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2nd Ward to be filled Tuesday

CANDIDATES: Three candidates to be interviewed prior to Council meeting

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison City Council will choose a successor for the 2nd Ward council seat Tuesday night.

A candidate interview process will start at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, an hour prior to the regular scheduled City Council meeting.

Fort Madison resident Angela Roller turned in a letter of interest on Dec. 14, the last day submissions were allowed.

She joins former councilman Jason Huppert and past candidate Jerry Hamelton on the list of potential successors to

Tom Schulz in the 2nd Ward. Schulz won election to the Lee County Board of Supervisors, replacing Rick Larkin, who resigned effective Dec. 31.

The full council and Mayor Matt Mohrfeld will interview each candidate in open session Tuesday. The Council will then appoint a candidate to fill the position which will be up for re-election in the fall of 2023, or earlier if a special election is called.

The appointment will come prior to the start of the council's regular session at 5:30.

In other action, the council will also consider a resolution

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BESIDE THE POINT



I'm a jynx, but it worked out Saturday

I'm a jynx. I overreact. I get mad at simple things.

In the middle of Saturday's 87 sporting events I had to cover, the Vikings were playing a rare Saturday regular season affair.

I wasn't surprised by the score. I really wasn't. And when it got bad, like 23-0, I started getting texts from friends that read like this, "WTH?", "Is this painful", "LAUGHINGSTOCK", "Holy S#!t!", "You have to be losing your mind right now.", "Whats happening in Minnesota?"

It was very much a here-we-go-again moment. I've been a Vikings fan since 1976, much longer than most of you out there. And here we go again.

I turned it off because I jynx them. I know most people think that's crazy, but it's not. It happens. When I watch, they lose... or play really bad before having to rally to win.

Today was no exception. I turned the game off my Hulu. I was watching while the Fort Madison boys were playing Centralia down in Keokuk. They won by the way.

I had a camera in one hand, a notebook in the other, and my phone sitting on the bench next to me running the game.

When they got to 23-0 I turned it off because I was causing a rift in the Viking wormhole. Anybody that's been around as long as I have wearing purple and gold is cursed with that power.

I can change the game. By turning it off. When I turned it off, they gave up one more touchdown. It took that long for the juju to run the length of the

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Hounds 2nd at FM Invite

Junior Teague Smith gets L-M's Kendall Pugh into a precarious spot in the second period Saturday at the Hound Dome.

Smith won the 170 lb. title for Fort Madison's only championship at the event. The Hounds finished 2nd overall.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FORT MADISON INVITE

Smith Bloodhound's champion at FM Invitational

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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FORT MADISON - The talent level of the Fort Madison Invitational wrestling keeps growing, as does the tournament itself.

This weekend's tournament brought in 23 teams including a Fort Madison varsity and junior varsity team, and Fort Madison finished second with 342 points. Dubuque Hempstead scored 380.5 to win the event.



SMITH

Junior Teague Smith (20-1) was the sole Bloodhound champion at 170 pounds. Smith scored a major decision 10-2 over Louisa-Muscatine's Kendall Pugh in the title match.

Smith scored three pins in six matches over the two-day invitational. He received a bye in the first round and benefitted from a medical forfeit in the semifinals to get to the championship match.

The junior had control for most of the title match, getting into just a few precarious spots, before time ran out in the third period.

Ike Thacher (17-3) took runner-up at 195 falling to Mediapolis' Josh Glendenning by a major decision 11-0. Thacher ran the table by pinning each of his first five opponents including a :38 fall over Joe Akers of West Liberty.

Aidan Pennock also finished as run-

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

CHARLES H. RYLAND

Charles Harlan Ryland, 84 of Tipton, IA died Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at Prairie Hills Assisted Living in Tipton.

He was born December 5, 1938 in Clarksville, MO the son of William Pershing and Edna Olive Zumwalt Ryland. Charles was united in marriage to Joan Ryland. She preceded him in death on August 7, 2018.



RYLAND

Charles was a veteran of the United States Navy and proudly served his country for twenty-five years, until his retirement.

Following his military service, Charles had been employed by the St. Cloud Police department for nineteen years.

Charles was a member of Ducks Unlimited.

