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Fishery to get lift from FM Elks

Submitted article

FORT MADISON – The Elks Club has hosted countless fish fries over the years. The fish fry that will be held as a benefit event on December 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. will be like no other our community has ever seen. Elks Club members Eric and Lori Greene and Aaron and Amy Lauber invite you to be their guests as volunteer Club members fry up catfish dinners and serve up drinks alongside Kirby and Theresa Marsden, a cadre of their family and friends and members of the Dallas City Fryers

Kirby and Theresa owned Quality Fisheries, the fish market that has been a cornerstone of Niota, Illinois for 67 years. Their family business burned to the ground in the early hours the morning of Tuesday, December 3rd and was almost a complete loss. Almost. Except for a freezer of fish located in an outbuilding untouched by the fire.

“We were heading into a busy holiday season where we expected to sell lots of premium fish and seafood, along with our smoked catfish, to grace the tables of area holiday parties. We usually earn enough to share a nice Christmas bonus with our employees,” says owner Kirby Marsden. Instead, with their business in tatters,



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The Quality Fisheries market in Niota burned to the ground during the early morning hours of Dec. 3. Kirby and Theresa Marsden aren't sure yet what the future holds, but Fort Madison's Elks Club will be holding a fundraiser for the family on Dec. 15.

the Marsdens and their employees now face an uncertain future heading into the winter.

But they have that last freezer of fish. And it now needs to earn these families a living until the Marsdens can figure out if they can put their business back in place.

“Kirby and his wife have been together since they were 15 and are such a sweet couple. They just held each other's hands for strength, a scant 36 hours after they lost everything, while we pitched them the idea

of using their fish for this fundraiser. They have held many fundraisers themselves for others in need over the years. They never believed they would now need one of their own. We know this is a busy time of the year for everyone but we are really hoping for a big turn out at this fish fry and for the community to show their support,” says Lori Greene, a member of the Elks Club helping to organize the benefit meal.

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Henry County farmer still choring in 124-year-old barn

It's the only barn left on 8-Mile Road. There used to be 18 – 20 barns, sometimes two on a farm. They're all gone now, blown down, rotted, torn down—just so many memories, like fast-food food wrappers blowing in the wind.

Except for the barn on the Roy and Donna Cowen farm, on the Jefferson-Van Buren County Line Road south of Fairfield, close to Bir-

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm

mingham. Roy calls it the 8-Mile Road because it's eight miles between Highway 1 and the road just to the west of the Cowen farm.

The barn was built by Will McKee in 1895, same as the house, and placed



on rock dug from a nearby quarry. Remember the Parable of The House Built on Rock? Roy's parents bought the 160-acre farm in 1938 for \$23 dollars an acre, which was high. One year later, land surrounding the farm dropped to

\$12 an acre.

When Roy was 8-years old, and going to school in Packwood, he was coming up the steps of the school house basement, when a pipe fell and hit him on the head. He was knocked unconscious for three days. During that three days without water or food, he came to for a few seconds and saw his grandfather sitting beside his bed. His grandfather looked worried. Roy survived, but his grand-

parents and parents never talked about the accident. Farm folk keep things close to their chest.

As Roy grew older, he rode a horse five miles to school in Libertyville. On Armistice Day, 1940, it was a balmy 70 degrees when Roy rode to school. When he got out of school at 3:00 p.m., the roads were frozen solid. The only thing that saved him was a Mackinaw tied to the back of his saddle.

Once, Roy was break-

ing a colt when it started bucking. Roy held on, knowing a horse wouldn't go over backwards. The colt went straight up and fell over backwards on Roy. Fortunately, it was the first of March and the top couple inches of ground was soft and wet. Roy was indented into the ground. The colt got up and took off. Roy thought his spine was broken, but he could move his feet. Miracle

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Wrestling/Weather

Settles takes 285 lb. runner-up at Cliff Keen Invite

BY PCC STAFF

INDEPENDENCE – Bloodhound senior Danen Settles took runner-up in the 285 lb bracket at the Cliff Keen Independence Invitational Friday and Saturday in Independence Iowa.

