

Kemper, Smith eliminated



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Above, Mara Smith tries to work from the top spot on a restart against Perry’s Charity Mickels in the second round of wrestleback action Thursday night in Coralville. Below, Hailey Kemper gets her hand raised.

SUCCESSFUL 1ST YEAR: Doherty says Lady Hounds’ first year was a successful run

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

CORALVILLE – Fort Madison’s head girls’ wrestling coach Kyle Doherty didn’t hesitate when he said this year’s girls’ wrestling program was a success.

Considering it was the first year the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union has sanctioned girls wrestling and thusly the first year FMHS launched a program, that’s not a small statement.

Doherty watched two girls who had never wrestled prior to Halloween, march into the Xtreme Arena in Coralville and win matches.

Despite the two exiting the tournament on Thursday, there was little sadness and an overwhelming sense of...what’s next.

“Obviously these two getting up here to experience this - and winning here is hard - so seeing them win, and going through the rollercoaster of state, I would say it’s a success. Absolutely...yes,” Doherty said.

Sophomore Hailey Kemper and Mara Smith both went 1-2 on the day. Two losses on the first day results in elimination.

Kemper, who won the 100 lb. regional in Cedar Rapids Friday night advanced in the first round during the day session with a win over Tipton’s Koda Fogg, seeded No. 20 in the bracket. Kemper was seeded 13th.

Fogg scored a takedown 23 seconds into the first period and had Kemper underneath, but the Bloodhound wrestled free and slipped into a control

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FRI 03 Feb.....	Sunny and cold, 15° F/ 13° F
SAT 04 Feb.....	Partly sunny and breezy, 44° F/ 28° F
SUN 05 Feb.....	Clear skies, 47° F/ 26° F

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LOTTO AMERICA 02/01.....	10 16 33 34 45, Star Ball: 4 All Star Bonus: 2
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EDUCATION

Central Lee gets STEM grant

Grant will help fund new science space at school

DONNELLSON, IOWA — The Central Lee Community School District is one of 37 Iowa school districts to be awarded the STEM BEST® (Businesses Engaging Students and Teachers) + HD (High Demand) Program to provide students with real workplace experiences.

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“We are delighted to receive this award and expand real-life STEM opportunities for our students and staff,” said Dr. Andy Crozier, CLCSD Superintendent. “College and career readiness is a major focal point in Central Lee Community Schools, and this award will help us continue to help students develop these integral skills.”

“Having the opportunity that this program provides, to expand the science facility at Central Lee High School will be a huge asset to counting to offer every opportunity and to make direct connections to careers in science to our students,” said Alicia Schiller, Central Lee

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

KENT M. EDMISTON

Kent “Wally” Michael Edmiston, 62, of Keokuk, IA died Monday, January 30, 2023 at his home.

He was born on July 21, 1960 in Keokuk, IA, the son of Grace Ann Edmis- ton.

Kent attended Keokuk High School and DeVry Institute of Technology in Kansas City. On April 20, 1990 he was united in marriage to Mary Keefe.

Kent was a skilled carpenter for 37 years. He retired in 2017.

He enjoyed watching movies and reading war and history books. Playing pool with his friends was one of his favorite past times. His love for music was well known by everyone that knew him, from classic rock to the blues and by his attendance at many concerts. Kent enjoyed watching and talking sports with his son Troy.

He is survived by one son, Troy Edmiston (Hope Wrieden) of Keokuk , four daughters, Danielle Keefe of Keokuk, Cyndi Edmiston of Channahon, IL, Samantha Edmiston of Coral Springs, Florida, Shanna Burton (Will) of Anamosa, IA , six grandchildren, Elijah Gibson (Cierra Calhoun), Miley Edmiston, Ryder Keefe, Chandler Edmiston, Harper Edmiston, Thea Matlick, his mother, Grace Ann Edmiston of Keokuk, one sister, Kathy McCall (Kirby) of Keokuk, one brother, Scott Breakbill of Keokuk and a cousin who was like a brother, Terry Hackaday of Keokuk.

He was preceded in death by his son, Brett Edmiston, two sisters, Jan Breakbill and Lee-Ann Breakbill, his grandmother Clara Edmiston and mother-n-law, Alice Mahoney.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 4, 2023, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA. Burial will be held in the Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk.