He was an outdoorsman at heart and enjoyed wildlife, especially hunting deer, turkeys, ducks, and geese and also enjoyed fishing. Charles was a talented woodworker and woodcarver and painted pictures of wildlife.

He is survived by one brother, Billy Joe Ryland of Keokuk, five sisters, Rebecca Borgen of S.D., Sally Ann Ryland of CA, Sharon Page of MO, Janice Ryland of TN and Berneta Wood of Ft. Madison, IA and several nieces and nephews.



Besides his wife, Charles was also preceded in death by his parents, one brother, James Ryland and three sisters, Alta Olmstead, Cathleen Johnson and Ruby Ruggles.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m., Monday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Pastor Dan Davis officiating. Burial with military rites will be held in the Keokuk National Cemetery in Keokuk, IA.

Visitation will be held prior to the service from 12 noon-1 p.m., Monday with family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the American Legion.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

OBITUARIES

JUDITH O. PATTERSON

Judith Owen Patterson, 87, of Keokuk died Wednesday December 14, 2022 at River Hills where she made her home for the last 7 years with family close by.

Born June 27, 1935 in Ohio to Bette and Kenneth Owen, Judith spent most of her life in Keokuk moving to town when she was 16. Judith met the "love of her life" at Keokuk High School and married Richard (Dick) Patterson in Mexico, Missouri September 29, 1953, he preceded her in death in November 1993, also daughter Pamela Patterson, September 2006 and sister Gail Owen Knox December 2019.



PATTERSON

Judy worked at several places in Keokuk, but enjoyed working for local Optometrist, Rick Greenfield OD the most. From quilting, sewing, crafting to word search, crossword puzzles and several Bible study groups Judith kept busy on beyond her years.

Her passion was music and would listen 24 hours a day. Country and Western was the music of choice. George, Allen, Garth, Blake, Loretta, Shania were just a few of the stars that were on her car radio, CD player or Bose. It was incredible the amount of songs she knew by heart.

She always made time for friends and family raising four children and several grandchildren. Taking time for discovering the lives of her loved ones which meant time to talk and listen to them. Never being judgmental, Judith was a disciple of God, studying His word with friends and relatives her entire life.

She is survived by her sister Laurie Owen Whitaker (Mike), children: Pennie Rothgeb (John) of Keokuk, Richard Malvin Patterson (Cyndi) of Keokuk and Karen Ann Patterson of Moore, SC. Grandchildren: Laura Wills of Donnellson, Iowa, Doug W. Rothgeb (Sarah) of Mansfield Tx, John H. Rothgeb (Brenda) of Raleigh NC, Sara Matlock of Keokuk, Tiffany Elizabeth Kaelin of Los Angeles Ca, Joshua Richard Patterson of Portland, OR, Jenna Grace Schofield (Kyle) Boiling Springs SC. And great grandchildren: Mallory, Aaron, Claire, Rylee, Raegan, Jack

"Judster" had friends from here to eternity, was always smiling, never raised her voice and believed that life was a glass over filling. Never saying anything bad about a person or place. While we are heartbroken she is gone realize that a better place is where she is now. We trust she will have a great re-union with "I'll be a son of a ****"

So we tip our hat or glass to a class lady who touched the lives of many people in a good way. Bye Judster!

Vigen Funeral home is in charge of arrangements and there will be no services held at this time. The family wishes everyone to have a great Christmas season, be kind and pay it forward.

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

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Obituaries/Sports

OBITUARIES

MERLE G. ADKISSON

Merle Gene Adkisson, 85, of Bonaparte, Iowa, passed away at 3:04 p.m. Friday, December 16, 2022, at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa.

Born on March 20, 1937, in Donnellson, Iowa, the son of Claude W. and Maude M. (Bargar) Adkisson. On September 15, 1957, at Big Mound Methodist Church in Hillsboro, Iowa, he married Marilyn Logan.



ADKISSON

Survivors include his wife; three children: Jeff (Juan Bravo) Adkisson of Stockport, New York, Suzanne (Bill) Rice of Bonaparte, Iowa, Tim Adkisson; grandchildren: Jenna (Scott Smith) Rice, Sam and Olivia Adkisson, Jonah and Elizabeth (Lundberg) Adkisson, Brianna Rice, Max Adkisson, Lex Adkisson and Jax Adkisson; great granddaughter: Luna Adkisson; sisters: Janet Mills of Mount Pleasant, Iowa and Dolores (Steve) Benner of Montrose, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister in infancy: Nancy Ann; brother in-law: Jerry Mills.

