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Bowen celebrates Denver title

NBA TITLE: FMHS grad says little time to enjoy national championship with Nuggets

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

DENVER - The day after being a part of an NBA championship, Ryan Bowen spent his afternoon ... playing pickleball.

"We're a pickleball family now," he said, laughing.

The Fort Madison native was just a few hours removed from celebrating the Denver Nuggets' 94-89 win over the Miami Heat in Game 5 of the NBA Finals. Bowen, a former Nuggets player who is in his eighth season as an assistant coach there, spent the day trying to comprehend what had happened the night before.

"Going through the text messages today, it's like, 'Holy cow, we won,'" Bowen said. "Watching TV today, watching (ESPN's) SportsCenter, it's like, 'That's us. We did it.' It's pretty crazy.

"I've watched the trophy celebrations for other teams, I've watched the ring celebrations, and in the back of my head I wondered, 'Will I ever get a chance to win a championship?' You just wondered if you were ever going to be in that situation."

That situation came on Monday night, and with it came the post-game party with a tornado of emotions.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Ryan Bowen poses with the NBA Championship trophy with his brother Tyler following the Denver Nuggets' title win Monday night. Bowen, a FM native, is an assistant coach for the Nuggets.

"It's been unbelievable," Bowen said. "It started with the anticipation for the game last night. The game itself wasn't pretty, but we did enough to get the job done.

"We're shaking hands with everybody after the game. Next thing

you know, they're bringing the stage out and everything. I'm like, 'Oh my gosh, they're about to do this, they're about to have the trophy presentation.' It was just cool how quickly everything was done.

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OPINION



Despite its anxieties, travel worth every mile

One of the things I hate the most, but one of the most necessary anymore, is travel.

I had plans to fly to New York City on Thursday, but some heavy medical events kept me from getting on a plane that day.

We were looking for Hail Marys in Rochester, Minn at the vast Mayo Clinics and didn't get what we were looking for. I drove back from Minnesota with my mom and the family in tow in other vehicles behind us on Thursday. I rebooked my flight for Friday morning at 6:07 a.m.

Instead of getting up at 2 a.m. and getting to St. Louis in time for the departure, I decided to stay the night in St. Louis.

We had appointments in Rochester at 8 a.m. Thursday and after a quick 2.5 mile run/walk around the Mayo campus and a shower, all three of my brothers and I wheeled my mom into the clinic for one more chance to talk with someone who would know how to save her life.

At 76, she's just too young for me to think that the end is near. If they can't save her, maybe we can. She has non-alcoholic steatohepatitis, which is basically when fatty tissue in the liver turns scarred and starts to reject blood from the organ. She also has a 2-inch tumor on the top of the liver at the portal vessel.

Doctors are less worried about the tumor, and more worried about the liver failing.

We've been dealing with this for about six months. All at the University of Iowa.

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CITY NEWS

Old Fort Players roll out summer youth plans

PCC Staff

FORT MADISON - Old Fort Players is happy to announce auditions for their Youth Summer Theater Program. A play will be chosen based on the number of youth who want to participate so each child can be assured of having a part.

All young actors aged 10-14 are encouraged to drop by the OFP downtown location on Tuesday June 20th starting at 6 pm to audition. Auditions will consist of cold readings from a script. No experience or preparation is necessary. All children will need parental consent. If you are unable to make this audi-

tion time, please contact the director, Richar Abel at 319-246-1516 or drop by Z's Boba Tea Shop at 821 Avenue G in Fort Madison.

Also needed are youth and/or their parents to volunteer as Stage Manager

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OBITUARIES

JERRY R. JINKENS

Jerry Ralph Jinkens, 64, of Keokuk, IA, died Monday, June 12, 2023 at his home.

He was born on July 4, 1958 in Keokuk, IA, the son of Robert and Aileen McNally Jinkens. He graduated from Keokuk High School with the Class of 1976.



JINKENS

On February 14, 2020, Jerry was united in marriage to Martha Harrell. She survives.

