing with it and learned from that. We came from a loving family that taught us about hard work, giving back and respect for elders, which a lot of kids don't have nowadays, but that starts at home with parents."

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Kokjohn seals Hounds win over Chariton

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MT. PLEASANT - Treavor Kokjohn picked up a loose ball in a scrum with eight seconds left and hugged it with both arms waiting to get fouled. He was...and that all but sealed the deal for the Bloodhounds.

Fort Madison held on for a 52-48 win over Chariton in District 11 regional action Monday night in Mt. Pleasant behind 18 points from Kokjohn. The Hounds had two other players in double figures with CJ Richardson at 12 and Kaleb Cresswell at 10. Fort Madison has only lost one game this year when three players scored in double figures and that was to Pittsfield back on February 4th.

The Chargers jumped out to a one point lead at the end of the first quarter when senior Lim Chuol hit inside with a few seconds left to put Chariton ahead. That quarter belonged to Kokjohn for Fort Madison who scored 7 of the first 10 points. Cresswell had a three pointer to tie the game at 5-5 with 5:49 left in the quarter. After Kokjohn missed two free throws on the next possession, Chuol again scored inside to put Chariton up by a bucket, then Kokjohn connected on one of his two 3-pointers on the night and then followed that up with a nice move inside.

The Chargers Nathan Weaver went to the line 6 times in that stretch but only connected on three to keep the game within one point.

Chuol was averaging 17 points per game coming into the contest and Kokjohn was tasked with keeping him in check most of the night.

"Coach told us to play a lot of help defense," Kokjohn



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Kokjohn leads Hounds

FMHS junior Treavor Kokjohn led Fort Madison with 18 points including a free-throw with 1.3 seconds left to help seal a 52-48 win over Chariton in regional play in District 11 at Mt. Pleasant.

said after the game holding Chuol to just 13. "He was 2 for 20 on 3s so we played off him and just played a lot of help defense."

Head Coach Ryan Wilson confirmed that was the strategy.

"Our philosophy was to let him shoot from outside and help out inside. I thought we did a really good job on him tonight."

The second quarter saw the Hounds warm up from outside. With Landon Bentley, Richardson and Austin Rose all hitting from 3-point land on a 9-1 run that put the Hounds up 19-13 with 3:20 left in the half. Weaver and Chuol answered for the Chargers and Chuol hit a couple of freebies to knot the game up at 19 with a 6-0 run, but Richardson cooled them off with a drive in the final seconds. A heave from Weaver at the buzzer clanked off the backboard.

Richardson started the third with a 3-pointer to push the lead but Chuol again scored with sweeping moves across the lane, where most of his points came from. Kokjohn converted a couple free throws after being fouled inside and Rose added a bucket to give the Hounds a 28-23 advantage. Chariton answered with a 3-pointer from Isaiah Tuigong. The Hounds forcing the pace in the third found Kokjohn again on the right side for a driving layup, but Dylan Stites hit on a three the next trip down for Chariton to close the gap to one at 30-29.

The Hounds Landon Bentley came off the bench and hit a running 8-footer to put the Hounds back up by 3 and the defense held on Chariton's next possession. Off a rebound the Hounds got into their half-court offense

and after a couple perimeter passes, Kokjohn pulled up outside the arc again and connected to push the lead to six. Riley Walters countered for the Chargers but that would be the last points they would score in the quarter, while Cresswell scored on a pullup jumper in the center of the lane, Richardson scored off a steal and Lorenzo Riles capped the quarter with two free throws to give the Hounds a 10 point cushion going into the final period 41-31.

Chariton has been most productive in the fourth quarter this year, putting up 330 points, about 20 more than any other period and they tried to use that to their advantage Monday night.