Merle was a member of the Sharon Presbyterian Church and George Washington A.F. & A.M. Masonic Lodge #618. He served on the Mid Lee County Council of Churches, CROP Walk committee and the Donnellson and Bonaparte COOP Board for twelve years. He was a 1954 graduate of Donnellson High School. During the summer and fall of 1961, he helped build the Harmony High School. Merle farmed for thirty years near Donnellson, drove a school bus for Donnellson and worked for twenty five years for Sharkey Transportation. Following his retirement from truck driving, he drove the Amish. Merle enjoyed turkey and deer hunting, his grandchildren and one great grandchild, especially watching them play ball.

Visitation will begin at 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson. The family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Masonic rites by the George Washington A.F. & A.M. Masonic Lodge #618 will be presented at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at the Sharon Presbyterian Church in rural Farmington, with funeral services to follow with Pastor Katrina Bergman officiating.

Burial will be in Sharon Church Cemetery.

A memorial has been for the Donnellson Public Library or Bonaparte Public Library.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

Lady Hawks knock off Danville, Brookfield, Mo

PCC Staff

DONNELLSON - The Central Lee girls moved to .500 on the year with back-to-back wins this weekend.

The Lady Hawks knocked off Danville 47-41 Friday night and then downed Brookfield, Mo. in the River Rivalry Series at Clark County High School Saturday.

On Friday, freshman Kenna Sandoval fired in 19 as she continues to learn her role in the interior offense. Central Lee opened a 12-9 first quarter lead, but surrendered the advantage in the second quarter scoring just six points while giving up 12 to the Bears.

The outside shooting picked up in the third quarter with three 3-pointers, one each from Mya Lampe, Kodi Moeller, and Jayden Mueller. Sandoval scored inside three times in the quarter to allow Central Lee to regain the lead at 35-32.

Sandoval would score six again in the fourth quarter and Makayla Morrison would score six including 3-of-4 of at the free throw line to help the Lady Hawks extend for the win.

Morrison finished with eight points in the win.

On Saturday, Morrison scored 12 to lead the Hawks to a 41-29 win. The senior started hot with a couple 3-balls in the first quarter but Central Lee trailed by two going into the second period.

The Hawks' defense then took over and held Brookfield scoreless in the second quarter, while Central Lee put up 14 for a 24-12 halftime lead.

The ladies would pull away from there behind Sandoval's six fourth-quarter points and another Morrison 3-pointer.

Central Lee improves to 4-4 overall and 3-3 in the SEI Superconference South. They host Columbus (4-4) on Monday in the final game before the new year.

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Sports

Bloodhounds get win in first River Rivalry Series

WEEKEND WINS: Hounds build on Friday win over Keokuk on the road.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

KEOKUK - Fort Madison Head Coach Ryan Wilson said Saturday to win you have to meet pressure with pressure.

That's what happened in the River Rivalry Classic Saturday at Keokuk High School as the Hounds won their second game in as many days 61-53 over Centralia.

"It was a good team effort today. One of the guys said in the locker room that we're kinda figuring out roles and establishing our positions, where we need to be, and what we need to do," Wilson said.

The Hounds got a little pressure from Centralia midway through the fourth quarter after leading by 10 to start the period 47-37.

After Nathaniel Swigart hit a three from the left baseline a minute into the period, Centralia got buckets from Jack Romine and then a 3-ball from Benji Chick to cut the lead to seven.

The Hounds would commit a turnover on their next possession and Chick would score again in transition to make it a 5-point game 52-47 with 3:47 left.

But Fort Madison responded with some pres-

sure of their own getting a slashing bucket at the hoop from Leif Boeding to push it back to seven. Callen Bennett would answer for Centralia and then Carson Rashid would hit a couple free throws and Julian Dear hit just inside the three point arc to push the lead back to 10.

Centralia would pick up two points in the final minute but couldn't get anything else going as the Hounds held on for the win.

Wilson said the Hounds are starting to know their roles and get comfortable in the system.

