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HOUNDS MAKE PLAYOFFS



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Senior Daniel Sokolik holds up the Burlington/Fort Madison Champs trophy Friday night after the Bloodhounds' 28-24 win over the Grayhounds. The win secured a post-season spot for Fort Madison in the Class 4A playoffs starting next Friday.

CLASS 4A: Fort Madison draws No. 2 Waverly-Shell Rock in opening round

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Some will say Gerard "GJ" Lozano was an angel on the Bloodhounds' shoulders Friday night.

Lozano, a long-time sports booster and father of senior Mateo Lozano, very well could have been looking down with his initials freshly painted on Jim Youel Field, as the night belonged to the Fort Madison Bloodhounds.

The Hounds shook off back-to-back losses to knock off the Burlington Grayhounds 28-24 in the Class 4A District 3 regular season finale and locked up a post-season spot.

The night came down to a final drive with Hounds down 24-21 with 5:14 left on the clock, eerily reminiscent to last year's loss when Burlington scored on their final possession to knock the Bloodhounds out of the playoffs.

But this story had a different ending.

Burlington had just scored on a Caden Schisel 1-yard run to take a 24-21 lead. The kickoff went to the right sideline and the Hounds let it bounce, think-

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Fort Madison's Henry Wiseman gets thrown into the air by senior Mateo Lozano after Wiseman hauled in a 22-yard TD pass with :33 left to give FM the win.

OPINION



Welp, I guess it's time to start shopping

Lately, the house is kinda empty, so the television is on a lot. It keeps my birds happy and chirping. Keeps me a bit distracted, as well.

But as I was working on this week's *Beside the Point*, a commercial came on for - Countdown to Christmas.

I stopped typing and looked up. You gotta be kidding me. Already?

Then I started thinking toy commercials usually ramp up in September so I guess this is about time to start thinking about Christmas.

I asked Taylor to send me a Christmas list. She asked me if I was emotional shopping. LOL. I said no, but I have a very busy schedule and I put the pro in "procrastinate".

Ironically, she hasn't sent the list.

Christmas isn't what it once was. Not just because my life has changed in so many ways (and you folks get to read about it every week), but because you don't really go out and shop anymore.

I used to love to hit the mall with all the Christmas decorations out and Santa in the middle. Do some shopping and then my brother and I would hit a sports bar or something to celebrate our shopping prowess.

I have a serious problem shopping in person, though. I can never make up my damn mind. Nothing is ever good enough, or creative enough, or thoughtful enough.

The season has become more of someone sending a list to prevent errors. No individuality. It brings the Peanuts Sally to mind. "All I want is what's

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From the Front

Maybe it's time for some new holiday traditions

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coming to me....All I want is my fair share”.

Well, to me there's something overly simplistic about that. Something sanitary, but infallible.

I like looking through the jewelry store or the hardware store and something strikes me as a gift that would make someone's eyes open wider. Something that won't be put on a shelf or in the back of the closet and not be thought of again.

I've been there and done that.

Last year Christmas was a bit different. I bought more than I have in the past ten years, probably in the past 30 years.

But gift-giving had power last year, not because I spent more, but because I did what I wanted and not what was scripted.

It was joyful, and I felt like a part of the holiday instead of a drag on it. When I was a kid, we didn't have a lot and I felt awkward asking for anything.

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My mom worked hard. My brothers had no problem filling out their lists for Santa, but I never gave Mom ideas because it just wasn't in me to ask.

Christmas was fun and memorable, but difficult, if that makes any sense.

The holiday has all kinds of promise every year, but somehow it typically disappoints at some turn. And with all that's happened over the past two years, I still look forward to the family memories that Christmas brings. Shopping is the byproduct and used to be a strong source of those holiday memories.

So I think this year, despite that probably 80%

of what I buy will be online, 'tis the year to rebuild memories and maybe start some new traditions.

Life is changing almost daily as I stand on the precipice of old age. But Christmas is where we find our inner youth. No matter how old we get, the movies, the snacks, the parties, the family, the kids...it all takes us back to when we were kids.

Sitting at the top of the basement stairs waiting for mom to tell us it was okay to come up. We faked liked we were tired and not overly excited, but inside the colorful paper and lights on the tree made our hearts race.

The stockings were laid neatly on the sofa with our names on them - full of candy, fruit, nuts, and inevitably a small toy. Maybe a toothbrush or flashlight.

It's the commercialization that drives me bonkers. But then again, thinking of wrapping and getting the tree out and possibly some new family traditions, has a nice ring to it.