Settles lost to Taven Rich or Maquoketa, the top seeded heavyweight at the tourney, in the championship match. Rich scored a take down 10 seconds into the match and then was able to get the pin 20 seconds following the take down.

Settles went 5-1 on the day with four of the wins coming via pin. His toughest match outside of the loss in the finals was a 3-0 decision over Errol Alden of Iowa City West. Settles got a take down with just 12 seconds left in the first period and then escaped after starting down for Period 2. Alden got a stall warning in the final two minutes before Settles was able to run out the clock.

Sophomore Gavin Wiseman had the next highest finish for Fort Madison over the two-day tournament, with an 11th place finish at 132 lbs.

Wiseman was seeded 13th after going 2-1 in pool wrestling. Wiseman lost in round 3 to Brody Lee of Fennimore by fall with :36 left in the match. Wiseman would lose his first match Saturday to Pleasant Valley's Hunter Meyrer by a 12-1 decision, but Wiseman would win his next three matches in through the consolation side and won 11th place with a pin of North Fayette Valley's Levi Lauer :50 into the 2nd period. Wiseman was up 10-0 at the fall with two 3-point near falls in the first period.

Jakob McGowan went 4-3 on the day and placed 13th overall at 152 lbs. Owen Kruse (120 lbs) and Tanner Settles (145 lbs) both finished 14th, while Emmett Kruse (106 lbs) and Will Larson (138 lbs) took 15th overall.

Complete results from the meet are listed below.

Emmett Kruse (106 lbs) (2-4) placed 15th and scored 4.0 team points. Round 1 – Kolby Warren (Christian Brothers College) 5-2 won by tech fall over Emmett Kruse (Fort Madison) 2-4 (TF-1.5 2:11 (15-0)); Round 2 – Emmett Kruse (Fort Madison) 2-4 won by fall over Rigo Bobadilla (Clarion-Goldfield-Dows) 3-4 (Fall 3:24); Round 3 – Kale Wieland (Independence) 4-4 won by major decision over Emmett Kruse (Fort Madison) 2-4 (MD 14-2); Cons. Round 1 – Jermaine Butler (Marian Catholic) 9-4 won by decision over Emmett Kruse (Fort Madison) 2-4 (Dec 11-4); Cons. Round 2 – Brett

Birchman (Fennimore) 4-3 won by fall over Emmett Kruse (Fort Madison) 2-4 (Fall 2:23); 15th Place Match – Emmett Kruse (Fort Madison) 2-4 won by decision over Brody Chyma (South Tama County) 2-4 (Dec 9-8).

Matthew Steffensmeier (113 lbs) (1-3) placed 19th and scored 3.0 team points. Round 1 – Joseph Horch (Dubuque Hempstead) 2-4 won by major decision over Matthew Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 1-3 (MD 9-0); Round 2 – Matthew Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 1-3 received a bye (Bye); Round 3 – Trevor Anderson (Ankeny) 4-1 won by fall over Matthew Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 1-3 (Fall 1:41); Cons. Round 1 – Matthew Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 1-3 received a bye (Bye); Cons. Round 2 – Marwan Al-Tall (Linn-Mar) 2-2 won by fall over Matthew Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 1-3 (Fall 2:42); Cons. Round 3 – Matthew Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 1-3 received a bye (Bye); 19th Place Match – Matthew Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 1-3 won by fall over Jade Armbruster (Maquoketa) 1-5 (Fall 0:19).

Owen Kruse (120 lbs) (3-4) placed 14th and scored 9.0 team points. Round 1 – Owen Kruse (Fort Madison) 3-4 won by fall over Caden Senters (Linn-Mar) 1-5 (Fall 3:05); Round 2 – Owen Kruse (Fort Madison) 3-4 won by major decision over Taylor Sankus (Notre Dame, Burlington) 4-5 (MD 14-5); ; Round 3 – Brandon Paez (Lisbon) 8-2 won by tech fall over Owen Kruse (Fort Madison) 3-4 (TF-1.5 2:56 (17-1)); Cons. Round 1 – Owen Kruse (Fort Madison) 3-4 won by fall over Mason Albright (Des Moines Lincoln) 3-3 (Fall 2:35); Cons. Round 2 – Cory Primeau (Simley) 4-2 won by decision over Owen Kruse (Fort Madison) 3-4 (Dec 9-3); Cons. Round 3 – Kaiden Schrandt (Simley) 5-2 won by major decision over Owen Kruse (Fort Madison) 3-4 (MD 12-4); 13th Place Match – Carter Straw (Independence) 5-3 won by decision over Owen Kruse (Fort Madison) 3-4 (Dec 4-3).