He is also survived by two daughters, Sarah Jinkens of Burlington and Hannah Abston (BJ) of Keokuk, two step-daughters, Samantha Harrell of Kahoka and Brandy Sturm (Tyler) of Keokuk and one step-son, Danny Burgess of Keokuk and twelve grandchildren. He is also survived by five sisters, Karen Hickey (Mike) of Keokuk, Brenda Coursey (Steve) of Monmouth, IL, Bonnie Underwood (Steve) of Keokuk, Cynthia Ames (Roy) of Keokuk and Julie McNitt (Tim) of Osage Beach, MO, one brother, Dennis Jinkens of Keokuk and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his grandparents, James & Letta Jinkens, Ralph and Edna Ingram McNally and step-grandmother, Myra Egly McNally.

Jerry had been employed at Meyers Driveway and Septic and also at the Prototype Foundry.

He was a loyal fan of the Chicago Cubs and the Raiders. He loved listening to the rock band, The Who, and went to many of their concerts. Jerry had a great appreciation for history, enjoyed camping and liked animals, especially dogs.

Most of all Jerry loved his family and his greatest joy was spending time with his grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk. Burial will be in the Hickory Grove Cemetery.

There will be no visitation.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorial-home.com.

OBITUARIES

FREDRICK J. BAXTER

Fredrick Joseph "Fred" Baxter, 96, of the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy formerly of Nauvoo, passed away at 4:40 a.m. Saturday at the Veterans Home.

Born on December 1, 1926, in Nauvoo, Illinois, the son of Fred and Dorothy (Kelly) Baxter. On October 20, 1956, at Saint John's Catholic Church in Houghton, Iowa, he married Carmelita Witting. She preceded in him death on December 23, 2009.



BAXTER

He is survived by his one son: Callen "Butch" (Elaine) Baxter of Fort Madison; grandchildren: Amanda Baxter, Kent Simmons, Kiryn Evans and Kane Simmons; several great grandchildren and sister-in-law: Sylvia Witting of West Point.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife: Carmelita; daughter: Kathy; sisters: Betty Kaiser, Mary Logan and Annette Schmidt.

Fred graduated from Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School and the University of Illinois with a degree in horticulture and entomology. He was a United States Army veteran serving in the Korean War. Fred was a member of the Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Alleman Council Knights of Columbus and was the secretary of the Nauvoo Grape Festival. He received the 94% Apple Clear Club award in the State of Illinois. He managed Gem City Vineland and retired from Selfridge National Airforce Base in Michigan. He was a bartender on the Addie Mae and at Icarian Restaurant. He helped Eldon and Gerry Walker and Max and Bill Radel on the farm. Following his retirement he helped at Baxters Vineyards and was a bartender and meat cutter at the Hotel Nauvoo.



His body was donated to the University of Iowa Deeded Body Program.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, September 1, 2023, at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo, Illinois with Father Tony Trosley as celebrant.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at www.sbbfuneral-home.com.

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MARY M. MENDEZ

Mary M. Mendez, 80, of Ft. Madison passed away on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center Klein Center.

She was born on February 22, 1943 in Ft. Madison to Juan and Margarita Sanchez Vasquez, Sr. On September 29, 1962 she married Edward "Eddie" Mendez in Ft. Madison and he passed away on July 26, 2021. She was a member of Sacred Heart Church and the LULAC. Mary enjoyed cooking throughout the years and was known for her tacos. Most of all, she loved her family and spending time with them.

Survivors include two sons, Eddie (Laura) Mendez of Ft. Madison and Tony (Janie) Mendez of Ft. Madison; six grandchildren, Nicholas (Trisha) Menke, Lindsey (Ben) Lofthus, Michael (Abby) Mendez, Anthony (Brittany) Mendez, Lexie Mendez and Lexi Whaley; nine great grandchildren, Clara & Grace Menke, Emmalyn Snaadt, Liam & Adleigh Lofthus, Wyatt & Whitley Mendez, Cooper & Aydan Mendez; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband; seven brothers, Marion "Mani", Leonard, Lupe, John, Jose "Chi", Victor and Carlos "Charlie".

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The family will meet with friends on Thursday, June 15, 2023 from 9:30AM-11 AM at Sacred Heart Church. The funeral Mass will follow at 11 AM at the church and burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for LULAC Council 304 and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.



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VUEL M. SMITH

Vuel Mae Smith, 86, of Farmington, Iowa, passed away at 8:32 p.m. Monday, June 12, 2023, at her home.