You can have your commercials that are geared to getting me to open my wallet, I'll take the memories, thanks. I can shop on my own - But that's Beside the Point.

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

LISA BLEIM

Lisa Bleim, 53, of Burlington, passed away Friday, October 21, 2022, at the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in West Burlington surrounded by family.



BLEIM

Born September 15, 1969, in Des Moines, IA, she was the daughter of Thomas Harry and Connee Alexander Stevens. In 1993, she married Scott Dudycha, together they had one daughter. In 2008, she married Don Bleim, together they had one child. They later divorced.

After graduating from Burlington High School, she attended Northeast Missouri State, now known as Truman State, on a golf scholarship.

She worked for Hy-Vee since 1987. She was currently THE Health Market Manager for Hy-Vee on Agency.

Lisa was known for her bright personality. She was the life of the party. She was always talking and making people laugh. No person left Lisa's presence a stranger. She loved to golf, go on shopping sprees and traveling. She loved animals, especially her cats and granddog. But most of all, Lisa loved her family and her children were her pride and joy.

Survivors include her mom, Connee Stevens of Burlington; two children, Nicole Dudycha and Addison Bleim both of Burlington; granddog, Rizzo; grandcat, Dinger; two brothers, Bill (Pat) Stevens of Farmington, MN and Mark (Rhonda) Stevens of Burlington; sister, Aimee (Jim) Bauer of Burlington; nephew, Tyler Stevens; two nieces, Ariel and Darian Stevens and lots of aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents and dad.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of Prugh Crematory.

Visitation will be from noon until 7:00 PM with the family to receive friends from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at Prugh~Thielen Funeral Home.

The memorial service for Lisa will be 10:00 AM, Thursday, October 27, 2022, at Divine Mercy Parish-St. John the Baptist Catholic Church with Very Rev. Father Marty Goetz officiating. A time of food and fellowship will be held at St. John's Cafeteria following the service. Memorials have been established for Hospice House and the Des Moines County Humane Society.

Prugh Funeral Service is in care of the arrangements.

A photo tribute can be viewed and condolences can be sent to the family by visiting Lisa's obituary at www.prughfuneral.com.

OBITUARIES

RICHARD L. LONG

Richard Leon Long, 86, of Keokuk, IA, died Saturday, October 22, 2022 at Aspire Nursing Home in Donnellson, IA.

He was born on June 17, 1936 in Queen City, Missouri, the son of Cecil Willard and Ruby Sizemore Long. He graduated from Queen City High School with the Class of 1954.



LONG

On March 5, 1960, Richard was united in marriage to Judith Louise Howell in Keokuk. She preceded him in death on October 19, 2022.

Richard had been employed at R. L. Patton Construction for Twenty-five years, retiring in 1991.

He was a member of the Iowa Antique Bottlelers Club was past President of the Keokuk Coin Club.

He enjoyed metal detecting and collecting coins and antique bottles. He also enjoyed fishing and held the 1969 State Record for the largest bass caught in Iowa.

He is survived by his daughter, Gayle Long of Keokuk, one brother, Mitchell Dale Long of Wayland, MO and several nieces and nephews.

Besides his wife he was also preceded in death by two sons, Randall Long and Rick Long, one daughter, Debbie Sue Long, and two brothers, Merrill Dewey Long and Ronald Long.

A Gathering of Remembrance will be held for Richard and his wife Judith from 5 - 7 pm Tuesday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with the family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

Pen City Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes. Reposting of obituaries due to changes can only be requested by the submitting funeral home and will be assessed a \$15 reposting fee.

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Bloodhound Football

Bloodhound D shows up big in second half of win

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ing it would go out of bounds, but it stayed in and went into the endzone for a touchback.

Fort Madison then turned to Hayden Segoviano, who carried five of the next seven plays with a couple of Aidan Boyer completions in the mix. Segoviano would rack up 25 yards on the seven carries including two first downs to get Fort Madison to their own 45.

Boyer would dump a bubble screen to Henry Wiseman for another seven yards and then hit Kane Williams for three. After a false start penalty moved the Hounds to 1st and 15, Boyer hooked up again with Wiseman for eight yards for a 2nd and 7 at the Burlington 28.

The Hounds would stay with the passing attack and Boyer hit Leif Boeding for five more to the 22. On

3rd and 2 with :33 left on the clock, Boyer then found Wiseman again alone in the back of the west endzone for the winning touchdown.

"I saw the safety bite on Kane (Williams) and I knew I had to throw it right then or it would have been picked. I just want to thank God for that," Boyer said.

