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Council to vote on city manager

TUESDAY: Resolution on agenda to appoint successor to David Varley

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison City Council will consider a resolution Tuesday to hire a new City Manager. An offer was presented to the candidate last week, after a 90-minute closed session resulted in a unanimous 6-0 vote to have the Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld and Hinson Consulting convey the offer to the candidate that was selected from three that were brought into town several weeks ago. The motion to make the offer was made by Councilwomen Rebecca Bowker and Donna Amandus. Of the three candidates brought into the community the night of the wine and beer walk, one was a female candidate.



MOHRFELD

Mohrfeld also appointed Councilwoman Angela Roller to assist with the negotiations process at Tuesday's meeting. Details of the offer have not been publicly released and the council spent close to six hours in closed session meetings to examine the qualifications of candidates brought forth by the Hinson Group.

The offer is subject to approval by resolution of the council Tuesday should it be accepted by the candidate.

The position was vacated when former City Manager David Varley resigned on May 2 of this year.

City officials worked with Hinson Consulting and Southeast Iowa Regional Planning to set up the structure of the search, which has been underway since the summer.

COMMENTARY



Thanksgiving highlighted by well-dressed bird, well-dressed kid

My oldest daughter nailed Thanksgiving this year.

She made the trip in from Brooklyn and was begrudgingly prepared for a crockpot buffet at my brother's house, but when I told her she was cooking for everyone, she was all in.

I told her I would buy the groceries including the turkey, a 21 lb. Butterball beast that took all of six days to thaw.

I typically bucket brine my birds with aromatics like oranges, lemons, peppercorns, coriander, salt, pepper, bay leaves, whole garlic, and a few things I'll just keep secret, if you don't mind. If you don't have a spare fridge to put that bird in, make sure you keep it iced down so you don't get campylobacter jejuni or clostridium perfringens. Yeah, those are real words.

Anyway, I bought the bird and pulled it out of the freezer six days before the holiday. On day four, Tuesday, I was firmly instructed via text to rinse the bird, dry it with a papertowel, which ended up being a roll of Brawny, and rub the bird with a ½ tablespoon of salt per pound.

"THAT'S IT!" she texted me beforehand.

She knows that I work without a net, or a recipe, if you will, so she was very nervous that I would incorporate some thyme and celery salt, or overpepper it, or some other concoction and salve of seasonings and coatings.

But this time I did what I was told and I dried the bird and rubbed it with salt over and under the skin, in the cavities, around the legs, everywhere. Then I just left it in the pan and stuck it back in the fridge for

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Hounds suffer loss in double overtime

BENCHED: FMHS leading scorer benched after late technical foul Saturday

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – It's an old English idiom that sometimes we reap what we sow. The Fort Madison Bloodhounds experienced a little of that archaic wisdom Saturday afternoon in a 61-57 double overtime loss to Williamsburg at the Hound Dome.

Fort Madison's leading scorer Hunter Cresswell, who had 19 points on the night, was benched in a program rule after he received a technical foul for allegedly saying something to Williamsburg's head coach on the way down the floor with about two minutes left in regulation.

"It's a program standard. You get a technical, you're done for that game. You get another one and you sit out that game and the following one. It's something you shouldn't have to deal with, but that's the coach's job," said head coach Ryan Wilson.

The move put the Hounds in a precarious situation, that got even worse when backup post player Dayton Lamar fouled to start the second OT session, leaving Jackson

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Senior Hunter Cresswell goes up to block a shot by Williamsburg's Kellen Cockrell in the first period Saturday afternoon. Fort Madison would fall 61-57 in double overtime.

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DONALD R. MANNING

Donald Robert Manning, Sr., 81, of Lomax, Illinois, passed away at 11:57 p.m. Thursday, November 30, 2023 at the Roseville Nursing & Rehabilitation in Roseville, Illinois.

Donald was born September 12, 1942 in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, the son of Robert and Erma (Lee) Manning. In 1960, he married Ila Harris. They later divorced. In 1973, he married Cheryl Kern. They later divorced.



MANNING

Donald was raised and educated in the Mt. Pleasant and Washington, Iowa areas. He worked all of his life for Woods Construction in Washington, Iowa. Following his retirement, he moved to the Lomax area to be closer to his family.

