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SPORTS LEAD: Bloodhounds get back to winning ways with win over Mt. Pleasant

Hounds storm MP



BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MT. PLEASANT – Fort Madison may have gotten the game they were looking for Friday night, but a halftime rattle was needed to get it done.

The Bloodhounds got things back on track with a 55-14 drubbing of Mt. Pleasant at Evans Field in the Mapleleaf Athletic Complex in Mt. Pleasant.

Hound quarterback Marcus Guzman returned in a big way after sitting out last week's contest with Mt. Vernon. Guzman went off for 213 yards on the ground and four touchdowns. He was 17 of 28 through the air for 177 yards.

Guzman was also rotated into the secondary in the second half after Mt. Pleasant was able to convert some big pass plays in the first half.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Leif Boeding pulls in a catch in the second quarter on the Hounds' sideline. Boeding would finish with 70 yards in catches as Fort Madison rolled to a 55-14 district win over Mt. Pleasant. Above left, Marcus Guzman stretches for yards on a keeper.

The junior was recovering from a knee ailment suffered in Fort Madison's win two weeks ago over Keokuk.

Head Coach Derek Doherty said Guzman, who played defense

sparingly in 2022 as a sophomore, is athletic enough to play both sides. But Doherty said he's trying to be a little careful with Guzman.

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EDITORIAL



A National Hug Your Kid Day

I woke up Friday with a gentle rain tapping on the shingles just outside my second-story north window. A breeze carrying the fresh smell of a fall rain brushed in through the bedroom about four feet up. Right across my face as I laid in bed.

It woke me up. Typically, that makes me want to curl up and go back to sleep.

But this time it did something different. I reached for my phone and messaged a friend saying there's something special to a morning rain. The smell is just different. I got a message back right away saying they hated the smell of rain on pavement.

Yeah, because it's mixed with oil and dirt and you get a whiff of that. But when the breeze blows through the rain at about 15 feet in the air, it's more pure and allows the alveoli in the lungs to open wider – take it all in. It just seems to have more 'air' in the air.

I needed more air on this particular Friday the 13th.

Nothing spooky to me in that date, it's just a crap day in October. Our daughter would have been 24 today.

I bought a cake and sat in the kitchen and let the candles burn almost all the way down. I realized I would eventually want some of that cake and didn't want it to be waxy. So I prayed to the kid that should, in a perfect world, be laughing with friends and tearing into wrapping paper. I prayed that she make a wish – there are birthdays in heaven and if there's not, there should be. Whatever she wanted I would do my best to get for her,

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LIBRARY EVENT

FM library celebrates national Friends of Library week

FORT MADISON -- The Fort Madison Public Library would like to take this opportunity to highlight its Friends of the Library group during the week of October 15-21, as part of the 18th annual celebration of National Friends of Libraries Week.

The Friends of the Fort Madison Public Library were established in 1990 and have spent the last 23 years raising funds to support programs and



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services provided by the Fort Madison Public Library. Currently about 20 community members contribute annually to the Friends, and a dozen of these contributors actively volunteer their time to assist the group with fundraising efforts that include three used book sales during the year.

"Our library would be much poorer without the Friends," said library director Sarah Clendinning. "The funds they raise help to augment our services and increase what we can offer to the community. Additionally, as a 501(c) (3) organization, the Friends of the Library are able to apply for grants that the library would not be eligible for on

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WEATHER

MON 16 Oct.....Mostly sunny & cool, 57° F/ 39° F
TUE 17 Oct.....Sunny & cool, 61° F/ 44° F
WED 18 Oct.....Partly sunny & cool, 68° F/ 49° F

IOWA LOTTERY

LOTTO AMERICA 10/14.....6 32 33 36 47, Star Ball: 4 All Star Bonus: 4
LUCKY FOR LIFE 10/14.....19 22 23 27 48, Lucky Ball: 3
MEGA MILLIONS 10/13.....6 18 44 46 68, Mega Ball: 18 Megaplier: 3
PICK 3 MIDDAY 10/12, 10/13, 10/14.....199, 916, 122
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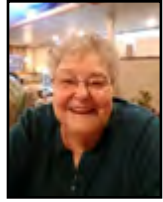
Obituaries/From the Front

OBITUARIES

DORIS ETKA

Doris Etká 84, passed away on October 11, 2023. She was a beloved wife, grandmother and great grandmother.

She is survived by her husband, Terry Etká and her children, Jim, David and Sandy; two granddaughters, Jamie and Ashley and two great grandchildren, Ty and Felyx.



ETKA

Friends may call after 2 PM on Monday, October 16, 2023 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will meet with friends from 4-6 PM.

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

Friends do lots to keep Fort Madison library vibrant

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its own.”