Visitation will be held prior to the funeral from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home with family and friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the family for expenses. Checks should be made out to Dan- ielle Keefe.

On-line condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

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Dr. Jason James, D.C.

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MYTH #2: Stiffness from Arthritis means you're getting old...and it must be the reason for all your pain and stiffness!

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Your stiffness may be caused by a hidden, even more dangerous problem than arthritis, and it can lead to a hip replacement!

You see, most folks believe that something mysterious (like maybe an "arthritis fairy") waved a wand over them, and they're cursed... doomed to suffer forever.

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MYTH #3: Your Back is "Out"!

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- stiff vertebra joint
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It's NOT just your spine, and it's NOT just your muscles. As a matter of fact, if one of the major muscles that stabilize the spine is partly spasmed, a "2nd stringer" will have to carry the load. But this is a serious problem...

It's like having your plumber doing all the dangerous electrical work!

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MYTH #4: "It's Only a Muscle!"

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MYTH #5: "Muscle Relaxants" will help your muscles heal! Good grief, NO!

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OBITUARIES

LORETTA M. KAY

Loretta May Kay, 81, of Keokuk, IA died Monday, January 23, 2023 at River Hills Village in Keokuk.

She was born September 13, 1941 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of Marvin and Etta Starr Stoneking.

On April 16, 1964 Loretta was united in marriage to Donald Kay. He preceded her in death on December 17, 2013.

Loretta had been employed as a CNA at Hocker's Nursing Home, Keokuk Convalescent and River Hills Village.

Loretta loved to go to yard sales and search for treasures. She enjoyed collecting Indian knick knacks, ducks and refrigerator magnets. Loretta was a wonderful cook and always had the best cookies in her cookie jar.

She is survived by one son, Michael Stoneking (Robin) of Sioux Falls, SD and four grandchildren, Michael Stoneking, Jr., Whitney Wagaman, Jessica Christensen and Travis Nye. She is also survived by two sisters, Cindy Leeper of Wayland, MO and Mary Jefferson of Carrolton, MO, one brother, Raymond Stoneking of Carrolton, MO and several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Besides her husband, she was also preceded in death by one sister, Lorraine Sholey, one brother, Marlin Stoneking, two brothers-in-law, Kent Leeper and Wayne Jefferson and one sister-in-law, Dorothy Stoneking.

According to her wishes there will be no services.
Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.
The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk is assisting the family with arrangements.

DEBRA J. LeMATTY

Debra Jean LeMatty, 67, of Montrose, IA passed away Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at her home in Montrose, IA.

Deb was born October 24, 1955 in Kirksville, MO the daughter of Robert and Myrna McCarty. She was raised by Myrna and Stub Holmes. Deb married the love of her life, Tim LeMatty, on January 19, 1971 and they were happily married for fifty-two years.

Deb is survived by her husband, one son, Timmy LeMatty of Montrose, IA, one daughter, Tammy Robbins (Scott) of Montrose, IA, her mother and father, Myrna Holmes (Stub) of Montrose, IA, one brother, Jerry McCarty (Janice) of Donnellson, IA, grandchildren, Ariel LeMatty (Jason) of Chicago, IL, Timothy LeMatty, III (Erika) of Ft. Madison, IA Ty LeMatty (Paige) of Navarre, FL, Dalton Robbins of Montrose, IA and Cole Robbins of Montrose, IA and great-granddaughters, Abigail and Ember LeMatty of Ft. Madison, IA.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Danny Joe McCarty.
Deb's passions were her family, friends and animals whom she served her entire life. At various times she raised horses, mini ponies, cows, mini donkeys and chickens on their rural property. She loved riding horses, camping, fishing and taking drives with her beloved pet dog, Gracie. Deb had a big heart. She loved and was loved by her family and many friends.

According to her wishes, she was cremated and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to PAW Animal Shelter, 2031 48th Street, Fort Madison, IA, 52627.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA is assisting the family with arrangements.
Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

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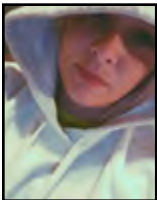
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TARA M. SHARP

Tara Michelle Sharp, 31, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 in Montrose, IA. She was born on October 7, 1991 in Fort Madison, IA to Ron & Lisa Taylor Sharp. She enjoyed going fishing and going to the races, but her greatest joy was being there for her three children whenever they needed her.