He enjoyed going to auctions, camping, teasing and telling jokes, he especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include two sons: Don Manning Jr. of Ft. Madison, Iowa and Tim Manning of Lomax; four daughters: Bev (Vince) Nixon of Ainsworth, Iowa, Barb Manning of Lomax, Connie (Shane Downs) Brockett of Lomax and Lesley Cratton of Burlington, Iowa; 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers: Leroy Metcalf and Larry Manning and one sister: Kathy Cook.

Cremation has been entrusted to Banks & Beals Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at Grace Bible Church in Dallas City, Illinois. Burial will be held at a later date in Carman Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established to help the family with expenses. To leave an online condolence, please visit Donald's obituary at banksandbeals.com.



OBITUARIES

DIXIE L. JINGST

Dixie L. Jingst, 79, of Centralia, Missouri, passed away on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at Pin Oaks Living Center in Mexico, Missouri.

Dixie Lorene Brown Jingst was born June 20th, 1944, at home in Whiteside, Missouri. Daughter of Alma Fay (Horton) Brown and William Joseph Brown. Dixie was the youngest of eight children. Surviving siblings are Willalma (Glen) Bishop, Eldora Day, and Beverly (Rodes) Hood. Deceased siblings are Rita (Pete) Colbert, Jo Anne Simpson, Gene (Shirley - living) Brown, Tim (Dolores - living) Brown. She is survived by a large loving family with numerous nieces, nephews and relatives.



JINGST

In 1964, Dixie first married Henri Hequembourg (deceased) and had two children, a son Aaron (Hope) Hequembourg who has four children Sinclair, Hart, Walter and Blaise and a daughter Amy (Hequembourg) Whitely who had three boys Brandon (Kammy) who are expecting a boy, Connor who has two boys Jonah and Declan, and Jadon. In 1983, she married David Jingst, the love of her life. Her stepsons from David are Ron (Rachel) Jingst, Bob Jingst, and Tom (Dawn) Jingst with his son David and daughter Anna (Joey) and step children Logan, Grace and Lexy.

Dixie received her art degree and went on to work at the Daily Gate City Newspaper in advertising. She was a member of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Centralia and as an associate member of Sutter Salem Bible Church in Sutter, Illinois. She enjoyed spending her free time spinning and sewing, dying wool and making shawls. She worked the entire process from "Sheep to Shawl".

Dixie and Dave shared many adventures from raising the largest Angora goat herd in Illinois, building a house from the ground up in Wyoming, missionary work in Alaska and Wyoming, and becoming grandparents and great grandparents. Dixie had a life full of love and this is what she would want you to remember. Her last 11 years spoiled by Dementia were hard years, they do not outweigh the significance of the life she lived.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at Sutter Salem Bible Church in Sutter, Illinois, with burial to follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held at the church from 9 to 11 am on Tuesday directly before the service.

Memorials may be directed to Sutter Salem Bible Church and Tri-State Family Services in Carthage, Illinois.

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

Printy Funeral Home of Warsaw is in charge of arrangements.

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TODD R. SHRIVER

Todd Reid Shriver, 59, of Ft. Madison, passed away on Friday, December 1, 2023 at 2:50 PM at his home.

He was born on June 20, 1964 in Ft. Madison to Richard Otis and Darlene Reid Shriver. Todd started his career as an automotive technician and then became a Route Salesman and worked at Shottenkirks for twenty seven years. He was a member of the Tri-State Gun Club. Todd enjoyed hunting, fishing and working on cars.

Survivors include his children, Sam (Shyniece) Shriver of Iowa City, Caleb Elfgen, Autumn Elfgen, Jessica and Emily Cox all of Ft. Madison; grandchildren, Grace Marie, Landan, Christopher and Kendall Marie; his significant other, Sharon Cox of Ft. Madison; his mother, Darlene Shriver of Ft. Madison; one sister, Debbie (Joel) Ockenga of DeForest, WI; two brothers, Timothy (Robin) Shriver of DeForest, WI and Jon Shriver of Madison, WI; nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father and grandparents.

Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.



SHRIVER

OBITUARIES

STANLEY J. CALE

Stanley Joe Cale, 72, of Keokuk, IA, died Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at the Carthage Memorial Hospital in Carthage, IL.

He was born on September, 27, 1952 in Keokuk, IA, the son of Herbert and Edith Riddle Cale.



CALE

Stanley was a veteran of the United States Navy and proudly served his country.

He had been employed as an auto mechanic for many years.

He enjoyed riding his motorcycle.