Kokjohn started the scoring with a bucket inside, but Stites countered with a three pointer at the other end. Fort Madison couldn't convert on their end and then fouled Nathan Weaver in transition. Weaver only made the second of two foul shots and Cresswell hit a jumper for the Hounds to put the game back at 10. Kobey Riechmann then heated up and single handedly brought the Chargers back with a bucket on a drive, countered by a Cresswell 3-pointer and then Riechmann scored six unanswered on two 3-pointers to pull the Chargers with 48-43. Tuigong then converted a bucket for an 8-0 run that wasn't quashed until Kokjohn converted a free throw to make it 49-45.

Chuol then answered on the next drive with a bucket and was fouled converting the free throw to close the gap to 49-48 with less than 1:15 left in the game. The Hounds brought the ball across the floor and were able

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Arms race

The Bloodhounds senior CJ Richardson on a drive finds himself in a battle of arms Monday in Mount Pleasant against Isaiah Tuigong, left and Lim Chuol (15) from behind.

Family values and traditions keep people in Ft. Madison

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But he's quick to point out that there are many, many other kids he grew up here that have stayed and are making regular contributions to Fort Madison.

"You look at people like Matt Morris, Paul Schulte, Tony Johnson, Rachel Benda, Joe Rashid, and obviously there are others - people that grew up around here and have made a choice to stay or come back be it because they have a business to run or chose to build or grow a business. That speaks volumes to the value and tradition of this town. And you just can't forget about their spouses because some of those people were here, too, and are helping that all take place."

"Whether you're talking about the Kempfers or Huffmans or whoever, they didn't need to come back, they were already successful. It's family values and traditions and loving that rural, tight-knit community that allowed us to be able to redefine ourselves, break out and make a name for ourselves."



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Family matters

Brian Wright, 2nd Ward City Councilman talks candidly Monday about family values and why he made the decision years ago to return to Fort Madison and raise a family.

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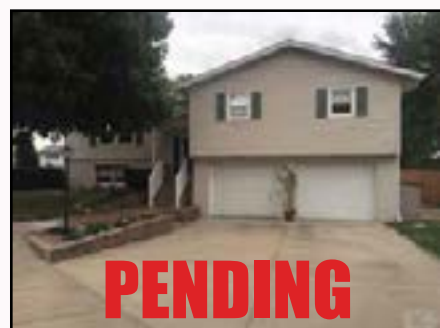
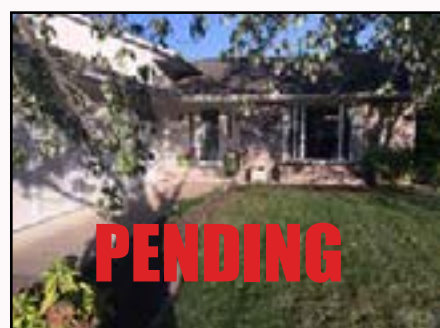


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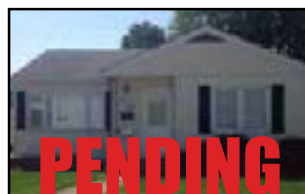
5BR • 1.75BA
1 car garage
1,904 sq. ft.
1,903 sq. ft. lot
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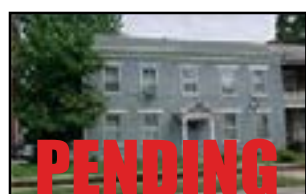
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9:01 a.m. Public Hearing for Proposed Sale of 1301 Avenue I to City of Fort Madison
Consider Approval of Resolution Approving Sale of 1301 Avenue I to City of Fort Madison
9:10 a.m. Public Hearing for Proposed Sale of 3034 Avenue K to City of Fort Madison
Consider Approval of Resolution Approving Sale of 3034 Avenue K to City of Fort Madison
9:20 a.m. Public Hearing for Proposed Sale of 1621 Avenue G to Jeffery and Summer Fedler
Consider Approval of Resolution Approving Sale of 1621 Avenue G to Jeffery and Summer Fedler Oath of Office for Appointed County Attorney and Assistant County Attorney