The Friends meet four times a year to conduct business, including updating equipment and allocating funds to support library programs. They also hold three used book sales each year. Members of the Friends get access to the April sale one day early, and anyone can join the Friends on that day to get early access. Members of the Friends who help set up the sale also get first pick of the donated books.

The next Friends of the Library book sale will be November 2-4. The sale will be from 10am-6pm on Thursday, November 2. Friday, November 3 from 10am to 4:30 pm is ½ price day. Saturday, November 4 from 10am-12:30pm is sack sale day, all the books you can fit in one paper grocery sack for \$3. Funds from the annual book sale are used to help augment library programs and services.

Please contact the library at (319) 372-5721 to learn more about how you can become a member of the Friends and help your local library serve the community to the best of its ability.

Please contact Sarah at the library, (319) 372-5721 or sarahclen@fortmadison.lib.ia.us to learn more about the Friends of the Library, and to find out how to become a member of the Friends.

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HAROLD HORN

Harold “Butch” Horn, 77, of Ft. Madison passed away at 7:05 AM on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at his home.

He was born on August 3, 1946 in Ft. Madison to Paul W. and Regina M. Baxter Horn. On February 12, 2000 he married Candace Smallwood Sheppard in Ft. Madison. Butch was a truck driver for Johnson Trucking. He proudly served in the US Air Force and worked in the K-9 unit. Butch loved spending time on the river and taught many people to water ski. He had a love for old trucks and cars and going to car shows. Most of all, his family was his greatest love, especially his grandchildren.



HORN

Survivors include his wife Candy Horn of Ft. Madison; one son, Dan (Janice) Horn of Ft. Madison; three step children, Marcia (John) Gordon of Winnipeg, Canada, Lesley (Bill) Hieatt of Donnellson and Levi (Tiff) Sheppard of Louisville, Co; seven grandchildren, Tyler, Connor, Elijah, Ezra, Liam, Samantha and Haley.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister and brother in law, Carolyn and Jay Shaddock and brother and sister in law, Mike and Linda Horn.

Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 11 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Kyle Sadler officiating. The family will meet with friends from 10 AM until the time of the service at 11 AM. Burial will be in Soldiers’ Circle, Oakland Cemetery with military rites performed by the Ft. Madison Veterans Honor Guard.

A memorial has been established for AA and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.



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



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Monday, October 16

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Tuesday, October 17

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Wednesday, October 18

Pork Loin, Loaded Potatoes, Sweet Corn

Thursday, October 19

Fried Chicken Dinners

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

LUNCH ON THE SIDEWALK

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but she'd have to come to me in my dreams and tell me what it is.

I sat waiting for some divine gust to come in and blow out the candles. It didn't happen. Those tiny upside-down teardrop flames just burned motionless. There was a 2 and a 4 and the flames were so still, they almost looked at me.

I didn't feel myself cry, but one tear leaked down my left cheek. I just let it go. It was intrusive and seemed a little like something trying to start some

sort of pity thing. I was celebrating damnit. No tears. I would like to think that was Kelsey's wish. No tears. I blew the candles out for her - hoping she made a wish that I could help launch.

Then I realized I forgot to take a picture. Taylor would love to see that. So I relit the candles and let them burn down a little more. I took a picture with my phone and texted it to Taylor in New York City.

"LOVE" was what she sent back right away.

"Except you had cake without me XDDDD" "I had to."

Three and a half years ago she celebrated her last birthday. She was 20 years old. I made sure she had the chance to enjoy things in life before she was old enough to drink. Going off to college, her mother and I let her find a drink that she liked. I found it with some liqueur and soda. Nothing heavy and she never, ever, had more than one. But with her diabetes, we wanted to make sure she understood

the impact of alcohol on her blood sugar and her well being. Call it bad parents doing good parenting.

I'm going to make one of those drinks tonight. I never really liked it, but it brings me closer to her.

Sitting here writing this, I'm thinking there's no message in this this week. I'm not pontificating on politics, or economics, or Fort Madison, or Lee County. I'm just writing.

On this day, where I again get to mourn the loss of a beautiful and motivated child, I have no message. One thing does

come to mind and that's Tom Walljasper's post the other day that he was unofficially claiming the day as National Hug Your Kid Day. Tom said he has no authority to claim the day. I disagree. We all have the authority. As a matter of fact, there SHOULD be a National Hug Your Kid Day. No gifts and a narrative around the day that tells our children the rules. They get hugged. They don't get to pull away, but they can, if they so choose, hug parents back and not be rushed to get away.

And there can't be a

proclamation, it's a parents-only game. We hug, you accept. You put something official in place and these generation y'ers will just rebel. Make 'em take it. Make 'em soak it in. Whisper you love them in their ear and see what happens. If it's odd for you or uncomfortable because "that's not who you are", suck it up.

