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Mohrfeld to seek 3rd term

MORE TO BE DONE: Mayor says he still has things he needs to be a part of

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Matt Mohrfeld said on Friday there was still too much to be done to walk away from the Fort Madison Mayor's seat.

Mohrfeld officially turned in his paperwork to run for Fort Madison Mayor's seat on Friday, saying there was important stuff to finish. And he wasn't finished.

Fort Madison resident Rodney Hoskins told the Pen City Current last week that he was going to seek the mayor's chair



MOHRFELD

again in November. Hoskins opposed Mohrfeld in 2019 and 2021, losing by large margins to Mohrfeld. In 2019, Mohrfeld outpaced Hoskins 823-61, and in 2021 Mohrfeld won 565-135.

Mohrfeld's dominant project over the past several years has been the city's new marina. Not only is he determined to see that project through, but said restoring the park is also a priority of his.

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EDITORIAL



Porchstock a new twist to city's fall plans

Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld and I have a love-hate relationship.

We've squawked at each other over philosophy, principal, prose, and polls. And what actually constitutes a legitimate closed session.

We leave attorneys out of it because they like to litigate and that's a far cry from debate and a lot more expensive.

But on a beautiful pre-fall Friday I stepped away from a grant application to put this week's Beside the Point together.

I'm heading to St. Louis this weekend for a couple Cardinals' games and the season-opener for the Hawkeyes at a place called Weber's Front Row.

That's nowhere near the sheriff's porch in Donnellson. This a Hawkeye fan gathering place. The last one my brother and I went to was in Minneapolis and it is now a destination place for us.

Bar food, co-eds, and enough laughter to cramp up. I'm not exaggerating. I get my game face on in places like that and we usually walk back to our hotel. If you haven't seen the video of me at Jack Doyle's in New York City, a gathering place for Vikings fans in NYC, you don't really understand my game face. Ryan Smith and Doug Frenz need to visit that place on any given Sunday in the fall.

But on this Friday, I'm staring at a blank screen and struggling to find something relevant to write about when my phone goes active and the name "Matt Mohrfeld" pops up. Fate.

I pick up. "Hey Mayor"

"Chuck, what's happenin'?"

"I'm staring at the blank screen. It's got this flashing cursor and it's just staring back at me. I'm trying to write Beside the Point and can't get it going. There's too much pressure, damnit!"

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TRI STATE RODEO ROYALTY



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The Tri-State Rodeo Pre-Rodeo activities reached a peak Monday night with the annual crowning of the Lil Miss Rodeo and All-Around Cowboy royalty at the C.E. Eddie Richards Arena in Fort Madison. On the left, Ashlyn Westermeyer, daughter of Tony and Kayla Westermeyer of Montrose, is crowned 2023 Lil Miss Rodeo, while on the right, Ayden Yaley, 6, son of Eric and Ashley Yaley of Fort Madison gets his sash pinned on as the 2023 All-Around Cowboy. The Tri-State Rodeo gets underway on Wednesday with the Jim Baier/Dodge Ram Chute Out.

Great River Health, SCC to enhance nursing partnership

PCC STAFF

WEST BURLINGTON - On Sept. 7, 2023, Great River Health, and Southeastern Community College (SCC) will announced a new enhanced partnership agreement.

The announcement and signing of the agreement will take place at 10:30

a.m. in the main lobby of Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in West Burlington.

Great River Health and SCC currently share a nursing partnership set up to create a strong future for nursing and higher education in southeast Iowa and enhance the

health care workforce. Great River Health Foundation committed up to \$10 million to be distributed over five years to help SCC expand faculty and related students support positions plus provide tuition assistance to students entering the nursing program.

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

RAYMOND R. ESTRADA

Raymond R. Estrada, Jr., 41, of Burlington, IA, passed away on Sunday, August 27, 2023, at his home. He was born on October 5, 1981, in Keokuk, IA, to Raymond & Cynthia Guzman Estrada, Sr. He worked at several factories over the years and was a hard worker and always dedicated to his work. He enjoyed reading, dancing, music & drawing.