Born on September 6, 1936, in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of Weston and Lois (Hand) Schorr. On December 23, 1954, in Kahoka, Missouri, she married James Lewis Smith. He preceded her in death on January 16, 2019.



SMITH

She is survived by her two sons: Terry Smith of Florida and Duane Smith of Farmington; granddaughter: Nicole Smith and two great grandchildren: Anthony and Lia.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband James.

A graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 17, 2023, at Greenglade Cemetery in Farmington, with Pastor Donna Reid officiating.

A memorial has been established in her memory for Saint Francisville Methodist Church or Shriners Hospital.

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

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GWENDOLEN ZEITLER BROWN

Gwendolen (Gwen) Zeitler Brown, 86 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa, died Saturday, June 10, 2023, at the Birkwood Village Facility in Fort Madison, Iowa. She was born July 30, 1936, in Albany, New York, the daughter of William Irving and Blodwen Mary (Williams) Zeitler. Gwen had a special gift in her ability to connect with people, she was a friend to anyone she met, and if you sat next to her on an airplane, she likely knew your life story before the plane landed. She will be remembered by many for her kindness and her sweet smile.

Gwen was raised in Albany, NY and Fort Madison, IA. She graduated from Fort Madison High School in 1954 and attended the University of Iowa receiving a Bachelor's Degree in General Science in 1958 and a Master's Degree in Counseling and Guidance in 1961. During college she spent two summers working in the hills of Puerto Rico with the Presbyterian mission program. Gwen taught middle school general science in Schenectady, NY, and after obtaining her master's became a high school counselor at Faribault High School in MN. She also was a college counselor at the University of Denver where she pursued a doctorate.

On August 26, 1967, she married Lyle Brown at Union Presbyterian Church, Fort Madison, Iowa. After the birth of Megan, her first child, she and Lyle moved to Newberry, SC, later settling in Columbia, SC, which they would call home for 30 years and where their second child, Matthew, was born. She was an exceptional mother, raising Megan

and Matthew, while doing large amounts of volunteer work and caring for her parents and Lyle's mother. There was also present a beloved cat and dog in the house that were faithful companions to Gwen. In 2001, Gwen, Lyle, and the pets retired back to her hometown where she became very involved in supporting the Fort Madison, IA community.

She loved singing choral music and participated regularly with several choirs throughout her life. She started singing as a child in the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany, NY. In South Carolina she was a long time alto in the Columbia Choral Society, even performing at Spoleto in Charleston, as well as the St. Mary's Episcopal Church choir. She would join the community choir in Fort Madison as often as she could, and her voice always rang out clear at the services at St. Luke's as she helped lead the congregation through their Sunday hymns.

Gwen was a lifetime member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and a strong supporter of women's equal rights and education. Other memberships include the Monday Afternoon Study Club of which her grandmother, Dinah Williams, was a founding member and St. Luke's Episcopal Church, North Lee County Historical Society, and the University of Iowa Alumni Association. She served on the Fort Madison Historic Preservation Commission for ten years, and with her husband was co-chair of the project that led to the establishment of the Park-to-Park Historic District being listed in the National Register of Historic Places. She took on the rescue of two condemned Fort Madison Main Street buildings, and with Lyle's help cleaned them up and brought them back into service for two businesses and upstairs housing. Her commitment to the community was also shown in her support for the rehabilitation of Central Park and the band concerts, a site she was fond of located across from the house her grandparents owned and that she grew up in when in Fort Madison.

She had a passion for counseling young people, especially young women, and helping them seek out education. In SC, Gwen established a scholarship fund in her mother's name with the American Association of University

Women (AAUW). In Iowa, she supported the efforts of Upward Bound for the young members of St. Luke's where she and Lyle attended. She was very proud to establish the Gwen & Lyle Brown Scholarship at the University of Iowa, which supports selected freshman from Fort Madison and Clinton High Schools that are attending the University. To date, over 50 young people have received a scholarship, and Gwen continued to support several of them throughout their careers after graduation.