SHARP

Tara is survived by: 2-daughters: Lily & Lainey Schuelka of Fort Madison, IA; 1-son: Ashton Schuelka of Fort Madison, IA; her father: Ron (Pam Horn) Sharp of Fort Madison, IA; her mother & step father: Lisa (Richard) Strawhacker of Fort Madison, IA; 3-brothers: Ron (Cate) Sharp of Wichita, KS, Adam (Daryl) Sutton of Fort Madison, IA & Nathan (Amy Hamelton) Sharp of Fort Madison, IA; 3-sisters: Laura (Brock) Delaney of McPherson, KS, Sabrina (Joe) Sobaski of Nixa, MO & Melissa Sutton of Fort Madison, IA. She was preceded in death by her grandparents.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Online condolences to Tara's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

Classrooms to benefit from \$40K STEM+HD grant

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High School Science Teacher. Central Lee is currently planning a complete renovation to the high school science classrooms. The new classrooms, once completed, will include separate lab and instruction space and increases the square footage for each classroom. "This grant will help us provide a top notch facility that includes equipment that is also used in industry," said Jamey Sue Smith, Central Lee High School Science Teacher. "It will allow us to give our students real life experiences that align to experiences they may have when they graduate from our school." To be considered for a STEM BEST + HD Program award, applicants were required to submit a comprehensive proposal that incorporates rigorous and relevant STEM curriculum, includes valuable partnerships with community businesses or organizations, aligns with STEM goals, addresses sustainability of the model program, and evaluates the program's effectiveness. For more information on the STEM BEST + HD Program, please visit <https://www.iowastem.org/STEMBEST>.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report
Fort Madison Police Report 01/31/23 - 1:46 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1900 block of Avenue L.
01/31/23 - 3:06 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Jessica Rebecca Boe, 32, of Fort Madison, in the 4600 block of Avenue J, on a charge of 1st offense trespassing.
02/01/23 - 12:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Rachel Jo Jenkins, 32, of Montrose, at the Lee County Jail, on 3 charges of 3rd degree burglary and a charge of possession of burglary tools. She remains in Lee County Jail.
02/01/23 - 12:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested John Adam Wiggins, 38, of Fort Madison, in the 800 block of Avenue E, on charges of 3rd offense OWI, driver's license denied/revoked - OWI, and operation without ignition interlock. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
02/01/23 - 2:21 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 34th Street and Avenue J.
02/01/23 - 2:26 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 34th Street and Avenue J.

Lee County Sheriff Report
01/31/23 - 9:03 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Johnathan Russell Barnett, 32, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
01/31/23 - 9:40 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Logan Gene Meyers, 24, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on 4 warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
01/31/23 - 4:18 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies cited and released Kyree Lee Wilkerson, 22, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold warrant.
01/31/23 - 10:50 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Rachel Jo Jenkins, 32, of Burlington, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on 2 warrants for

Hancock County Sheriff's Report
01/16/2023 - WHITAKER, OCTAVIUS S (29 of Keokuk, IA) Speeding (126/55) Improper Overtaking, Aggravated Fleeing/Eluding a Peace Officer, Driving While License Suspended, Lee County IA Warrant, Des Moines County IA Warrant
01/17/2023 - BARRAGAN, 3rd degree burglary, a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court, charges of possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd, possession of a controlled substance - 3rd, possession of drug paraphernalia, and driving under suspension. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
02/01/23 - 9:31 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Joseph Patrick Frank, 45, of Montrose, in the 100 block of Cedar Street, Montrose, on charges of keep vehicle or premise for controlled substance, 2 charges of possession of a controlled substance-1,2,3rd, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
02/01/23 - 11:28 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Kelsie Jo Kraus, 29, of Burlington, in Burlington, on an unspecified charge/warrant. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