ESTRADA

Ray is survived by: 3-daughters: Mya Delperdang of Grinnell, IA, Lilyana Estrada of Mt. Pleasant, IA, & Vivienne Estrada of Mt. Pleasant, IA; his mother and step-father: Cynthia (Mark) Pflug of Keokuk, IA; his father: Raymond Estrada, Sr. of Marion, IA; 3-sisters: Angela (Mike) Bunn of Keokuk, IA, Roseann Estrada of Keokuk, IA, & Markie (Scott) Wrieden of Alexandria, MO. He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A memorial service will immediately follow at 11:00. A memorial has been established for his children's education and may be left at the funeral home during the services. Online condolences to Ray's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

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OBITUARIES

RICHARD L. GROENE

Richard L. Groene, 91, of Kansas City, MO and formerly of Ft. Madison, passed away on Thursday, August 31, 2023 at his home.

He was born on May 22, 1932 in Wever to Bernard and Irene Palin Groene. Richard worked for the telephone industry. On September 25, 1954 he married Rosemary Faulkner and she passed away on June 19, 2023. Richard served as a SGT in the US Air Force. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, American Legion and a former member of Ss. Mary & Joseph Church. Richard loved to spend time boating with his family and traveling with Rosemary.



GROENE

He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan and a devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

Survivors include his four children, Jan (Mark) Homan of Milwaukee, WI, Jeffrey Groene of Coventry, RI, Joseph Groene of Iowa City and Julia (John) Bishop of Parkville, MO; four grandchildren and one great grandson. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, two brothers and one sister.

Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A memorial mass will be held on Friday, September 15, 2023 at Ss. Mary & Joseph Church where the family will meet with friends from 10 AM until 11 AM prior to the mass. Father Gary Beckman will officiate. Burial will follow at Sacred Heart Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in Richard's memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.



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VIVIAN M. STUEKERJUERGEN

Vivian Madonna Stuekerjuergen, 92, West Point, loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away on Thursday, August 31, 2023 with her family at her side.

Vivian was born to John and Eleanor (Rueter) Mertens on September 22, 1930. As a young girl, she loved playing with her siblings. She graduated from St. John's Catholic School in Houghton, where she enjoyed her studies and her classmates. Her nickname at school was "Mert."



STUEKERJUERGEN

Vivian's first jobs after high school were at a bank and at the USDA extension office in Donnellson. She met her husband, Robert "Bob" Stuekerjuergen, at the Rose Garden in West Point. They were married at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, on July 29, 1952, after Bob returned from the Korean War. They enjoyed 61 years together.

After raising her family, Vivian worked at Merschman Furniture as a bookkeeper and salesperson, at which she excelled until her retirement.

Vivian took great pride in her five children and was an accomplished homemaker. In her later years, she thoroughly enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Vivian loved the Fall. She relished drives in the country to enjoy the autumn colors and attend area harvest festivals. She was a voracious reader, and enjoyed crossword puzzles. Other interests included gardening, flowers, cooking, baking, and sewing. She made delicious black raspberry pies.

Vivian looked forward to visits with close friends and hosting family gatherings, especially at Christmas. She greatly appreciated time with her morning coffee group at J&M, where she was known for weaving people together with graciousness and good conversation. Vivian was stylish and had a flair for fashion. She had sensible, solid values, but could also be fun and witty.

Vivian is survived by sons: John (Patrice) Stuekerjuergen and Brian (Judy) Stuekerjuergen; daughters: Joan (Steve) Conrad, Susan Skog, and Ann (Kirk) Garmager; grandchildren: Erik Stuekerjuergen; Jaelyn (Michael) Fackler; Dan (Alicia), and Brent Stuekerjuergen; Jeff and Evan Skog; and Allison and Lauren Garmager; great-grandchildren: Ella Stuekerjuergen and Heidi Fackler; siblings: Audrey (Henry "Hank") Holtkamp, Joe Mertens, and Jerry (Dorothy "Dottie") Mertens; and a sister-in-law: Mary (Richard "Dick") Klesner.