Most of you don't know what people like Tom and I know. Many of you do. And I would bet everyone one of us would tell you this. You don't know. You don't ever wanna know. But we do, and our advice, which is sage in the least, is to grab on, and hold on.

So here's to the Pen City Current sponsored "Tom Walljasper Hug Your Kid Day."

And tonight it'll be birthday cake and an Apple Pucker cocktail to close out the evening - But that's Beside the Point.

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ISP looks into threat at capitol

DES MOINES - The Iowa State Patrol received information about a threat to the Iowa State Capitol building from the United States Capitol Police around 12:45 pm today. The threat was made via social media. The Department of Public Safety investigated and assessed the threat and determined it to be not credible. Out of an abundance of caution, the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Iowa State Patrol swept the building and located nothing of concern. The building was cleared at 1:30 p.m. and all normal activities at the Capitol have resumed.

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Lee County, Iowa
Board of Supervisors
Agenda
DATE: Monday,
October 16, 2023

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MEETING
CONVENING TIME:
10:00 A.M. (CDT)
LOCATION:
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---AGENDA---

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Pledge of Allegiance
 Approve Agenda
 Public Input
 Discussion and Possible Action to Appoint Opioid Settlement Committee

Consider and Approval of Iowa Economic Development Authority Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Contract

HELP WANTED

LIBRARY PAGE PART-TIME
 Fort Madison Public Library

The Fort Madison Public Library is seeking applicants for a library page position. 10 hours/week August through May, 12 hours/week June and July. Tasks will include shelving books, helping to prepare for and clean up after library programming and assisting during children's programs. Must be 16 years or older. Applications can be picked up and returned to the Fort Madison Public Library. Preference given to applications received before October 25. Contact Sarah Clendinning at (319) 372-5721 if you have any questions.



Consent Agenda
 • Monday, October 9, 2023 Board Minutes
 • Claims for Payment
 • Class E Retail Liquor License for Garner One Stop
 Personnel Actions:
 A. New Hire (Replacement) - Sheriff's Office Reports:
 A. Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected
 Commission or Committee Reports
 Department Head Report-EMS
 Adjourn

Possible Workshop to Follow
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PUBLIC NOTICE TENTATIVE AGENDA FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, October 17, 2023

5:30 P.M.
City Council Chambers, City Hall

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

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

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

- Minutes of October 3, 2023;
- Liquor License Renewal: Quicker Liquor Store, 1414 48th Street, effective November 1, 2023 - Class E Retail;

• Resolution approving the Fiscal Year Ending 2023 Annual Urban Renewal Report;

- Claims dated October 12, 2023 and September Financial Report; and
- Payroll of October 6, 2023.

COMMUNITY REPORTS: Friends of the Library Update
 ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

2. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending the City Code replacing Title 3, Chapter 7, with a new Dangerous Buildings Chapter and adding Title 3, Chapter 10, International Property Maintenance Code. (SEE COUNCIL REPORT NO. 2023-35

3. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the second reading of an ordinance rezoning property north of 2205 - 48th Street (PAW Animal Shelter). From R-1, One Family Dwelling District, to I-2, General Industrial District.

4. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the third reading of an ordinance enacting

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a Code of Ordinances and compiling certain existing general ordinances of the City of Fort Madison dealing with subjects embraced in such Code of Ordinances.

5. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the Mayor's signature on Change Order #3 for Public Improvement Project 2020-07, Highway 61 Reconstruction – 10th to 18th Street. (SEE COUNCIL REPORT NO. 2023-36)

6. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to

adopt a resolution approving the Mayor's signature on an amended Procurement Policy for Federal Program Funding.

7. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution setting public hearing for November 6, 2023 at 5:30 P.M., on the sale of 1730 Avenue H.

8. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution to accept the revision of the 2017 STBG Application changing the scope of the surfacing and committing the additional funds for

completion of the project. (SEE COUNCIL REPORT NO. 2023-37)

OTHER
9. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the recommendation of City staff for the Transitional Assistant to the City Clerk.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT - The next City Council meeting will be at 5:30 P.M. on Monday, November 6, 2023.

PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING MINUTES Donnellson City Council Regular Meeting Monday, October 10th, 2023 7:30PM, City Hall

The regular meeting of the Donnellson City Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Ellingboe, with Council Members Moeller, Weber, Newton & Estrada present. Marshall was absent.

Motion by Weber, second by Moeller to approve the agenda: all ayes.
Citizen comments –

None.

Motion by Estrada, second by Weber to approve the minutes of the September '22 meetings: all ayes.

Motion by Newton, second by Estrada to approve the September '22 financial reports: all ayes.

Motion by Estrada, second by Moeller to approve the September '22 disbursements and October '22 bills to be allowed: all ayes.

Motion by Estrada, second by Newton to approve building permit for utility shed at 413 University: all ayes.