Approve Tuesday, February 14, 2017 Board Minutes
Consider Approval of Claims
Public Input
Receive and File Publication of 2016 Gross Wages for County Employees
Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolution
Consider Approval of Proposed FY18 County Budget and Set Public Hearing
Consider Approval of Sheaffer Memorial Golf Park, Fort Madison
Consider Approval of Adding Part-time Records Clerk to Personnel Policy Grid

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Sports

Fort Madison holds off Chargers fourth quarter rally to advance

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to work the clock down to eight seconds when Richardson was fouled. He converted both to push the lead to three and Chariton called a time out to set up a play. On the inbounds, the Hounds gave just enough pressure to force an errant pass that squirted around on the floor until Kokjohn gobbled it up and was fouled. Wilson called a time out and then Kokjohn made the front end to seal the game for the Hounds.

"He told us in the timeout to not foul if I missed the front end of that," Kokjohn said.

Wilson said he was happy with the offensive output in the second half, specifically Kokjohn's uptick.

"We had balanced scoring," Wilson said. "Treavor really played well in the second half. I chewed on him a little bit at halftime. I just needed more effort offensively. He needs the ball inside. He can score but he needs confidence and for whatever reason I wasn't seeing that in the first half."

He also said he was aware of the Chargers fourth quarter production, but stuck to the team goal defensively.

"Our goal every quarter is to keep our opponents to single digits," he said. That was our goal and things got away from us in the fourth and we gave up 17. But I give credit to the kids in the end where for 45 seconds or so our guards took care of it and that's why we had the lineup in there that we did."

The Hounds now face Mount Pleasant at Mount Pleasant on Thursday night beginning at 7 p.m. The Panthers downed Keokuk in the second game of the night 67-30.

The 20-2 Panthers have beaten the Hounds two times this year in conference play by an average of 32 points and are currently rated 6th in the state by MaxPreps.

"It's hard to beat a team three times in any year, but they're a good squad. We're gonna go back to film and hit practice the next two days and have a game plan ready for them on Thursday," Wilson said.

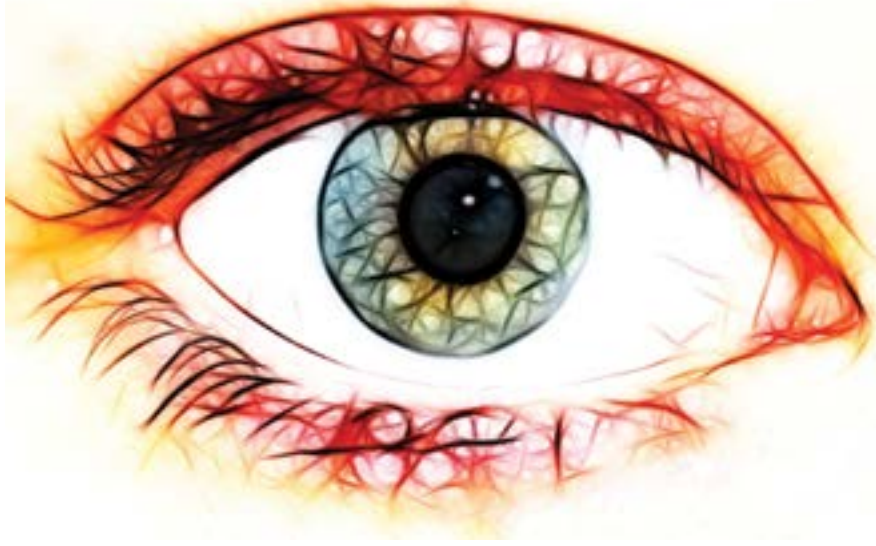
Rounding out the scoring for the Hounds were Rose with 5 points, Landon Bentley with 5 points and Lorenzo Riles with 2.

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-Ryan Wilson
FMHS Head Coach

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