"Nathaniel Swigart played some good minutes. He stepped in and played when we were in some foul trouble, and knocked down two big threes and you want that from your seniors," Wilson said.

The game was tight at the beginning with Fort Madison managing a 16-13 first quarter lead behind Rashid's 10 points. They would push that lead to 10 at 33-23 after Swigart hit his first 3-pointer of the night just before the buzzer.

Boeding, who finished with 16 points on the night, scored eight points unanswered draining a couple three balls to push Fort Madison's lead in the second quarter.

Fort Madison still hasn't established the inside out game, but teams are recognizing the potential of Hunter Cresswell. Centralia ran a collapsing zone defense to keep Cresswell from scoring in the paint, but that allowed Rashid, Boeding, and Dear to get some open looks on the perimeter.

"We've done a great job of getting the ball in the paint and kicking out and playing inside and out ball," Wilson said.

"That doesn't mean we get it to the post every time, but we're getting the ball inside one way or another and then reacting," Wilson said.

He said Cresswell is maturing and making things happen in other ways.

"He's working very hard and he was getting called for some fouls and things and you don't always agree with that, but you have to stay level headed."

Rashid led the Hounds with 20 points. He tied Centralia's Bennett for game-high honors.

Fort Madison travels to 3-3 Washington on Tuesday night for the final game before the break.



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From the Front

Thacher, Pennock finish runner-up as do Bloodhounds

WRESTLING - Continued from Page 1

ner-up at 152. Pennock racked up four pins highlighted by a :22 pin over Chale Lewis of Muscatine. That win pitted the senior against junior teammate Henry Wiseman. Pennock worked a 6-0 decision in the battle of the Bloodhounds to advance to the title match against Braylon Griffiths (17-1) of Ottumwa.

Griffiths scored a takedown at 19 seconds into the match for two points and that's all the scoring that would take place as he escaped with the title on the 2-0 decision.

Nolan Riddle finished 3rd at 145 pounds and Logan Pennock placed 4th at 126 for 37 points for the Bloodhounds.

Head Coach Ryan Smith said the Hounds lost some matches they probably shouldn't have, but tournaments like this are good measurements for districts and state.

"I was hoping for more finalists for sure and some more champs, but this is a pretty quality tournament," he said.

"In the big picture it's all preparation for district and state. Maybe we didn't get exactly what we wanted, but if we learned something we can do differently there, that's the main thing."

He said Teague Smith is way ahead of where he was last year at the same time of the season. Smith failed to get out of districts last year and has a spot on the podium in February on his mind this year.

"He's doing a good job. He's got room for improvement and he's on the right trajectory. He got third here last year and had three losses going into Christmas. This year he has one loss and that's to a state champion at 182," Smith said.

"I don't think there are many 170 pounders that are bigger or stronger than he is. He's technically 172 with the two-pound growth allowance, so that's just about perfect."

The 23 teams that showed up this year is two more than last year and Smith is hoping with the addition of the other gym that is planned with the on-going construction project, maybe the tournament can expanded



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PC

Junior Henry Wiseman gets William Vanderpool to the mat for a fall at 1:22 to capture 3rd place in the 152 lb. bracket. Wiseman lost to fellow Bloodhound Aidan Pennock in the semis. Pennock won 2nd place in the weight bracket.

further.

"Twenty years ago this was shrinking, but now we're in a really good spot," he said.

Fort Madison was in first after Friday's pool wrestling, but slipped behind Dubuque Hempstead in bracket action Saturday at the Hound Dome.

For the complete results from the Fort Madison Invitational, click here: <https://www.trackwrestling.com/predefinedtournaments/MainFrame.jsp?newSes->

<https://www.trackwrestling.com/predefinedtournaments%2FTeamResults.jsp&twSessionId=dlxhodogg1>

The junior varsity results are at the following link: <https://www.trackwrestling.com/predefinedtournaments/MainFrame.jsp?newSession=false&TIM=1671326136544&pageName=%2Fpredefinedtournaments%2FTeamResults.jsp&twSessionId=dlxhodogg1>

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Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolutions (2)

Consider Approval of Program Agreement with Iowa State Extension for Township Officials Training

Consider Approval of Rental Agreement with Lee County Fair for Use of Learning Center for Township Officials Training