Vivian was preceded in death by her parents; husband: Bob; brother: Francis Mertens and sisters: Mary Feik, Eileen Wheeler, Vera Carney, and Judy Moeller; and son-in-law: Jim Skog.

Mrs. Stuekerjuergen has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz Funeral Homes for cremation.

Her family will greet friends on Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at St. James the Less Catholic Church in St. Paul, Iowa.

A Mass of Christian burial will immediately follow the visitation, at the church with Father Dan Dorau as celebrant.

Burial will be at St. James Cemetery in St. Paul.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. James the Less Catholic Church or to Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in West Burlington. Donations may be directed to the family or to Schmitz Funeral Home, West Point.

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

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CURTIS L. GRIFFIN

Curtis Lee Griffin, 45, of Keokuk, Iowa, formerly of Champaign, Illinois, passed away at 3:23 am on Thursday, August 31, 2023, at his home in Keokuk.



GRIFFIN

Surviving are his parents, his father Timothy L. (Harriet) Griffin of Jim Thorp, Pennsylvania, his mother Lori J. (David) Schneider of Champaign, Illinois; his son Noble James Griffin of Champaign; his daughter Natalie Elizabeth Kane-Griffin of Fayetteville, Arkansas; four siblings: Joseph (Susan)

Hayden of Las Vegas, Nevada, Kevin (Zoe) Schneider of Champaign, Illinois, Pamela (Anthony) Pendleton of Tolono, Illinois, and Daniel M. (Asia) Schneider of Champaign, Illinois; his grandmother Luane Griffin of Keokuk; and many loving aunts and uncles.

The family wishes to thank all those who with great compassion, sacrificed their time, effort and expense to care for Curtis during this time, most notably his cousins Donald R. Oliver and Eric Nason.

No services will be held at this time.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com.

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

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Sports/From the Front

Candidates have until Sept. 21 to file nomination papers

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"We need to get wave one of the marina finished and functioning and the benefit from that's important," he said. "It is time the marina gets up and running and we can benefit from the glory of that. There is a wave two in there. We are going to finish the east side of that park. It's another thing that's gotta be worked on and we'll need to be creative on funding there."

Mohrfeld also established pillars to growth with a goal of adding 1,000 people to the city in the next four years. He said the city had to continue to evaluate barriers to growth and react to them.

He said one of the barriers continues to be housing. "We're making small gains with housing, but we still need more doors," he said.

"There is ground being made but we need to make up more ground. You look around at the curves at places like ConAgra, Siemens, Climax, and on and on. These people want to expand and we have to find the workers."

Curb appeal and beautification are other high-priority issues on Mohrfeld's list. That also includes infrastructure and retail expansion. He said the mayor has an integral part in ushering in that progress and setting up systems that will endure.

"I need to be part of that. We need to look at the holes in our business community. The glaring one is hospitality. We need restaurants. I love visiting other

towns, and you can't kid yourself the successful ones have bars and restaurants - and good ones."

He said no one person can solve all the problems, but leading groups that focus on areas needing improvement is a necessary role of the mayor's office, Mohrfeld said.

He said the campaign this year needs to focus on specifics.

"When we say things, we are way too generic. Saying we should support economic development, sure anyone can say that, but what does that mean?" Mohrfeld asked.

"We know there are jobs coming, but what are the barriers that wrap around that?"

This year's general election is Tuesday, Nov. 7. Candidates have until Sept. 21 to file nomination papers with the City Clerk's office. For more information on filing dates and candidacies, visit the following link: <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/electioninfo/3yrelectional.html>.

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FOOTBALL

Hawks blow out Cardinal

BY JOHN
BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

DONNELSON — Chase Johnson had to glance at the scoreboard again.