JIMMY G (59 of Warsaw, IL) Possession of Methamphetamine, Aggravated Arson
01/17/2023 - PUTNAM, DES-SIE (41 of Bowen, IL) Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid Crash
01/17/2023 - BOLANDER, TINA M (37 of Bowen, IL) No Valid Registration, Operate Uninsured Vehicle
01/18/2023 - SMITH, BROCK D (42 of Ursa, IL) Mc Donough County Warrant
01/18/2023 - KINMAN, JOSHUA N (36 of Niota, IL) Driving While License Revoked, Henderson County Warrant
01/19/2023 - FRENCH, ALEXIS J (19 of Bowen, IL) Hancock County Warrant
01/19/2023 - SCHMIDT, WILLIAM G (44 of Novenger, MO) Clark County MO Warrant
01/19/2023 - REA, GRANT C (26 of Carthage, IL) Driving While Under the Influence
01/19/2023 - SMITH-NORRIS, LAKISHA M (44 of Keokuk, IA) Speeding
01/19/2023 - HUFFMAN, MICHAEL A (24 of Keokuk, IA) Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid Crash, Leaving the Scene of a Crash
01/19/2023 - BECK, MORGAN H (28 of Macomb, IL) Speeding
01/19/2023 - MARLOW, PAIGE J (19 of Huntsville, IL) Speeding
01/19/2023 - WILSON, BRENNAN M (19 of St Peters, MO) Speeding
01/22/2023 - FLYNN, GRANT M (24 of Keokuk, IA) Driving While Under the Influence
01/22/2023 - ROGERS, DAVID J (18 of Warsaw, IL) No Valid Driver's License
01/22/2023 - WHITAKER, BRADLEY L (43 of Ferris, IL) Possession of Methamphetamine
01/23/2023 - DESHONG, DANIEL J (30 of Augusta, IL) Schuyler County Warrant.
01/24/2023 - MAYNARD, DALTON W (31 of Niota, IL) Contempt of Court.
01/25/2023 - MAPES, BRENT D (57 of Ferris, IL) Aggravated Domestic Battery
01/25/2023 - MILLER, MICHAEL J (32 of Carthage, IL) Mc Donough County Warrant
01/25/2023 - DESHONG, ISAAC A (25 of Carthage, IL) Lee County IA Warrant
01/25/2023 - SCHOFIELD, JEFFREY J (53 of Carthage, IL) Possession of Methamphetamine, Obstructing Justice
01/25/2023 - VEACH, SUSAN E (59 of Carthage, IL) Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
01/25/2023 - SMITH, ZACHARIA M (18 of Carthage, IL) Speeding.
01/27/2023 - HILAND, MARCUS D (26 of Augusta, IL) Hancock County Warrant
01/27/2023 - GYGORY, CHRISTOPHER D (61 of Evanston, IL) Speeding
01/27/2023 - YATES, BETHANY J (38 of Nauvoo, IL) Driving While License Suspended
01/27/2023 - BUNDY, BRENT J (39 of LaHarpe, IL) Speeding
01/27/2023 - OLIVER, BRONCO (31 of LaHarpe, IL) Speeding, Suspended Registration
01/28/2023 - LAND, JESSE E (72 of Hamilton, IL) Driving While Under the Influence
01/29/2023 - SCHULZ, DORTHY J (42 of LaHarpe, IL) Domestic Battery
01/29/2023 - HOODLEY, BLAKE A (18 of Keokuk, IA) Speeding (103/55)
01/31/2023 - ZVIRBLIS, HEATHER L (42 of Galesburg, IL) Hancock County Warrant
01/31/2023 - PLOWMAN, MEGAN J (30 of Sutter, IL) Hancock County Warrant

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Girls' State Wrestling

Girls had never wrestled before Halloween 2022

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Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Hailey Kemper gets a first-round mat slap over Tipton's Koda Fogg Thursday night in the 100 lb. bracket. Below, Fort Madison head coach Kyle Doherty reacts to a momentum shift in Hailey Kemper's first match of the day Thursday at the Xtreme Arena in Coralville.



position for 2 points. Fogg would wriggle out, quickly scoring her own reversal with just :04 left in the first period.

However, Kemper was given a penalty point on the reversal when Fogg used an illegal hand hold. Kemper then was awarded another penalty point at the end of the period, leaving the score tied at 4.

Kemper was warned for stalling, something watched very closely at state tournaments. She then gained control as the two went to the mat and scored a 3-point nearfall at 1:29 and then stabilized her chest on Fogg to get the pin.

In the second round, Kemper battled No. 4 seed Mariah Michels of North Central High School.

North Central is a five-school coop girls' wrestling program in extreme north central Iowa north

Michels came out aggressive and wrestled Kemper to the mat in about 14 seconds and then scored a nearfall for three points. Kemper at one point almost scored a reversal flipping over the top of Michels, but the freshman pulled Kemper back around under control for 5-0 first period lead.