Gage Roberts (126 lbs) (2-4) placed 27th and scored 6.0 team points. Round 1 – Jace Anderson (Ankeny) 5-1 won by fall over Gage Roberts (Fort Madison) 2-4 (Fall 3:24); Round 2 – Joe Sullivan (Osage) 4-3 won by fall over Gage Roberts (Fort Madison) 2-4 (Fall 0:46); Round 3 – Frank Cretsinger (Dubuque Senior) 2-5 won by fall over Gage Roberts (Fort Madison) 2-4 (Fall 5:02); Cons. Round 1 – Gage Roberts (Fort Madison) 2-4 won by fall over David Flores (Marian Catholic) 3-6 (Fall 0:53); Cons. Round 2 – Hayden Thompson (Algona) 2-3 won by fall over Gage Roberts (Fort Madison) 2-4 (Fall 0:30); Cons. Round 3 – Gage Roberts (Fort Madison) 2-4 received a bye (Bye); 27th Place Match – Gage Roberts (Fort Madison) 2-4 won by fall over David Flores (Marian Catholic) 3-6 (Fall 3:20).

Gavin Wiseman (132 lbs) (5-2) placed 11th and scored 17.0 team points. Round 1 – Gavin Wiseman (Fort Madison) 5-2 won by fall over Joseph Boiquaye (Marian Catholic) 4-8 (Fall 0:31); Round 2 – Gavin Wiseman (Fort Madison) 5-2 won by fall over Evan Deal (Algona) 1-5 (Fall 3:12); Round 3 – Brody Lee (Fennimore) 4-3 won by fall over Gavin Wiseman (Fort Madison) 5-2 (Fall 5:24); Cons. Round 1 – Hunter Meyrer (Pleasant Valley) 4-2 won by major decision over Gavin Wiseman (Fort Madison) 5-2 (MD 12-1); Cons. Round 2 – Gavin Wiseman (Fort Madison) 5-2 won by fall over James Diaz Lopez (Simley) 2-4 (Fall 0:20); Cons. Round 3 – Gavin Wiseman (Fort Madison) 5-2 won by decision over Jacob Fryer (Christian Brothers College) 4-3 (Dec 8-2); 11th Place Match – Gavin Wiseman (Fort Madison) 5-2 won by fall over Levi Lauer (North Fayette Valley) 3-3 (Fall 3:10)

Will Larson (138 lbs) (3-3) placed 15th and scored 5.0 team points. Round 1 – Will Larson (Fort Madison) 3-3 won by tech fall over Caden Larson (Independence) 3-4 (TF-1.5 3:47 (16-0)); ; Round 3 – Caleb Rathjen (Ankeny) 6-1 won by tech fall over Will Larson (Fort Madison) 3-3 (TF-1.5 4:19 (18-3)); Cons. Round 1 – Remington Hanson (Clarion-Goldfield-Dows) 5-2 won by fall over Will Larson (Fort Madison) 3-3 (Fall 5:18); Cons. Round 2 – Reece Seery (Linn-Mar) 3-4 won by fall over Will Larson (Fort Madison) 3-3 (Fall 3:54); 15th Place Match – Will Larson (Fort Madison) 3-3 won by decision over Drew Morgan (Christian Brothers College) 2-4 (Dec 4-2)