Central Lee's 55-0 win over Cardinal was the second consecutive win for the Hawks to start the season, a crisp showing that led to some impressive numbers.

"It's motivation for us," said Johnson, a junior running back who rushed for 103 yards, including 63 on a third-quarter touchdown run. "We've never had a scoreboard look like that in the last couple of years in our favor. So, I think it's motivation to do it again."

The Hawks controlled this game with a 21-point first quarter and a 34-0 halftime lead. They held Cardinal (0-2) to just 50 yards of offense while putting up 365 yards, all but 33 on the ground.

"It feels good. Really good," said quarterback Cory Jones, who rushed for 122 yards, including a 47-yard touchdown run in the third quarter. "Our offense did what it was supposed to, our defense did what it was supposed to."

"I think the big thing was, and I said this last week, was we just needed to focus on ourselves," Central Lee coach Doug Dodds said. "We wanted to make sure we were getting better."

"Ultimately, and Chase

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From the Front

Follow up the Rodeo, Fiesta with Porchstock 2023

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Anyone who knows the mayor knows his answer was to get up and get moving. When I do my miles, I think of Matt almost every time, because I don't do 10 or 20 miles like he does. I do three at best, and then remind myself he would say this, "A mile's a mile."

He called to confirm he had turned in his papers to run for another term as Fort Madison's mayor, but we digressed for a bit.

I asked him what this Porchstock thing is all about because I haven't seen a press release or anything other than a few social media teasers. He had mentioned it at a recent City Council meeting.

I didn't know this thing was right up my alley, figuratively and literally.

Stopping by someone's house for a beer and some locally-produced music and food in a laid-back atmosphere, all within walking distance of each other...and my house!.. I'm in.

So here's the deal with that, which follows our perennial Tri-State Rodeo and Mexican Fiesta events on Sept. 22.

There are about a dozen homeowners who are bringing bands and musical groups into their back yards, or onto their porches, or garages or wherever you can plug in a sound system or just go unplugged. Most of the gatherings will be at homes and more information on those details should be coming once we all rest up

from the Rodeo and the Mexican Fiesta, but a few may be at local businesses.

The boundary is unofficially from about 6th to 12th streets and from Avenue D south through downtown. Mohrfeld said Tara Vincent, of Vinnie's Longbranch, kind of just ran with the idea with the help of a committee.

He said it's designed to not be overthought, and just a Midwestern type evening where everyone has a different flavor of music i.e. heavy metal, acoustic guitar, country, where some people might go to one place, or three, or try to hit them all.

The idea was stolen off something someone saw on Facebook and said why can't we do this in Fort Madison? "We can do this in Fort Madison", Mohrfeld said and the idea quickly turned to reality.

He said it really came about and spread virally until Vincent kind of took a leadership role.

"Lets find a couple people, find a couple dollars and we'll do it," Mohrfeld said. "Tara's a go-getter and it just took on a life of its own."

So you don't have to wear tennis shoes, but you can. Sandals, Birkenstocks, or anything comfy are acceptable. Just make walking part of your plans and the only other thing you need, I guess, is laughter, a sense of humor, and conversation, and a free evening. Maybe we mow and edge our lawns, blow off the leaves,

and enjoy a fall evening bee-bopping from one place to another and hanging out on a Friday night with a sense of responsibility and fellowship.

Sounds like a nice fall evening to compliment my favorite season of the year. I'll be in Davenport covering the Hounds' football team that night, but I can't wait to see the social media streams from the event. Americana right in Fort Madison.

And while we're talking Americana, the 75th episode of the Tri-State Rodeo is ready to kick off and, from all the things we've heard, this could be the largest turnout in the history of the rodeo. So make the pre-rodeo and regular rodeo a part of your lives next week. It's also part of Fort Madison's history, but that's Beside the Point.

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HOUNDS WIN

Wiseman's pick seals 21-14 win for Bloodhounds

FORT MADISON – There was some special energy pumped into Richmond Stadium Friday night with some special effects and music – all part of a new lighting system installed in the offseason.