Michels would escape from Kemper's top spot on the restart, earning a point. She then wrapped up Kemper again took her to the mat, and scored a takedown and a 2-point near fall for a 10-0 lead. Kemper fought under Michels' pressure for about 15 seconds before giving way to the pin, pushing the Lady Hound into consolation wrestlebacks.

Kemper rolled through her first match in the consolation bracket, again Olivya Mack of East Sac County. Kemper was assessed a hold penalty at 1:10 to trail 1-0, but then worked Mack to the mat and quickly rolled her into a near fall with :30 left in the first period. After some pressure for about :20, Kemper was able to secure the pin.

In her final match against No. 5 Ava McNeal of Lewis Central (41-5) in the second round of consolation action, McNeal looked for revenge of her first-round upset by No. 12 Greta Goodman of Ames, and scored 10 quick points on three near falls before ending Kemper's run just 1:34 into the match.

"I gave it my all. I probably could've done better

on the bottom, but all I can do is work harder next year in the weight room and wrestling room," Kemper said.

Kemper had never wrestled before Halloween 2022 and said she's never wanted to wrestle.

"A few of my friends got me into it and now I like it. I want to stick with it," she said.

But walking the halls and the notoriety of being the first girl ever to qualify for state in the school's history is something she takes in stride.

"I really don't like all the attention on me like that," Kemper said.

She still had a smile on her face as she walked off Thursday night after losing to McNeal.

"I try not to show my emotion too much. I don't let it get to me."

Mara Smith qualified for state with her fifth-place finish at regionals. Only the top four qualify, but if one of the qualifiers can't compete, the fifth-place wrestler moves into the qualifying spot. One of the 130 lb. wrestlers, who finished in the top four at regionals, injured her arm and wasn't allowed to participate at state.

With that last-in spot, Smith was seeded 31 of 32 wrestlers and pulled a tough No. 2 ranked Chloe Sander (46-4), a freshman out of Vinton-Shellsburg.

Smith got through the first period trailing just 2-0 after fighting off a couple Sanders' attacks, but a down start in the second

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Lady Hounds looking forward to building on success

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period turned into a six-second escape with Sanders spinning out of Smith's grasp. Sanders then pulled Smith to the mat for a takedown. Smith almost got to the circle for a restart, but Sanders was strong enough to work her back inside and then rolled her over for a chest-chest pin.

Smith said the rollercoaster of getting to state was a bit more difficult than she planned.

"Last night I wasn't even expecting it and didn't realize I was going to state. It wasn't 'til I got here, and I said, 'this is real, and I have to wrestle,'" she said.

The Xtreme Arena was standing room only and sold out with lines wrapped around the building as action started at 9 a.m.

An announcement came over the public address system from a union official who said, "I guess Iowa really was ready for girls' wrestling."

The pageantry and environment weren't lost on Smith. "This whole thing was so different. The place was completely packed and really loud. I want to stay with this," she said.

But the low ranking didn't bother her. Smith compiled a 22-7 season mark before Thursday and said she should have done better at regionals.

"I don't think where I was seeded, mentally, it didn't affect me. I didn't think about the seeding, just wrestling the girl across from me."

Smith grew up with her brother Teague, and her father Ryan is the FMHS wrestling coach and wrestled under Dan Gable at Iowa. Smith never got on the floor with



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Mara Smith rolls up Asia Jahangir in the Bloodhound's second match of the day at the state girls' wrestling tournament. Smith won by fall.

either of them.

"Nope. Never. I watched a lot of it, but never actually wrestled before," she said.

"I sometimes would just look at the girl across from me and start to get in my own head. But I think I've grown so much from the sport, athletically. I think it helped me and it's been the most mental and emotional sport I've ever played. But it's helped me in a lot of ways."

Smith took on Asia Jahangir of Dallas Center-Grimes in the first round of consolation wrestling at 130 lbs. Jahangir came into the tournament ranked 15th with a 26-7 record as a junior.

Smith is wrestling in her freshman year and compiled a 21-6 record.

After giving up a two point takedown, Smith scored a reversal and that was all the scoring in the first period. Then Smith came out in the second period and got a takedown, taking control and getting the pin halfway through the second period.