Tanner Settles (145 lbs) (3-4) placed 14th and scored 7.0 team points. Round 1 – Tanner Settles (Fort Madison) 3-4 won by major decision over Conner Gorman (New Hampton/Turkey Valley) 4-3 (MD 12-2); Round 2 – Reed Abbas (Clarion-Gold-

field-Dows) 3-3 won by fall over Tanner Settles (Fort Madison) 3-4 (Fall 0:23); Round 3 – Tanner Settles (Fort Madison) 3-4 won by fall over Noah Mackey (Alburnett) 2-5 (Fall 3:50); Cons. Round 1 – Hikaru Carolin (Linn-Mar) 4-3 won by tech fall over Tanner Settles (Fort Madison) 3-4 (TF-1.5 5:16 (18-3)); Cons. Round 2 – Tanner Settles (Fort Madison) 3-4 won by decision over Brandon Harris (Algona) 3-3 (Dec 8-4); Cons. Round 3 – Johnny Washburn (Prairie, Cedar Rapids) 4-3 won by fall over Tanner Settles (Fort Madison) 3-4 (Fall 1:21); 13th Place Match – Hikaru Carolin (Linn-Mar) 4-3 won by fall over Tanner Settles (Fort Madison) 3-4 (Fall 5:08)

Jakob McGowan (152 lbs) (4-3) placed 13th and scored 12.0 team points. Round 1 – Graham Gambrell (Iowa City West) 5-2 won by tech fall over Jakob McGowan (Fort Madison) 4-3 (TF-1.5 3:22 (19-4)); Round 2 – Jakob McGowan (Fort Madison) 4-3 won by fall over Bryce Sankus (Notre Dame, Burlington) 4-5 (Fall 3:24); Round 3 – Jakob McGowan (Fort Madison) 4-3 won by fall over Archer Ogbourne (Carlisle) 3-4 (Fall 1:10); Cons. Round 1 – Jakob McGowan (Fort Madison) 4-3 won by major decision over Blaine Stepanek (Prairie, Cedar Rapids) 3-4 (MD 16-4); Cons. Round 2 – Garrett Arp (South Tama County) 5-1 won by major decision over Jakob McGowan (Fort Madison) 4-3 (MD 12-3); Cons. Round 3 – Eli Sallis (Waterloo East) 4-3 won by fall over Jakob McGowan (Fort Madison) 4-3 (Fall 2:00); 13th Place Match – Jakob McGowan (Fort Madison) 4-3 won by injury default over Blaine Stepanek (Prairie, Cedar Rapids) 3-4 (Inj. 3:30)

Mason Schau (160 lbs) (3-4) placed 21st and scored 6.0 team points. Round 1 – Kaden Hahn (Fennimore) 3-4 won by decision over Mason Schau (Fort Madison) 3-4 (Dec 8-2); Round 2 – Mason Schau (Fort Madison) 3-4 won by fall over William Richards (Des Moines Roosevelt) 1-6 (Fall 3:58); Round 3 – Zach Williams (Osage) 5-1 won by major decision over Mason Schau (Fort Madison) 3-4 (MD 14-3); Cons. Round 1 – Mason Schau (Fort Madison) 3-4 won by fall over Adam Simpson (Smithville) 3-5 (Fall 1:20); Cons. Round 2 – Caelen Shannon (Xavier, Cedar Rapids) 3-3 won by decision over Mason Schau (Fort Madison) 3-4 (Dec 8-1); Cons. Round 3 – Collin Leavy (Iowa City West) 4-3 won by decision over Mason Schau (Fort Madison) 3-4 (Dec 6-3); 21st Place Match – Mason Schau (Fort Madison) 3-4 won by major decision over Nick Bruinsma (Pleasant Valley) 2-5 (MD 12-3)

Nathan Steffensmeier (170 lbs) (2-4) placed 16th and scored 5.0 team points. Round 1 – Nathan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 2-4 won by fall over Blake Deal (Carlisle) 3-4 (Fall 0:28); Round 2 – Nathan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 2-4 won by fall over Thomas Hansen (Dubuque Senior) 1-5 (Fall 0:40); Round 3 – Matthew Doyle (Independence) 5-3 won by tech fall over Nathan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 2-4 (TF-1.5 4:39 (20-3)); Cons. Round 1 – Ryan Pickar (New Hampton/Turkey Valley) 3-4 won by major decision over Nathan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 2-4 (MD 12-1); Cons. Round 2 – Landen Schemmel (Crestwood) 7-2 won by major decision over Nathan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 2-4 (MD 17-5); 15th Place Match – Cael Ahrens (Clarion-Goldfield-Dows) 3-3 won by fall over Nathan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 2-4 (Fall 2:33)