But that energy didn't permeate the Bloodhound football team until Henry Wiseman picked off a pass from Fairfield quarterback Landon Nodurft with 1:24 left and the Trojans on the move to seal a 21-14 Class 3A District 4 win for the Hounds.

The win moves Fort Madison, who was ranked in the top 15 in the latest AP high school Class 3A rankings with eight votes, to 2-0 and sets up a district clash when 5th-ranked Williamsburg comes to town next week. And it doesn't get any easier from there as Fort Madison travels to 2nd-ranked Davenport Assumption the following week. The Knights are tied with Mt. Vernon at No. 2 this week and the Hounds tangle with the Mustangs in week 6.



WISEMAN

The shredder of a schedule isn't lost on Fort Madison Head Coach Derek Doherty, who said after the win that the Hounds really need a sense of urgency now.

"We've gotta have urgency and that's the thing. I think really we can compete with any team, and we can play down. I'm not saying we played down tonight because Fairfield's a really good team, but we have to figure some things out," he said.

Fairfield's 14 points didn't come the traditional way with two touchdowns. They had two safeties, one on a holding penalty with the Hounds playing out of their own endzone for the third time of the game with 4:07 left in the third period. That 2-pointer tied the game at 14.

Fairfield's other scores came on a 23-yard field goal on their first drive of the game and 51-yard touchdown run by junior Lucas Konczal up the middle.

Ben Ramatowski intercepted three passes on the night, but one was nullified on a roughing the passer call.

His first interception came right after the Hounds had to kick it away following the first safety in the first quarter. Marcus Guzman then hooked up with Caleb Bolander on 2nd and 15 in the next series and the Bloodhounds were on the move. He found Leif Boeding two plays later for seven yards and Wiseman for six yards on back-to-back completions. Hayden Segoviano rushed for six and, after an incompleton on 2nd and 4, Guzman threw a pick.

Ramatowski would return the favor on the very next play but a roughing call on Ike Thacher wiped it out. The Hound defense would hold to end the first quarter.

Fort Madison would get on the board in the first series of the second quarter when the Bloodhounds put together a 15-play 79-yard scoring drive where Guzman seemed



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison senior Teague Smith chases down Fairfield's Cason Miller (12) in the first quarter of Fort Madison's 21-14 win over the Trojans Friday night at Richmond Field.

like the runner the Hounds had been hoping for with some punishing runs and then hooked up with Henry Wiseman in the northwest corner of the endzone for the TD. Boeding added the PAT for a 7-5 lead.

Cason Miller took the first play of the next series 42 yards to the Trojans' 49. The Hounds shut down the run on the next play, but then Konczal slipped through into the secondary on 2nd and 10 and ran 51 yards for the score and converted the point-after for a 12-7 lead with 5:13 left in the half.

The two teams would trade series with no points. Fort Madison would take over at

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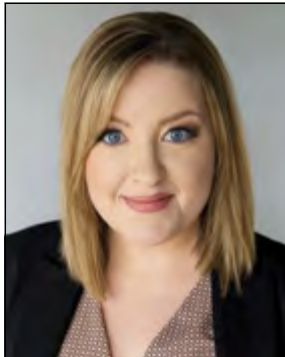
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Sports

Hounds rally late for win over "good" Fairfield squad

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their own 37 following a punt. Guzman would hook up with Wiseman for an 18-yard completion on 1st and 10. After an incompleteness with :57 left in the half, junior Brody Cashman slipped out of the backfield and into the secondary where Guzman put a perfect ball over Cashman's shoulder and he raced 45 yards for the touchdown to give Fort Madison the lead with the PAT at 14-12.

Cashman, who has transitioned out of the receiver position into a defensive specialist and running back this year, said he was comfortable on the call.

"I was receiver before and they were looking at Hayden (Segoviano) for the play, but he needed a rest and I was just able to find a seam and Marcus put it right on the spot," Cashman said.