Travel was always a sought-out adventure for Gwen, and she and Lyle ensured that their family took several trips to Europe to see the history and culture as well as spending time researching and meeting an extensive group of relatives in Wales and England. In retirement she loved to travel with Lyle, and they enjoyed many memorable vacations in Europe, China, Thailand, Alaska, and Russia as well as the US. One of her favorite trips was on the American Queen up the Mighty Mississippi, a river that she was so fond of. Gwen also enjoyed the view of that river from their Fort Madison home and was regularly noting what barges, trains, birds, deer, and rabbits were passing by, as well as hosting friends for the fireworks on the 4th of July.

Gwen is survived by her husband, Lyle, and what she felt was her greatest achievement, her children that she was very proud of: her "career gal" daughter Megan Brown in Alexandria, VA, and "great dad" son Matthew Brown (Abby his wife) in Apex, NC. She was also a devoted grandmother to Gavin and Caroline Brown. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. Burial will be held at a later date at Elmwood Cemetery in Fort Madison. A memorial service for family and friends will be held at a later date at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Memorials in Gwen's honor may be made to the University of Iowa Center for Advancement, 1 West Park Road, Iowa City, IA 52242 for the Gwen & Lyle Brown Scholarship Fund, or to PAW Animal Shelter, 2031--48th Street, Fort Madison, IA 52627. Online condolences to the Brown family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.



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Sports/Local News

Gillette gets 15 years for sex crime conviction

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FORT MADISON - On April 21, 2023, Metallie Gillette, 24, of Fort Madison, pled guilty to Sexual Abuse in the 3rd degree, a class C Felony and Incest, a class D Felony.

The charges stemmed from an incident that occurred in Fort Madison, North Lee County, Iowa between October 15, 2022 and November 15, 2022 in which Gillette sexually abused a minor. Des Moines County Sheriff's Investigators discovered evidence during an investigation in Des Moines County, which led to the execution of a search warrant in Fort Madison. Media

evidence was discovered, and Gillette was subsequently charged on December 1, 2022.

On June 9, 2023, Gillette was sentenced to one ten-year prison term and one five-year sentence to run consecutive to each other, for a total of fifteen years to be served within the Iowa Department of Corrections. Gillette is also subject to a lifetime special sentence with the Iowa Department of Corrections and is required to register as a sex offender for her lifetime.

The Des Moines County Sheriff's Office was the investigating agency with assistance from the Fort Madison Police Department. The matter was prosecuted by the Lee County Attorney's Office.

Lady Hounds sweep Keokuk twinbill

PCC Staff

KEOKUK - The Fort Madison Bloodhounds got back on track in Southeast softball action with doubleheader sweep of the Chiefs sparked by a 5-run 8th inning in game 1 to break an 11-11 tie.

Elle Ruble opened the top of the eighth with a double to center. Lauryn Helmick then drew a walk before Elizabeth Tanner doubled to center driving in Ruble with what ended up being the game-winning RBI. Olivia Buckner reached and scored Helmick and then Alivia Holmes singled to left scoring Tanner for a 14-11 lead.

Taylor Johnson flew out to center for the first out before Emily Steffensmeier drew a bases-loaded walk to score Buckner.

Rehm would slap another single to short right field to score Holmes before a couple hard liners hit at the pitcher and to left field ended the inning for the Hounds.

Rehm, who went all eight innings for Fort

Madison gave a double to start the bottom of the eighth, but Keokuk's Gracie Thompson was thrown out trying to stretch it to a triple. After a walk to Bella Crew, Rehm got Kylie Sisk and Suzie Whitaker to fly out to end the game.

Rehm gave up all 11 runs earned on 17 hits, while striking out five and walking three. She gave up two homers.

Helmick, Rehm, and Tanner all had three hits for the Bloodhounds. Tanner had four RBI. Helmick scored four runs. Thompson suffered the loss for the Chiefs in the first game.

In the night cap, Erika Kruse held control throughout seven recording a four-hit shutout, while going 3-4 at the plate with two RBI. Steffensmeier, Tanner and Reilynn Turnbull all had two hit nights for the Hounds.

The wins move the Hounds over .500 overall on the year with a 3-5 conference record. They take on Keokuk again Thursday night at Baxter Sports Complex beginning at 7:30

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and Sound and Lights Technician, Costume and Prop Managers, etc. Experience is preferred but not required and training will be provided.