Smith then found herself up against 17th seed Charity Mickles, a senior from Perry. Mickles sported a 25-7 record coming in. Smith held Mickles to a draw in the first period and was given the top start in the second period after the 0-0 first. Mickles was able to slip out and reverse control for two points. Smith escaped 15 seconds later, and then got stood up by Mickles who was able to pull her to the ground for a 2-point control and a 4-1 lead going into the third period.

Mickles scored another takedown just 15 seconds into the period. Smith was awarded a penalty point on a hold, but Mickles took advantage of a top start on the break to roll Smith over for the pin ending Smith's bid for more work.

Doherty said he's looking forward to the program growing in year two. He said he was very impressed with the number of girls that came out in the first year and then to take eight to regionals and have five knocking on the door to state was a great barometer of the season.

"Taking eight to regionals and qualifying two, and then having three others knocking on the door, I would say for being a first-year program, from Oct. 31 to regionals, they blew all the expectations out of the water," Doherty said.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF INTENT TO
FILL MAYOR VACANCY
BY APPOINTMENT

The City of West Point, Lee County, Iowa will have a vacancy in the position of Mayor as of February 13th, 2023 due to the resignation of Mayor Paul Walker. Mayor ProTem Joseph L Loving has been appointed Mayor. Mr Loving will begin serving in that capacity on February 13th, 2023.

Pursuant to Section 372.13,(2), (a) of the Code of Iowa, notice is hereby given that the City

Council of West Point. Lee County, Iowa intends to fill this vacancy during the City Council meeting held @ 6:30, February 13th, 2023 at the West Point Library Conference Room . However, The electors of the City of West Point have the right to file a petition requiring that the vacancy be filled by special election. If electors wish to require a special election a valid petition requesting such must be filed with the city clerk within fourteen days after publication of this notice or within fourteen days after the

appointment is made. If no such petition is filed, the appointment shall be for the period until the next pending election as defined in Section 69.12 of the Code of Iowa.
Randy Welding, City Administrator
City of West Point

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AGENDA

ROLL CALL
APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
BUSINESS:
1. Painting Grant Update
2. Farm Ground Terrace and Drainage Project
3. AWOS Grant/Update
AIRPORT MANAGERS REPORT
ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
FORT MADISON
CITY COUNCIL
Date: Tuesday,
February 7, 2023

Time: 5:30 P.M.
Place: 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 allega-

tions which are not part of the published agenda.
CONSENT AGENDA
1. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the consent agenda:
• Minutes of January 17, 2023;
• Liquor License Renewals: Pen City Aerie, 4821 Avenue O, effective January 31, 2023 – Class C Retail w/Outdoor Service; Dollar General #15777, 429 Avenue H, effective February 10, 2023 – Class B Retail; Buffalo 61 Bar & Grille, 6111 Reve Court, effective February 25, 2023 – Class C Retail; Dollar General #2194, 4809 Avenue O, effective March 1, 2023 – Class B Retail;

• Claims dated February 2, 2023, January Manuals, Library Claims and Financial Report; and
• Payroll of January 27, 2023.
COMMUNITY REPORT: Historic Preservation Commission Certified Local Government Report
ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
2. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt resolution approving the following applications for a Three-year Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption: A. Donna G Bratek, 12 Richards Drive (remodel); Daniel P/Janice M Horn, 1310 – 18th Street (storage building); Daniel P/Janice M Horn, 1225 – 20th Street (sid-

ing/windows)
3. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the Mayor's signature on a Federal Aid Agreement for Iowa Department of Transportation TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) Grant for PORT Phase IV, Avenue L to Bluff Road on 48th Street. (SEE COUNCIL REPORT NO. 2023-03)
4. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the Mayor's signature on a Scope Appendix for Municipal Advisor Services with Baker Tilly US, LLP, to prepare financial information for the City's Combined Sewer Overflow Projects (CSO).

(SEE COUNCIL REPORT NO. 2023-04)
OTHER
5. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to set public hearing for 5:30 P.M., on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, to approve the Fiscal Year 2023 Maximum Property Tax Dollars Levy.
6. Timeline Update for Old Fort Madison 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, February 21, 2023.

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Sports

Ferentz isn't taking axe to the Iowa coaching staff

Kirk Ferentz set the foundation for the upcoming season by banking on history and a feeling that Iowa's offense is going to be better.

It's a gamble that is going to define the final years of the 67-year-old head coach.