Consider Approval of Monday, December 12, 2022 Board Minutes

Consider Approval of Claims for Payment Reports:

A. Sheriff's Monthly

Report
 Commission or Committee Reports
 Adjourn

Possible workshop to follow

PUBLIC MEETING
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Meeting Notice
CITY OF
FORT MADISON
Planning and Zoning Commission
WILL MEET ON
Monday
December 19, 2022
6:00 PM
AT THE
Council Chambers
City Hall
811 Ave E
TO DISCUSS
THE FOLLOWING :

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes – July 26, 2022 Meeting
3. Public Comments
4. Review of Plat of Survey for Jennifer Holtkamp (AKA Menke)
5. Zoning Code Updates – Discussion regarding extent of research required to complete zoning code updates. Discuss contracting an outside firm to assist or commitment from Commission regarding research required.
6. Adjournment

PUBLIC NOTICE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
FORT MADISON
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
Tuesday,
December 20, 2022
4:30 P.M.
City Council Chambers,
City Hall

- ROLL CALL
1. 2ND WARD COUNCIL VACANCY
 - A. Council Candidate Interviews
 - B. Council Discussion
 - C. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution appointing, (blank) as 2nd Ward Council Member, effective January 1, 2023.

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday,
December 20, 2022
5:30 P.M. OR
FOLLOWING CLOSE OF
SPECIAL SESSION
City Council Chambers,
City Hall

INVOCATION
 ROLL CALL
 VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS:
 At this time persons may address Council on any matters not on the Council agenda. After identifying yourself by name and address, please briefly state your issue.

PLEASE NOTE: This is not an opportunity to discuss issues with Council or to get information. In accordance with Open Meetings law, Council may not deliberate upon, nor take action on any complaint or suggestion or respond to any allegations which are not part of the published agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA
 2. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the consent agenda:

- Minutes of December 6, 2022;
- Liquor License Renewal: Garner Foods, 2236 Avenue L, effective December 15, 2022 – Class C Beer Permit;
- Claims dated December 15, December Library Claims, November Financial Report; and
- Payroll of December 16, 2022.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
 Urban Renewal Area #7 Plan

3. A. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution terminating the Urban Renewal Area #7 Plan for the Urban Renewal Area #7 Plan Area.

B. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the first reading of an ordinance repealing Ordinance C-127, providing for the division of taxes levied on taxable property in the Urban Renewal Area #7 Plan Area, in the City of Fort Madison, Iowa, pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa.

4. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the third and final reading of an ordinance repealing Ordinance C-427, providing for the division of taxes levied on taxable property in the Burlington Hill Urban Re-

newal Area, in the City of Fort Madison, Iowa, pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa.

5. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the third and final reading of an ordinance repealing Ordinance C-310, providing for the division of taxes levied on taxable property in the City of Fort Madison Urban Renewal Plan #9 Project Area, in the City of Fort Madison, Iowa, pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa.

6. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the third and final reading of an ordinance amending the Code of the City of Fort Madison by amending Title 2, Chapter 8; Title 7, Chapters 2 and 4; Title 8, Chapters 10 and 13; Title 9, Chapters 7, 9 and 10; and Title 11, Chapter 3.

7. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the second reading of an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. C-452 providing for the division of taxes levied on taxable property in the Urban Renewal Area #12 (a/k/a River Bend Subdivision TIF District) Plan Area, in the City of Fort Madison, Iowa, pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa.

8. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending Title 7, Police, Chapter 2, Misdemeanors, Chapter 47 to Loitering on or Near Roadways.

9. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution appointing David Varley to serve on the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors, term expiring January 1, 2024.

10. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution accepting Public Improvement 2020-02, Airfield Lighting Improvements as complete, and approving the Mayor's signature on Partial Payment Application No. 4 and the Statement of Completion.

11. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution authorizing the submittal of the FY 2023 Airport Capital Improvement Program and associated data sheets for possible FY2024-2028 Federal Aviation Administration Grants and certifies the

local match of 10% is available.

12. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution accepting the submitted Plat of Survey and waiving subdivision requirements Title 11 (Subdivision Regulations) for Jennifer Menke for property located at 2994 County Road 103, within two miles of City Limits.

13. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the Mayor's signature on an Iowa Department of Transportation – Federal-aid Agreement for the City Highway Bridge Program Project for the replacement of the 3rd Street Bridge Over Fork Creek (Happy Hollow).

14. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution outlining a Housing Grant Strategy for the City of Fort Madison.

OTHER
 15. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED

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to approve 2023 Council Meeting Dates.

16. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Doug Kenel and Al Schulte to the Construction Board of Appeals, terms expiring September 30, 2025.

17. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the Mayor's appointment of Justin Pieper to the Fort Madison SIRRC Commission, term expiring December 31, 2025.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND CITY MANAGER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT - The City Council next regular meeting will be 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, January 3, 2023

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LOST CAT



Lost: Male, long-haired Siamese cat with blue eyes. Missing from North 4th Street in Keokuk since December 6. Was wearing a black collar with skulls and a bell on it. If found please call or text Rachel at 435.632.2718.

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From the Front

Football tried to get in the way of my work Saturday

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wormhole to U.S. Bank Stadium.

Then after the half, I had written it off. We'd have to wait til next week to get our playoff spot - I thought.

Soon someone texted me a pair of eyeballs. Uh. Oh. I switched from Hairband Radio on Sirius XM - and that takes something special to drop Kip Winger and Faster Pussycat - to the NFL PXP stations. The Vikings broadcast fired up and it was Paul Allen.

Now, I love Paul Allen and I'm a big radio sports fan. Most of the time I prefer hearing it on the radio and letting my imagination provide the color, but this guy was ANGRY. He was calling for players to be ejected, and refs to do their jobs.

Granted, there was a lot of foundation for those comments, but when you're getting your butts kicked, you're getting your butts kicked.

The Vikings had cut the lead to 33-28 in the fourth quarter and I was just pulling up to FMHS for the finals of the Fort Madison Wrestling Invitational. They got second by the way.

I waited in the parking lot and fired up the Hulu again. When I did, the Vikings picked up a fumble and ran it back for a touchdown - that was nullified by an inadvertent whistle. Jynx.

I shut it off, feeling like I had let Vikingdom down, and started hoofing it the two blocks to the high school cause the place was packed.

I walked in and a couple FM coaches were watching the game and asked me if I was aware what was happening. "No." "I'll jynx it." "When I watch they play bad."

FM wrestling coach Ryan Smith went a step further and was wishing for the Vikes to fumble the snap or something. He takes reverse psycyhology to a whole new, disturbed level.

But they didn't fumble the snap, they actually scored and then, by some freak of nature and the sanitizing of the wormhole that always takes place when I abandon the game, they scored on the 2-point conversion to tie things up.

I said screw it and put the game back on Hulu while I was covering the wrestling tournament. Teague Smith was wrestling in the championship match when the game went into overtime in Minnesota.

I had the game going on the phone and was shooting the match. I set the phone down on the floor and watched it and the match at the same time. I've never done that.... ever.

This was something special. I put it under the chairs where Derek Doherty and Ryan Smith were

shouting out strategies. I caught Doherty look over at the phone a couple times and felt bad about putting it there, but I couldn't turn it off.

The Vikings ended up winning on a field goal in overtime, setting a new NFL record for the biggest comeback win in history.

My phone blew up. My daughter called from New York. my wife was watching in Texas. and everyone in the 319 area code sent me texts.

"What A Win"

"Why are you so mad, they WON!"

"I've been crying a bit!"

"Simply Magical."

"Holy S#%!"

"Skol!!"

Reality is that I can't flumox the outcome of a football game. And I know it. But you can be sure that when the Vikings make the playoffs, I'll watch until I can't and then I'll jump back again.

I don't have the heart to abandon the Vikings even when I empty the wallet to attend a game where they lose 40-3...to the Cowboys.

If you can't abandon them then, you're never going to- But that's Beside the Point.

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New city housing incentive program in play

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to jump start housing incentives in the city.

The resolution states that the City of Fort Madison will request assistance from all available outside resources for housing rehabilitation and new unit construction on a regular basis.

Any new projects seeking funding assistance which requires municipal support, partnership, funds, or incentives, are required with city officials, elected leaders, regional planning and funding partners, and other necessary parties to share information, including funding parameters, City requirements, timelines, and planning needs.

The city will also generate a report annually outlining the results of the program.

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