Motion by Weber, second by Estrada to approve the Annual Financial Report FY2022: all ayes.

Review of Accountants Report of Annual Exam FY22. Detail of findings can be found on the cities website donnellsoniowa.org.

Trick or Treat in Donnellson will be October 31st 2022 from 5-7pm

Lee County Crimestoppers Halloween Event will be held at the Lee County Fairgrounds October 22nd from 4-7pm.

There will be a Toys for Tots drop box in the city office building, they are accepting new & unwrapped toys this holiday season.

Police Report – There were 34 calls for service, 4 traffic stops & 1 citation. 27 building checks were done during the day & night time hours.

Water/Sewer Superintendent Report – Iowa DNR conducted the sanitary survey of the public water supply 9/23/2022, no deficiencies were found. Water mains will be flushed October 17th & 18th weather permitting.

Clerk Report – Oktoberfest had a good turn out with several compliments. Discussion was held on a few properties that were being followed up with regarding nuisance issues.

There being no other business to come before the Council, motion by Newton, second by Moeller, Mayor Ellingboe declared the meeting adjourned: all ayes.

Dave Ellingboe, Mayor
Attest: Rebecca Schau, City Clerk

Summary of All Receipts: General \$22,391.55 Capital Equipment Reserve \$0 Road Use Tax \$13,879.28 Employee Benefit \$1,259.85 Local Option Sales Tax \$7,824.88 Debit Service \$0 Rathbun \$0 ARPA \$0 Water \$22,693.44 Water Sinking USDA \$1,816.00 Sewer \$28,912.24 Sewer

Sinking \$0. Summary of All Disbursements: General \$27,045.63 Capital Equipment Reserve \$0 Road Use Tax \$74,241.45 Employee Benefit \$2,104.72 Local Option Sales Tax \$0 Debit Service \$0 Capital Project Fund \$0 Rathbun \$0 ARPA \$0 Water \$17,284.37 Water Sinking \$1,816.00 Sewer \$12,324.25 Sewer Sinking \$0.

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From the Front

Hounds get defensive play in Maitner's pick trick

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"It would have been nice to get him outta there sooner, but we actually had to use him more. Our secondary right now is good when they wanna be, but they're playing scared, I think. Playing back on their haunches and not going in and attacking the football," Doherty said.

"We changed things up and put Marcus in there. That's not ideal, but after the game, that was the first thing he said, 'I'm playing defense next week.'

"Marcus is always in the back pocket in our game plan just because he's one heck of an athlete and he's important to this football game."

Fort Madison started the scoring early in the first quarter when Hayden Segoviano slipped through the interior of the Panther's defense from 11 yards out. The senior was having the best night of his career culminating with a 60-yard run in the final 10 seconds of the first half. He was dragged down from behind at the Mt. Pleasant 10, and then sat out the entire second half with a strain in his shoulder.

Segoviano finished with 123 yards on just seven carries and two touchdowns in just the one half of play.

Doherty said he could possibly be ready for next week's key matchup with Washington. A win there gives the Hounds a hope of qualifying with one of four at-large teams in Class 3A.

With Segoviano on the sidelines, Fort Madison's Tristan Marshall filled in in the backfield. He got his first five carries of the year and scored on a 1-yard plunge for a 14-0 lead in the first quarter.

The rest of the touchdowns came on runs from Guzman, with the exception of a pick six by Justin Maitner. Maitner jumped a route on the right side of the defense and shook a tackle down the Panther sideline for a 21-yard score and a 48-14 lead.

"I knew with the coverage I was in, I had the outside receiver. After I went into my drop, I saw what was happening and jumped the route, got the pick, broke a tackle, and got the pick six," Maitner said.

Doherty said those are the types of plays that the Hounds need to get sparks in games. He said the coaching staff had to jump on the Bloodhounds at the half to get them re-engaged in the game.

"We challenged them at halftime. We were



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Hayden Segoviano gets dumped on a running play in the second quarter. He would suffer a shoulder injury on the play and wouldn't return in the second half.

pretty upset with them and they were upset with themselves, too. They were trying to be too cute and do too much and not just buckle down and get the job done," he said.

"It was nothing schematic. It was 100% effort, attitude and toughness, and finishing a job and they responded well, so we're proud of that. But we're better than what we showed tonight."

He said Mt. Pleasant played hard but he wasn't surprised by that.

"That's in their DNA. Football is important here in Mt. Pleasant. Even when they're not having the success they are used to, those kids are going to fight."

Doherty said the Hounds could get Segoviano, who also leads Fort Madison in tackles from his linebacker spot, back for next week's clash with the Demons.

Leif Boeding led Fort Madison in receiving with 70 yards on six catches. Marshall led Fort Madison in tackles with 4.5, three of which were sacks.

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