Jarrett Settles (220 lbs) (0-5) placed 24th and scored 0.0 team points. Round 1 – Gage Marty (Solon) 4-1 won by fall over Jarrett Settles (Fort Madison) 0-5 (Fall 1:02); Round 2 – Bennett Tabor (Simley) 5-0 won by fall over Jarrett Settles (Fort Madison) 0-5 (Fall 0:15); Round 3 – Jarrett Settles (Fort Madison) 0-5 received a bye (Bye); Cons. Round 1 – Aiden Kilstrom (Pleasant Valley) 4-3 won by decision over Jarrett Settles (Fort Madison) 0-5 (Dec 7-0); Cons. Round 2 – Lackey Martin (Waterloo East) 1-5 won by decision over Jarrett Settles (Fort Madison) 0-5 (Dec 7-2); 23rd Place Match – Carter Dawley (Prairie, Cedar Rapids) 2-4 won by fall over Jarrett Settles (Fort Madison) 0-5 (Fall 2:33)

Danen Settles (285 lbs) (5-1) placed 2nd and scored 42.0 team points. Round 1 – Danen Settles (Fort Madison) 5-1 won by fall over Joseph Kingston (Ankeny) 3-4 (Fall 1:10); Round 2 – Danen Settles (Fort Madison) 5-1 won by decision over Errol (Ben) Alden (Iowa City West) 4-2 (Dec 3-0); Round 3 – Danen Settles (Fort Madison) 5-1 won by fall over Colton Schubbach (North Fayette Valley) 3-3 (Fall 4:00); Quarterfinal – Danen Settles (Fort Madison) 5-1 won by fall over AJ Tappa (Pleasant Valley) 2-4 (Fall 3:15); Semifinal – Danen Settles (Fort Madison) 5-1 won by fall over Brant Baltes (Lisbon) 8-2 (Fall 4:00); 1st Place Match – Taven Rich (Maquoketa) 8-0 won by fall over Danen Settles (Fort Madison) 5-1 (Fall 0:39)

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WED 11 Dec



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High– 32.2° F | Low – 25.0° F

THU 12 Dec



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High– 41.9° F | Low – 33.1° F

FRI 13 Dec



Scattered Clouds

High– 42.2° F | Low – 36.0° F

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Sports/From the Front

94-year-old still working the farm his way

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upon miracles, the colt returned! Roy had always been taught to get up and get back on. He did, rode out to the pasture, and rounded up a hundred ewes that were ready to lamb.

With World War II raging, Roy could have been awarded a deferment because he took care of his parents. However, he asked the draft board if his parents could be declared his dependents. The draft board agreed and Roy became a Marine. He was stationed in the Philippines and China preparing for a land invasion of Japan. It would be a horrible battle because they knew the Japanese would fight with everything they had, "including the bathtub and kitchen sink." Truman's decision to drop the atomic bomb changed all that.

Coming home to the farm, challenges never ceased. In 1947 it rained and rained, and Roy and his dad couldn't put up hay. On July 3, it rained three more inches, and then only two tenths of an inch more for the next 90. The first cutting of hay was chest high and tough. They let it cure for four days. When they loaded hay in the afternoon sun, all the leaves fell off the stems. Roy told his dad to stop the hay loader, they would put the hay up at night when it was cooler. "At night?!" his father hollered. "You can't do that!" Roy said, "Dad, I'm an Ex-Marine. There's no such word as 'can't.'" After the milking was done and the dew was on the hay, they went back out and loaded hay by moonlight. The leaves stayed on. It was the finest hay they ever put up, and Roy and his dad filled the barn, the absence of electric lights being only another obstacle to overcome.