Stanley is survived by two brothers, Morris Cale (Sheila) of Duncan, OK, Steven Cale (Connie) of Florida, one sister, Tina Cale Kelly and many nieces and nephews.

Stanley was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Judith Rankin and Vicki Adams.

A graveside service will be held at 11:30 a.m., Monday, December 4, 2023 at the Montrose Cemetery in Montrose, IA.

Visitation will be held prior to the service from 10-11:00 a.m., Monday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with the family meeting with friends at that time.

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

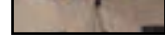


OBITUARIES

GARY D. EDENS

Gary D. Edens, 82, of Ft. Madison passed away at 6:10 AM on Thursday, November 30, 2023 at The Kensington.

He was born on May 25, 1941 in Delmar, IA to John and Ada Sommers Edens. On November 18, 1967 he married Mary Elizabeth Christian in Janesville, IL. Gary was a Customer Engineer for IBM and serviced several companies. He also was an instructor for IBM and taught in different parts of the United States. Gary served in the US Army from 1963-1965 during the Vietnam Era. He was also a member of First Baptist Church and served as an AWANA leader at Harmony Bible Church for many years.



EDENS

Gary loved being on the river and was an avid water skier. He also enjoyed riding his bicycle, going on walks and woodworking.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Edens of Ft. Madison; two sons, Scott Edens of Lamoni, IA and Mike (Leslie) Edens of West Point; one daughter, Laura Edens of Chillicothe, MO; two grandchildren, Isaac and Riley Edens of West Point and one brother, Dale Edens of Tipton, IA. He was preceded in death by his parents and a granddaughter, Sydney Edens.

The funeral service for Gary will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 11 AM at First Baptist Church with Pastor Dean Graber officiating. The family will meet with friends from 10 AM until the time of the service at the church. Burial will be in Gethsemane Cemetery.

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



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DOUGLASS G. NORVELL

Dougllass G. Norvell, PhD, of Nauvoo, passed away peacefully at his home near Nauvoo on Tuesday, November 28.

Dr. Norvell was born December 1, 1938 in Port Arthur, Texas to Randolph Graham Norvell and Estelle Deason Norvell. He married his college sweetheart, Virginia McFarland, in 1964. They later divorced, and in 1994 Dr. Norvell married Mary Bradley Sartorius.



NORVELL

Preceding him in death was his sister Diane Norvell Bates.

He is survived by his wife Mary of Nauvoo, two sons, Scott Norvell of New York and Stuart Norvell of Little Rock, Arkansas; his daughter, Cynthia Cook Conrow of Charlotte, North Carolina; a stepdaughter, Molly Sartorius of Columbia, Missouri; stepson Nathan Sartorius of Harker Heights, Texas; and a daughter-in-law, Shelley Emling, also of New York. He was blessed with four grandchildren and six step grandchildren — Chris, Ben, and Olivia Norvell, Nathan Conrow, Isaiah, Jazmyne, and Kingsley Sartorius, and Aiden, Miles, and Madeline Poehlein.

Dr. Norvell attended Thomas Jefferson High School in Port Arthur, Texas, graduating in 1956. After high school, he served in the United States Marine Corps in 1957, eight months on active duty and in the reserves until he was honorably discharged in 1964. While in the reserves, Norvell trained with the 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade at the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare training command, and with the Fleet Marine Force.

After his training in the Marine Corps, Dr. Norvell attended Mexico City College, where he lived at a pension that was a gathering place for members of the Beat Generation such as Jack Kerouac, Williams Borroughs, and Allen Ginsburg. Many residents of the boarding house — Protasio Tagle # 48, Tacubaya — later moved to San Francisco and formed the nucleus of the Haight-Ashbury district in the early 1960s.

After Mexico, he worked as a Merchant Mariner on the SS Brazos and the SS Trinity, earning the rank of Bull Wiper and a Fireman-Oiler license. After two years at sea he came ashore, and worked as a dispatcher for the Sabine Pilots while simultaneously attending Lamar Tech. He graduated from Lamar with a bachelor's degree in History and Economics in 1964.

After graduation, Dr. Norvell moved to Las Vegas where he worked as a croupier for Consolidated Casino Corporation. Finding the gambling life unfulfilling, he left Las Vegas after a short time and proceeded to Texas A&M University to pursue a graduate degree in economics.