Boyer had struggled early on connecting on the routes down field, throwing one pick and couple others that bounced out of Grayhound defenders' hands.

But Head Coach Derek Doherty said the last series was all about Boyer's fortitude and the Hounds' determination.

"Guts, pure guts," Doherty said. "(Boyer) and I had a conversation on the sideline about why some of those earlier balls were sailing and he did a great job of flushing it. Ultra-competitors do that - and he did that."



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Hayden Segoviano closes in on Caden Schisel (8) in the third quarter of Friday night's 28-24 Bloodhound win in Fort Madison.

Fort Madison ran senior Tate Settles into the kickoff team and the move produced huge dividends as Settles wrapped up the Grayhounds kicker at the BHS 25.

"I was like, I need to get out there and make that tackle and I did. They weren't keeping me off the field," Settles said.

"I knew we could win all along. This week of practice was way different than the other weeks. This is just crazy. I don't know - it's unreal."

The night started ominously as BHS scored the first two touchdowns in the first quarter and kept the Bloodhounds from even having a first quarter possession.

The Grayhounds took the opening kickoff back to their own 27 and then went 73 yards on nine plays with Schisel going in from nine yards out.

The ensuing kick was a looper just behind Fort Madison's front line, and bounced around until recovered by BHS at their own 46.

Fort Madison's defense got stingy on the drive, but the Grayhounds running game showed why they have more than 2,600 yards on the year. They ran 14 plays all on the ground and ended up with Dimitri Donald scoring from a yard out for a 14-0 lead four seconds into the second quarter.

After an offside penalty on the kickoff, FM took over at the 48 and ushered in 16-play 59-yard scoring drive while mixing in the screens and runs with Wiseman corraling three passes and Teague Smith handling the workload out of the backfield.

Boyer would carry it in from the one to cut the lead in half 14-7 with 4:44 left in the half.

Fort Madison would force a 4-and-out and would take over with 2:37 left, but an 8-play drive would end up in a punt and the Grayhounds would run out the clock on the half with the Bloodhounds only getting two possessions in the half.

Fort Madison received the second half kick, but Boyer would throw a pick to Burlington's Nolan Simpson on the second play of the drive.

The Bloodhound defense would step up and hold BHS to a 25-yard field goal and 17-7 lead.

Neither team would score again as the defenses started to dictate play. Fort Madison would have a strong drive stalled at their own 42 when Smith's 21-yard run to the Fort Madison 22 was nullified by an illegal block call and a sideline penalty.

But the Hound defense went crazy after FM turned the ball over on downs and shut the vaunted BHS offense down with a 4-and-out on the next possession.

Then after Fort Madison went 4-and-out, Burlington had the ball deep at their own 16 and Kane Williams stripped the ball on a sweep left. Brody Cashman

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Lee County, Iowa
Board of Supervisors
Agenda
DATE: Monday,
October 24, 2022
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Pledge of Allegiance
 Approve Agenda
 10:01 a.m. Public Hearing for CDBG Grant Application for Lee County Health/EMS Building
 Consider Approval of Resolution Approving CDBG Grant Application for Lee County Health/EMS Building
 Public Input

Consider Approval of Settlement Agreement and Release for Adjustment of a Residential Driveway at 3069 County Road 103

Consider Approval of Surcharge for Previously Purchased Mack Truck
 Discuss and Consider Approval of Joining ISAC in Contracting for Soil Analysis on Agricultural Land During Utility Construction
 Consider Approval of

Class E Liquor License for Gamer One Stop, Montrose
 Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolution
 Consider Approval of Monday, October 17, 2022 Board Minutes
 Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
 Personnel Actions:
 A. Step Increase-Conservation
 B. New Hire-Sheriffs Office (Replacement)
 C. New Hires (2) EMT
 D. New Hires (7) EMT in Training
 Commission or Committee Reports
 Adjourn

Possible workshop to follow

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ORDINANCE NO. D-91

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AMENDING TITLE 10
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MUNICIPAL CODE BY
CHANGING THE ZONING
CLASSIFICATION
OF PROPERTY FROM
R-4 SINGLE FAMILY
DWELLING DISTRICT
TO I-1, LIMITED INDUSTRIAL
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 of property at 1629, 1633 and 1641 - 33rd Street, from R-4, Single Family Dwelling District, to B-4, Highway

Business District, legally described as follows:
 Lots 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47 and 48 in Block 14, of Fairview Addition to the City of Fort Madison, County of Lee, Iowa.

SECTION 2. All ordinances 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 part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council this 6th day of September, 2022.