On March 7th, 1977, Roy came in late from putting in oats. He still had milking to do. About 10:00 o'clock that night, Roy noticed dirt forming on the milk in his bucket. He looked up. The barn was shak-

ing. The wind blew so hard, he thought the barn was going to come down. He crawled under the tractor. Other buildings were destroyed, but not the barn, because it was built on rock.

The Cowen farm is a livestock farm, not grain. In Roy's prime, he had 100 ewes, 500 head of hogs, and 30 or so "nurse cows." He bought thousands of bushels of corn and hundreds of tons of supplement. Roy was told that was no way to farm. Roy said, "Watch me." Taking better care of his livestock was the key to success.

One spring Roy had 18 "nurse cows" with 36 calves. Three cows nursed three calves each, 12 nursed two, and three nursed only one. Roy never could figure out the why and wherefore, but the cows knew.

The barn is so old, all the wood siding has worn off and been replaced with tin. It cost half as much to have a new roof put on the barn by the Amish as the whole farm cost. Roy has built or rebuilt every building on the farm, plus put in fences for the first time, or two-or-three times for others. The farm is his life.

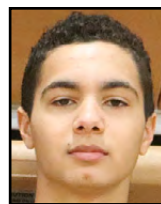
At 94, Roy has slowed down some, but not much. He still chores twice a day, but gave up baling hay at 90. He still prefers pitching hay with a pitchfork rather than tossing bales. He watches the Nightly News every night at 5:30 and takes care of his wife who uses a walker. He's only missed one day of doing winter chores in 73 years—when he had hernia surgery. With 100 or so barns disappearing from the State of Iowa every month, Roy and his barn are locked in a dead-heat rivalry—which one will out last the other.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at curtswarm@yahoo.com or visit his website at www.empty-nest-words-photos-and-frames.com

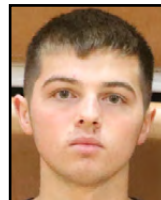
Davis goes for 21 as Bloodhounds get first win of the year

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – Sophomore Dayton Davis broke out for 21 points, including 15 in the first



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half as Fort Madison got its first win of the year 73-61 over Centerville Saturday at the Hound Dome.

The Hounds broke out of a two-game scoring slump where they averaged just 38 points while giving up 61 points per out-

ing. Senior Jayden Fedler scored 15 and senior Parker Denning had his best night of the year hitting 6-of-10 from the field including four 3-balls to finish with 16 on the night.

The Hounds raced to a 12-5 lead midway through the first quarter, but the Reds pulled off an 11-8 run and trailed by four with a minute left in the first quarter

The two teams played almost even basketball in the second and fourth quarters, but the first and

third periods carried the Bloodhounds. Davis converted two 3-pointers in the first quarter and two more in the third quarter to help the Hounds keep the lead.

Centerville would close the gap to just five with about two minutes gone in the third period, but Fort Madison would stretch a 12-3 run to the fourth quarter and carry a 12-point lead into the final eight minutes of play.

The Reds would cut the lead to six at 61-55 with four minutes left in the game, but the Hounds would again find a 12-6 run to put the game away.

Sophomore Miles Dear finished with 10 points on the night, while Micheal Mosena added five, and Jace Burgher and Julian Navarro each had three points for Fort Madison.

Centerville Matt McDonald led all scorers

with 30 points. McDonald converted 12 from the floor and went 6 of 7 from the free throw line.

Davis is averaging just right at 15 points per contest for the Hounds through three games. He's tied with Brody Bender tops in the conference in steals with 11 and has eight assists.

Jayden Fedler is averaging right at 11 points per game and leads the conference with nine boards per game and is a full nine rebounds ahead of anyone else in the conference with 27.

Davis and Parker Denning are 4th and 6th in the conference in 3-pointers with six and four respectively.

The Bloodhounds travel across state lines on Tuesday to take on West Hancock in Warsaw with a 6 p.m. junior varsity start time.

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Thursday, December 12, 3-4:30 p.m.

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Friday, December 13, 3-4:30 p.m.