Iowa's offense can only get better. The Hawkeyes went 8-5 last season with one of the nation's worst offenses. They finished 130th out of 131 FBS teams in total offense, 123rd in scoring offense at 17.7 points per game, 123rd in passing offense and 124th in rushing offense.

But anyone expecting offseason upheaval within Iowa's coaching staff had to have been disappointed when Ferentz said on Wednesday that, no, that wasn't going to happen.

"As I stand here today, I anticipate no changes in our staff moving forward," Ferentz said. "That's my plan certainly."

He's staying. His son, Brian, the Hawkeyes' offensive coordinator, is staying. Offensive line coach George Barnett is staying.

If you were expecting some sort of axes swinging in Iowa's football building, sorry. There's no wizard with a playbook of five-receivers-and-a-cloud-of-points walking through that door. No Greatest Show On Kinnick's Turf coming next season.

Now, Ferentz admitted on Wednesday that the offensive clunkiness of last season wasn't acceptable.

"The bottom line is the offense is about moving the ball consistently, scoring enough points to win, and the numbers bear out that it wasn't good enough," Ferentz said. "And the other part about that is we're well aware of that and we own it. Nobody is running from that by any stretch of the imagination."

"The whole idea right now is to move forward and fix it. That's where our thoughts are."

But fixing it isn't going to mean some sort of crazy offensive scheme. The scoreboard isn't going to go crazy like a Vegas slot machine.

"I didn't say the same scheme, but it's not going to look radically different," Ferentz said. "I don't predict anything wild or absurd there. I think we've been pret-



ty consistent in our approach really for 24 years. We own it. We own the stats."

Fixing it wasn't going to mean firing or demoting his son and bringing in someone new. Instead, Ferentz wants to lean on his previous history.

"If you look back 24 years we've had down periods, years that have been disappointing," Ferentz said. "We normally rally back. We normally rally back and fix it, and that's always kind of been my attitude. We're all products of our upbringing, I guess, or influences, and I worked for a guy for nine years ... there was never a coordinator fired here during my nine years with Coach (Hayden) Fry. I'm not planning on doing it. I haven't done it."

"I grew up in Pittsburgh where they had pretty good success. The thing you learn from the Steelers is they fix things. They don't panic, they fix things. As long as you've got the right people."

Ferentz thinks Iowa's offensive improvement will come with execution, and an upgrade in personnel.

Cade McNamara will take over as the Hawkeyes' quarterback, with experience in Michigan's offense to go with more mobility, something Iowa didn't have with Spencer Petras over the last three seasons.

The offensive line will have more experience with the Hawkeyes adding Rusty Feth and Daijon Parker from the NCAA's transfer portal. That, Ferentz said, is where Iowa's improvement will begin.

"If you look at our offensive line right now we weren't where we needed to be (in 2021 (and felt the same way (in 2022)," Ferentz said. "We were forced to play some guys that probably weren't quite ready to

compete at the level we're looking for. It's been part of what we've been battling a little bit.

"The facts are that when you can't do things up front, that kind of cascades to the entire offense. It's hard to run an offense when you can't block with proficiency."

There's more experience at wide receiver with the additions of Seth Anderson and Austin Kutscher from the transfer portal, joining Nico Ragaini, who is back for his final season. Former Michigan tight end Erick All joins Luke Lachey at a position which has always been a strength for Iowa.

Ferentz spent a lot of his time on Wednesday quoting all sorts of statistics to back up his reasoning on not having some sort of massive offensive reconstruction, but you can only twist numbers so far.

Iowa has had its ups and downs under Ferentz, and the coach is counting on history to prove another upswing is coming. The Hawkeyes won just 12 games in the 2006 and 2007 seasons, then won 20 over the next two. The 7-6 season in 2014, which seemed to put the Ferentz era on the brink of demise, was followed by an undefeated regular season and a Rose Bowl trip in 2015.

Ferentz leaned on those seasons when he spoke on Wednesday, but history lessons don't resonate when there's an uncertain future.

"We're just going to keep trying to get better at what we do," he said. "I think we've had a fair amount of success. I just want to make sure everybody understands, we're taking ownership. Nobody is running from this, that would be ridiculous. Seventeen (points per game) is not the standard, eight (wins) is not the standard."

"We started work two weeks ago. The idea is to be a championship-level team, and that's easier to talk about than to do, but it takes a lot of things falling right, especially here. It's not easy. But it's doable because we've done it."

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