/s/Matt J. Mohrfeld,
 Mayor
 City of Fort Madison,
 Iowa

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

PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING NOTICE

The Fort Madison Housing Authority Board of Commissioners will hold a Special Budget Session and review of FYE 2022 resolutions meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the Hillview community room located at 1102 48th Street, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627.

A special meeting of the Board of commissions tentative agenda.

(Meeting to be held in person and virtually)

A. CALL TO ORDER
 B. ROLL CALL
 C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 D. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND

POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01: OPERATING BUDGET REVISION FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2022-SEPTEMBER 30, 2023.

(Blank) moved and (blank) SECONDED to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01

E. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02: THE WRITING OFF OF DELINQUENT NON-COLLECT-

IBLE PUBLIC HOUSING ACCOUNTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING 9/30/2022.

(Blank) moved and (blank) SECONDED to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02

F. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RESOLUTION NO. 2022-03: THE CERTIFICATION OF SECTION EIGHT MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF

HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING 9/30/2022.

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G. ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL MEETING-THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 16, 2022, AT 4:00 PM.

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Sports

Lozano dedicates game to father who died suddenly last week

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chased the ball down and recovered it at the Burlington 2, where Smith would finish it off with a plunge on the next snap to cut the lead to 17-14.

With the momentum clearly shifting in the Hounds direction, the Hounds got a huge tackle for loss on Schisel with Cory Arnette and Settles chasing him down.

The Grayhounds tried a fake punt that would have yielded a first down, but an illegal shift was called on the play and BHS was forced to punt.

Fort Madison would take over at the 47, and eight plays later with Segoviano and Smith taking turns pounding the front four of the Grayhounds, Smith went in from two yards out on 2nd and 1 to give Fort Madison its first lead at 20-17.

On Burlington's next possession, the Grayhounds were 1st and 10 at their own 47 before Schisel ripped off a 41-yard run down the right

side to the six. Three plays later he would take it in to give Burlington the lead again at 24-21, setting up the Hounds' final push for the win.

"Truthfully, I think it was a little bit of what they did to us last year. We wanted to be the last one with the ball," said offensive coordinator Justin Menke.

"We didn't want them to get the ball back and they did, but we didn't want them to have any time with it."

Defensive coordinator Jason Crooks said there wasn't a lot of adjusting done, but reminded the Hounds that being down seven points was something they had overcome many times during the year.

"That was a big focus. They weren't having a lot of energy, but they came out and started wearing them down and busting through some holes."

Crooks credited the other Hounds coaches with some adjustments

and for working the kids during the week against the Grayhounds' running attack.

Boyer, who was in tears after hugging other players in the scrum following the game, said the win was a relief.

"It's a tremendous relief. I gotta enjoy every second of it, because I'm a senior and this could have been one of my last games. I'm glad it turned out the way it did," he said.

Doherty said a good program was put in place during the week and the Hounds believed in it.

"A huge shout-out to Coach Menke and Coach Crooks for their game plans. It was coached up really well all this week," Doherty said.

"It wasn't a ton of adjustments, it was believing in the system and doing what you need to do. And they locked it in and found a way.

"It feels really good. That's another good Burlington team again and it's kind of crazy how things changed and were almost

identical to last year, but reversed."

Doherty said Lozano's presence was felt all within the players, the staff and the school.

"I'll be honest - it's been a while since I've cried and I've done quite a bit this week. That was for him. Matteo had a lights-out game and that was for GJ."

Mateo said it was a tough week for him, but he never considered not putting the pads on.

"I had a lot of people around me supporting me," Lozano said. "I think everyone tried to stay away from it as much as

possible. There was a lot of grief, but they all supported me through it.

"(Dad) gave me everything and this was the biggest game of my life. I put everything out there and did it all for him."

Boyer finished with 168 yards and a TD on 18 of 30 passing. Wiseman had 107 yards and the game-winning catch to go along with nine other receptions.

Segoviano had 47 yards on 10 carries and Smith had 27 yards on 10 carries and two TDs. Segoviano also had 9.5 tackles. Settles led the Hounds with 11.5 tackles includ-

ing four tackles for loss. Smith and Daniel Sokolik each had six tackles.

Playoff pairings for Class 4A will be released on Saturday, typically before noon.

Fort Madison is one of the smallest schools in 4A with a realignment set for next year, but the Hounds were ranked 11th in the state in RPI entering Friday night's regular season finale.

In 4A there are six districts, with the top two teams in each district automatically qualifying, with four at-large berths based on the RPI score.



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