Schmitz Funeral Home, West Point, IA

Saturday, December 14, 9-10 a.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 12/3/2019

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Randolph presided with Council Members Greenwald, Morawitz, Mohrfeld, Lair and Cangas. Council Members Rink and Andrews were absent.

On motion, Council approved the agenda. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 11/4/2019 and Payment of Claims.

At 5:35 P.M., Mayor Randolph opened the public hearing Concerning Amendments to the City of Fort Madison Zoning Code, Title 10, Zoning, Chapter 4, Section 5, and Chapter 12, Section 3. There were no oral or written comments. On motion, Council closed the public hearing. On motion, Council approved the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 10, Zoning, Chapter 4, General Provisions, Section 5 Supplementary District Regulations, by adding fence regulations on reverse corner lots, and Chapter 12, B-1 Business District, Limited Retail, Section 3, Permitted Uses, to change the definition of

Schools/Educational Facilities.

On motion, Council approved the first reading of an ordinance vacating an approximate 33' x 160' strip of City-owned right-of-way located between 2321 Mokena Terrace and City Limits. On motion, Council approved the second reading of an ordinance vacating a portion of City-owned right-of-way located in the 3500 block of Avenue L. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2019-73, setting public hearing for 12/17/2019, at 5:30 P.M., on the exchange of property located in the 3500 block of Avenue L.

On motion, Council accepted the Civil Service Commission's Fire Department Lieutenant Promotional List. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a FY 2020 Immediate Safety Enhancement

grant from the Iowa Department of Transportation Aviation Bureau for the acquisition and installation of a new lighting controller. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's reappointment of Tim Wondra to the Board of Adjustment, term expiring 9/30/2024. On motion, Council approved the bid of Pilot Grove Savings Bank of Fort Madison for the City's banking services effective 1/1/2020 through 12/31/2022.

Group Benefit Partners gave a short presentation on the City's health insurance plans.

At 6:17 P.M. on motion, Council adjourned until December 17, 2019, at 5:30 P.M.

/s/ Bradley A. Randolph, Mayor

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

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HOWARD R GREEN COMPANY, PROF FEE - GIS13,122.10
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JJD CONTRACTING COMPANY, ROOF MAINTENANCE510.00
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MES-MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES, KNUCKLEHEAD350.41
METTLER TOLEDO INC., PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE305.58
MID AMERICAN ENERGY CO., HEAT1,436.37
MIDWEST SAFETY COUNSELORS, GAS306.65
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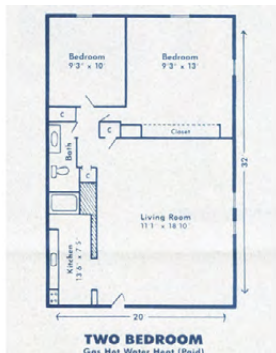
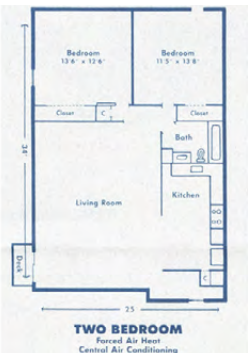
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Debt	1,347.46	Debt	5,425.00
Capital	99,988.42	Capital	35,948.84
Water	203,864.37	Water	56,705.33
Sewer	249,220.34	Sewer	73,547.39
Solid Waste/IWC	53,569.62	Solid Waste/IWC	8,865.84
SW Utility	14,215.53		\$401,762.08
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PAYROLL	11/22/2019
General	\$189,864.09
Special Revenue	10,610.82
Road Use	26,789.77
Water	29,535.87
Sewer	39,356.12
Solid Waste	11,834.43
Airport	486.54
Storm Water	3,557.55
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The Elks Club is located at 719 Ave H in Fort Madison. There is street parking on the side streets and a City Parking lot just west of the Club at 8th Street and Ave H. Guests can enter the Elks Club through the front entrance on the river side of the building, or through a back alley entrance. “General seating will be available in the front dining room accessed by the front entrance, and we will stage orders to go out of the back entrance,” says Lauber.

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