During his first semester he took a course called Economics of Agriculture in Developing Areas taught by Professor John G. McNeely, who subsequently offered him a paid research position that turned into a Ford Foundation Fellowship. He was awarded a PhD by Texas A&M, the only person in his family to be awarded one.

While in graduate school, Dr. Norvell did field research for his master's and doctoral degrees in the Dominican Republic. He excelled in academic pursuits, publishing scholarly articles such journals as Social and Economic Studies, Caribbean Studies and the American Journal of Agricultural Economics.

In 1970, Dr. Norvell and his young family moved to Afghanistan as a State Department consultant to provide support to the Minister of Agriculture. While in Afghanistan, Dr. Norvell studied the traditional markets and produced two manuscripts now housed in the Library of Congress — the only works in the library dealing with the Afghan markets.



In 1973, after Afghanistan's king was overthrown, Dr. Norvell and his family moved to Managua, Nicaragua where he taught Agribusiness Management at INCAE, often cited as the best business school in Latin America, and Ms. Norvell ran a cooperative daycare program. While in Nicaragua, Dr. Norvell consulted to the U.S. Agency for Economic Development and the Secretariat for the Economic Integration of Central America.

After INCAE, Norvell went to The Citadel in Charleston, S.C. where he taught Marketing and developed an outreach program in marina management. A nationally recognized voice in the financial management of the rapidly growing marina industry, Dr. Norvell served as a consultant to the City of Miami, the National Marine Manufacturers Association and dozens of private developers. Dr. Norvell wrote a number of manuscripts about marinas that are in the National Agricultural Library.

Maintaining his interest in agriculture, Dr. Norvell consulted to the Drug Enforcement Agency in 1985. Working in the Peruvian Amazon, he developed alternative crops to substitute for the cultivation of the coca leaves used to produce cocaine. Shortly after his departure, the compound where Dr. Norvell worked in Aucayacu, Peru was attacked by mercenaries hired by the Cocaine cartels.

In 1994, Dr. Norvell and his first wife, Virginia, amicably divorced and he married Mary Kathleen Bradley, who taught and retired from the Dallas City Elementary School.

Dr. Norvell's last teaching post was at Western Illinois University, where he taught marketing and international business until he retired in 1994. At Western, Dr. Norvell and Dr. Robert Morey recognized and documented what they termed "ethnodomination," or the predominance of particular ethnic groups in selected industries. Following their lead, numerous scholars documented, analyzed and reported on instances of ethnodomination worldwide. Also while at Western, Dr. Norvell joined with Robert Branson to publish the first book, published by McGraw Hill, to apply strategic marketing principles to agribusinesses.

In active retirement, Dr. Norvell continued to work as an expert witness and consultant. Also, he received two Fulbright Scholar Awards — one at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario and another at the Victor Morey Art Institute in Iquitos, Peru. In Peru, he lectured at the Peruvian War College on using public markets as intelligence sources.

Farther into retirement, Norvell and his wife Mary settled in Nauvoo, Illinois where they both enjoyed restoration of a historic stone farmhouse and tending to their garden, orchard and beloved pets, Wookie, a sheep dog, and Dirty Face, Pretty Face and Jake, all barn cats.

Cremation has been entrusted to Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home of Nauvoo.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, December 18, 2023 at Calvary Cemetery in Carthage, Illinois, with Fr. Tony Trosley officiating. Military Rites will be presented by the Hancock County Honor Guard.

A memorial fund has been established for the Nauvoo Ambulance Service or PAW Animal Shelter. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Dr. Norvell's obituary at sbbfuneralhome.com.

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Sports

Holy Trinity boys take West Burlington to the buzzer

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC SPORTS

WEST BURLINGTON – One of the season’s best basketball games in southeast Iowa unfolded very early in the season at West Burlington’s gym Friday night.

A buzzer beater at halftime and a buzzer beater to end the game were just part of a myriad of moments that resulted in a 59-58 Holy Trinity Catholic loss to Class 2A West Burlington at the Falcon’s gym.

Junior Mason Watkins’ 3-pointer from the right baseline as time expired put a dagger in the hearts of the Crusaders, who had scored the go-ahead bucket with 3.8 seconds remaining giving the Crusaders a 2-point lead 58-56.

But referees added 1.4 seconds to the clock during a full-out, saying they looked up the clock when West Burlington Head Coach Cody Van Fleet was calling for a timeout. During the time out the clock was reset, prompting HTC Head Coach John Hellige to plead for an answer.