Performances run July 28, 29, & 30, 2023. Evening shows begin at 7:30 and the Sunday matinee begins at 2:00 pm. Tickets will be available online and the link to purchase will be posted on www.oldfortplayers.com and the theater's Facebook page. For those wanting to pay cash or credit for tickets at the door, you can and should reserve your seat by phone or Facebook Messenger.

The theater is located in downtown Fort Madison at 725 Avenue G. Send them a Facebook message, send an email to oldfortplayers-fm@gmail.com or call 319-372-9559 for more information. Like them on Facebook (Fb@oldfortplayers) or visit www.oldfortplayers.com to keep up with everything that's going on at the theater.

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Sports/From the Front

Life is a journey of miles

TRAVEL - Continued from Page 1

Travel, sometimes two times a week to the Digestive Health Center, became the name of the game.

An hour here and an hour there. On Thursday it was 4.5 hours from Rochester back to her home in West Burlington. Then home to repack and take a quick nap, then off to St. Louis for about four hours of sleep before heading to the airport.

I got there at about 4:50 a.m. for my 6 a.m. flight. Checked in without a hiccup and checked one bag. It was free because I used some points on my credit card to get the flight.

I was off to security in under 10 minutes. Sweet. I'll have time for a sandwich and a ginger ale. I drink ginger ale on flights to keep my stomach settled. A breakfast sandwich usually helps with that, too.

I went down the escalator to Gate C and about threw up my sandwich. The line through security was all the way to St. Charles and I had about 50 minutes to get to my gate. After about 10 minutes of standing there and moving slightly an aide standing near the line looked my way. I stepped out of the line, a huge gamble at this point, and told her I didn't fly very often and didn't realize the line through security would be that long. I told her about my flight time and she suggested I sign up for Clear. With a quick scan of my fingertips, face, and eyes, and 14-day free trial, I was ushered to the front of the line, where a gentleman looked at my boarding pass and moved me to the front and through an empty security line.

Five minutes later I was walking down the gateway looking for C18.

There I took a motion sickness pill and a Xanax and went to get a bottle of water. I looked up at the flight board and they were boarding in 5 minutes, but they had already gone through Groups 1-4.

I slipped into a magazine stand and got a warm bottle of water. Their coolers were down.

I had a lot of extra points because this particular card I signed up for midflight the last time I went to NYC and they gave me a 50,000 point bonus. So this time I flew business class. I'm 6-3 so the extra leg room was phenomenal. The motion sickness and anti-anxiety drugs kicked in and I put on Creed III. A decent movie.

When the movie ended we were already in descent. I looked out the window one time and saw the Hudson bay and then "errrrt" the wheels touched and the brakes hit. We rolled straight into our gate and I was the first one off the plane.

Our daughter Taylor was performing in another play in the SoHo district and our travel to this location was via Uber. Traffic on a Saturday morning was a bad as you can imagine, but we got there with about 15 minutes to spare.

I love seeing her on stage. This story line was two veteran men who were married, but one was suffering through Alzheimer's and could no longer recognize his husband. Taylor played the couple's daughter, the main female lead in the hour-long production.

These level of NYC productions have little stage support so it's mostly the actors having the attention of the small audience. So when she was up there, to me, the lights are only on her. Everyone else seems to be in a dull purple haze, but she's bright as the sun.

It took me an eight-hour drive, a two-hour flight, a 40 minute cab ride, and a 30 minute Uber ride to get to see her, for the second time, follow her dream.

I don't like to travel. It's stressful and pushy and takes careful planning.

But I'll travel every day to see her on stage, and I'll travel every day to see mom get healthy.

At some point - it has to pay off.

This travel also has involved quite a bit of walking around the city. We typically move about 20 miles over a four-day stint. It's a small price to pay - and very much Beside the Point.

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Crusaders split games to start week

BY JOHN
BOHNENKAMP
PCC Sports

WEST POINT — It's the close losses.

The errors.

The lack of that timely hit that can make a difference.

A lot has piled up on Holy Trinity's softball team in the last week, and it's led to frustration.

Monday's 10-8 loss to Columbus in an SEI Superconference game was the fifth consecutive defeat for the Crusaders, and left coach Loren Menke trying to find the right words.

"We're just kind of snake-bit right now," Menke said.