A couple four and outs started the third period before Fairfield would get its final two points with a safety at the 4:07 mark of the 3rd period. On 3rd and 10 from the 1, Guzman fired incomplete but the Hounds were whistled for a hold in the endzone resulting in the safety.

On the next possession, Fairfield would drive to the Hounds' 7 where the defense held and force a field goal attempt on 4th and 3 from the 7. Cashman was able to get around the edge and block the kick to give Fort Madison the ball back at the 8.

Fairfield would force a punt by the Hounds and then Ramatowski would get his second interception on 3rd and 11 at the Bloodhounds' 47. Fort Madison would take advantage of the turnover, going seven plays and 53 yards capped by a Guzman 5-yard TD to set the final score with 4:22 left in the game.

The Trojans went nine plays in the final possession and got to the 28. A holding penalty pushed Fairfield back to the 38 and then Wiseman picked off Nodurft's pass to end the threat.

Ramatowski is beginning to draw attention at his spot in the secondary and that's just fine with him.

"I played last year and just started to get a feel for it then, but this year I'm really seeing the field better and picking up routes quicker," Ramatowski said.

Doherty said Ramatowski is another Bloodhound who's blind to his talent.

"Ben is such an awesome kid. He's out there doing what he's coached to do, flying around and having fun. He has no idea how good he's playing and that's kind of wild," Doherty said.

Doherty said this was just a slow game.

"I don't feel like we ever got going. That's a credit to our kids for just being tough, but it felt like we were in quicksand all night. We didn't have any urgency and I felt like we were complacent and that's not our kids," Doherty said.

"We have to get better of getting out of our feelings when football starts."

Guzman had 46 yards on 18 carries and a touchdown. The junior threw for 182 yards on 14 completions and two scores. Segoviano had 37 yards on 10 carries. Jamarkus Kline had eight tackles to lead the Hounds' defense including one sack. Fort Madison had six tackles for loss including two from CJ Arnett.

Central Lee boys getting better weekly

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and Cory would be the first to admit it, it's a true team effort. Everybody is doing their job, whether it's taking a fake or blocking downfield. And that's ultimately where our true success is coming from. It's all 11."

Central Lee won three games last season after going winless in 2020 and 2021. But this win, combined with last Friday's 35-8 win at Van Buren County, has the Hawks sensing some momentum.

"Getting these two wins out of the gate, it's a really exciting feeling for us," Johnson said. "We stepped it up a lot (from last week). A whole lot of improvement — we worked on a lot of different things from last week that we nitpicked at. I think that's what helped us make that scoreboard."

"It feels good. We go from not winning, to starting 2-0," Jones said. "That's a good feeling."

Johnson opened the scoring with a 9-yard touchdown run, then after an interception by Landon Lowenberg, Grant Myhre scored on a 19-yard run for a 14-0 lead. Keagan Damico's 12-yard touchdown run late in the first quarter pushed the lead to 21-0.

Kayden Calfee's 1-yard

touchdown dive in the second quarter gave Central Lee a 27-0 lead. Then, right before halftime, Calfee threw what looked to be a touchdown pass to Jones, but the ball was knocked loose as Jones was going into the end zone. Lowenberg, though, fell on the loose ball for the touchdown.

The Hawks kept the momentum into the second half.

Johnson's touchdown started the final run of points.

"I hit the hole that was designed for me to hit," he said. "Then a couple of guys bounced off me. I saw open grass, and I ran."

Talking about the space he had to run made John-

son smile.

"It's a fever dream, really," Johnson said. "It's amazing."

Jones' run nearly happened a couple of plays earlier.

"We had just run the play, and the hole was there, but I handed the ball off," Jones said. "The tight end told me to just pull the ball back the next time, so I did. I saw the hole open up, and then I got to the outside."

Calfee closed the scoring with a 10-yard touchdown run with 1:35 left in the third quarter.

The Hawks play at Durant next Friday.

"We're doing good things right now," Dodds said. "We need to keep it going."

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