The streak started last week in an 11-0 loss to Louisa-Muscataine, but since then the Crusaders (4-8) have seen too many close defeats. They lost by one run in back-to-back games to Highland and Van Buren County, then 4-0 to West Burlington-Notre Dame on Friday.

"All of these losses, they've all been to good opponents," Menke said. "It's not like we're going out and

losing to bad teams. We're playing good teams tough. We're just not winning. And it's frustrating."

In this game, the Crusaders would have innings that were good — a two-run second and a four-run sixth — but they left the bases loaded in both.

"We've got to get clutch hits, and we're not getting those," Menke said.

And on defense, the Crusaders committed seven errors, leading to five unearned runs.

"We have to be better on defense," Menke said. "We gave up four runs the other night (against WB-ND), but I think a couple of those runs were unearned. And then we had a bunch tonight. We're giving other teams too many opportunities."

Four errors came in Columbus' four-run second inning as the Wildcats took a 5-2 lead. Columbus added three runs in the fourth and one run each in the fifth and sixth innings.

But Holy Trinity kept the pressure on the Wildcats. The Crusaders got two runs in the fourth on Halie

Cain's home run.

Then came the biggest outburst in the sixth. Cain had a sacrifice fly, Brooke Mueller had a run-scoring single and Kayla Box and Sydney Jarvis had RBIs on bases-loaded walks. But Columbus pitcher Kennedy Woepking struck out Rachel Menke to end the inning.

The Crusaders didn't get anything going in a 1-2-3 seventh inning.

"If we could have gotten a couple on, we had the top of the order coming up and we could have had a chance," Menke said.

Cain and Mueller each had two hits for the Crusaders.

Columbus' Lily Coil hit for the cycle, scoring three runs. The Wildcats had 15 hits.

On Tuesday, the Crusaders fell 14-5 to Central Lee dropping their SEI Superconference record to 3-5 and 4-9 overall.

HTC had a 5-0 lead after the first inning and a half, but couldn't hold on as the Lady Hawks put up eight in the bottom of the fifth to pull away.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
May 15, 2023**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Admin-

istration Building in Fort Madison on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
Present: Garry Seyb, Ron Fedler, Matt Pflug, Chuck Holmes and Tom Schulz.
All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.
The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
Moved by Pflug, seconded by Fedler, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
At 10:01 a.m. Seyb opened a public hearing on proposed plans for a Maintenance Shed in West Point. There were no comments received before the hearing and

no comments received during the hearing. At 10:02 a.m. a motion was made by Pflug to close the public hearing. Fedler seconded the motion. Motion carried.
Moved by Holmes, seconded by Schulz, to approve the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost of the Maintenance Shed in West Point. Motion carried.
There was no Public Input.
Moved by Holmes, seconded by Pflug, to approve renewal for employee Health Insurance with Wellmark. Motion carried.
Moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes,

to approve renewal for employee dental and life insurance with Met Life. Motion carried.
Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to approve an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023 Iowa Department of Transportation Secondary Roads Budget. Motion carried.
Moved by Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to approve an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023 County Budget and set Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 10:01 a.m. at the County Administration Building as the date, time and location for public hearing for the amendment. Roll call: Pflug-aye, Schulz-aye, Holmes-aye, Fedler-aye

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and Seyb-aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Pflug, to approve a Service Agreement with the Iowa State Association of Counties for the HIPAA Program. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to approve a draft agreement with Poepping, Stone and Bach for Architectural Services for the Keokuk EMS Building. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to approve the Consent Agenda that includes the May 8, 2023 Board

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minutes, the payment of claims for the week, a Class C Retail Alcohol License for Fat Jimmy's Smoke House and Spirits, for the period May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024 and a Class C Retail Alcohol License for Keokuk Hy-Vee catering an event at Small Grand Things, for the period June 8, 2023 through June 12, 2023. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to approve a new hire for the Sheriff's Office, Austin Wagenhauser, Deputy, \$25.25/hr., effective 5/20/23. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Pflug reported on a 911 Board meeting. Fedler reported on a RUSS Board meeting. Holmes reported on a Conservation Board meeting. Schulz reported on a Regional Mental Health Board meeting and a Community Action Board meeting. Seyb reported on a Keokuk Economic Development Board meeting.

At 11:20 a.m. it was moved by Pflug, seconded by Fedler, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 22, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

Garry Seyb, Chairman
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From the Front

Bowen says title offered reflection on his beginnings

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You're hugging the guys, and the next thing you know, everything is there, we're standing on stage, celebrating with the fans. That made it cool — to do it at home."

But what made it special was a chance to celebrate with his family — his wife Wendy, his daughter Isabel, and his sons Ben and Zachary. Bowen's brother, Tyler, also made it to Denver for the game, as did former Iowa teammate Kent McCausland.

"Being able to celebrate with the family was really special," Bowen said. "All of the things we've missed over the years, it doesn't make up for it, but it does make it feel a little better. The basketball games, my daughter graduating from college. I made it to my son's graduation, but I didn't get to go to his graduation party. I missed out on a lot, but to have a chance to celebrate with everybody was pretty awesome.

"Having my brother come in and be a part of it was really special. Being there with him was pretty incredible. It was great for him to be there. He's been on this journey, too. He's been my No. 1 fan since way back when. He's been there from Day 1."

Bowen, a Fort Madison High School graduate who was a four-year starter at Iowa, played 12 professional seasons, 10 in the NBA. Five of those seasons were with the Nuggets, and when his playing career concluded after the 2009-10 he went into coaching.

He spent one season as Iowa's video coordinator under coach Fran McCaffery before working for two seasons as an assistant with the Nuggets. He spent two seasons as an assistant coach for the Sacramento Kings under coach Michael Malone, then moved back to the Nuggets when Malone became the head coach there.

"It was just how we did it here that made it special," Bowen said. "We built through the draft, with Nikola (Jokic), and Jamal (Murray), and Michael Porter, and just staying patient with it. There was never panic, going back to when we missed getting in the playoffs in Game 82 (in 2018), to making the playoffs and losing. Going through the injuries, and coming back. It's just really special."

There wasn't much time to celebrate — Bowen had to go to an NBA draft workout Tuesday morning, with the draft looming next Thursday.

"Our front office, they've got to get ready," Bowen said. "They're all hands on deck for the draft.

We were giving those guys a little bit of flak, like, 'You're really scheduling a workout the day after?'"

"There's the draft, and then there's the Summer League. We'll get some time off at the end of July."


First, though, there is the team's parade through downtown Denver on Thursday.

"I made it a point last year when the Avs won (the NHL's Stanley Cup) — I wanted to go watch the parade," Bowen said. "I took the kids down there, we stood in line, we watched the fire trucks go by. And the kids were like, 'That's going to be you next year.' I was like, 'I don't know about that.' But here we are. That's going to be another one of those moments when it really sinks in. 'I'm on a fire truck going through downtown Denver right now.'"

Bowen reflected on how his journey started in Fort Madison.

"I think back to everyone who had a part in it," he said. "I think back to any coach I had, not just in high school, but middle school, too. I think back to George Wright, who started an AAU program when we were in fifth grade. Jim Decker coached us. And it went from there.

"And then in high school, Mr. (Jim) Knapp, Mr. (Mark) Bigler, Mr. (Dean) Hogan. It's special to think about them. And I hope they know how special they were to me, all of the people along the way. It's amazing to think that this could happen to me, and I appreciate everyone who has been there with me."



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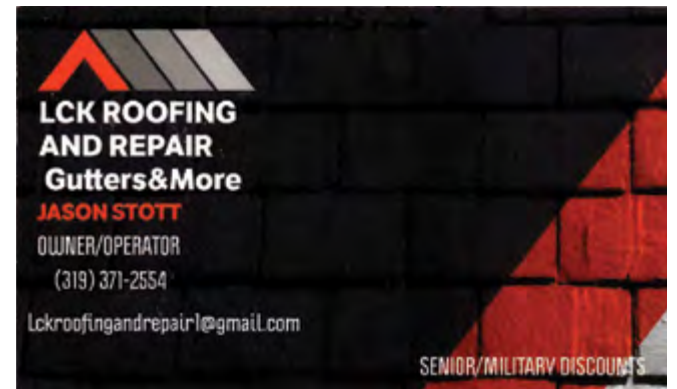
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