West Burlington Head Coach Cody Van Fleet was jumping up and down for a timeout on the made basket after HTC’s Luke Hellige got the ball on a swing around the perimeter to the right and drove the right baseline for a pull up jumper from about four feet with two Falcons defending. The shot slipped through softly as the HTC crowd erupted.

While drawing up the final four seconds of play John Hellige hadn’t seen the time put back on the clock.

“That was exactly the play we called and it worked. I thought there was 3.8 seconds on the clock and all of a sudden there’s 5.2. But we had two fouls to give and I thought we did okay on that. Sometimes that’s just the way it goes,” he said.

After Luke Hellige’s bucket and the Falcon time out, the Crusaders pressured the inbound and three players got tied up in a scrum on the floor. The ball went out of bounds with no foul called, and play was reset to West Burlington.

The Falcons got the ball over to Watkins’ who drove to the corner of the right baseline and nailed a 3-pointer without rim with a couple HTC players on him, as the Falcon fans spilled onto the floor.

“The kids played hard, they executed. Everyone played their role and did a great job,” John Hellige said.

“This was a very physical game. We had the same crew



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Junior Luke Hellige gets off a shot with six seconds left that would give the Crusaders a 2-point lead in West Burlington Friday night.

Tuesday and that game was physical, too. There were some calls down the stretch that could’ve went either way and didn’t go ours. Probably were good calls, but any of those go the other way and it changes the momentum.”

Holy Trinity opened up a second half lead of 10 points in the third quarter when Layne Rung hit one of his six 3-pointers on the night.

Rung said not getting the win only fuels the Crusaders’ desire to win. The sophomore was 6 of 7 from beyond the

arc including back-to-back bombs to open the game.

“I think this really fuels us to win as much as we possibly can,” he said following the loss.

“I thought we had it. I thought we had that one. If we would’ve won that game it would’ve put us in a good spot in the conference. I think our intensity is electric right now.”

Hellige said Rung’s confidence is showing.

“He’s an assassin. He’s a great shooter.”

The Crusaders went 5-8 in the first quarter all three pointers except for a Luke Hellige bucket inside for a 14-9 lead. At one point HTC was up 9-1 forcing Van Fleet to burn a time out early.

The Falcons settled in after the break and went on a 14-0 run behind Brady Martin and Watkins to take a 15-14 lead. The two teams would trade leads all the way to the buzzer when Rung took a pass up the floor after a Watkins miss, stepped over the half-court line, and converted in front of the Falcon fans as the horn sounded to tie things up at 29.

West Burlington had a few short leads in the third period before HTC went on a 15-5 run with Hellige and senior Conner Gehling working the inside for a 48-38 lead. The Falcons would cut the lead to seven 51-44 heading into the final period.

Holy Trinity would manage only five shots from the floor in the fourth period, while West Burlington got off 15 converting seven including Watkins’ heroics at the end to win it.

Hellige finished with 19 points to lead Holy Trinity. The junior faced alternating double teams as Van Fleet used Watkins and Martin to disrupt interior passing lanes, and then the Falcons’ athleticism to get back to guard the perimeter.

“He’s gonna see that. He’s a bigger kid so a lot of times he doesn’t get the (foul) call. Teams are going to try and stop Luke, but we have other weapons that can step up.” John Hellige said.


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48 hours.

Tay flew in to St. Louis on Wednesday and we hit Denny's on the way home. It's our holiday tradition and frankly, "it's an American institution". No, our waitress' name was not Judy....I don't think it was anyway. I didn't ask.

I had a veggie omelet and our kid ate a stack of banana caramel pancakes. I had decaf and she had water. We each had a bowl of fruit.

Then we headed up the very familiar route of Hwy. 61 through Wentz-

ville, Troy, Hannibal, Palmyra, and to the turn toward Quincy and Keokuk. That turn always screams at me that I'm going too fast, but I make the turn just fine. That machine's a little cocky and entirely annoying.

Anyway, we got home about two hours after our brunch and then headed straight to Fareway for groceries for the rest of the meal.

The usuals from her mom's recipes. Sweet Potatoes, marshmallows, potatoes, sweet corn, wild

rice, stuffing, crescent rolls, and then the other things we need on the shelf. That always includes some holiday sweet thing that I don't want in the house, but love when they are.

The boxes usually have Lil' Debbie on them and the snacks are individually wrapped. Now I have four boxes of gingerbread frosted cake cookies, Christmas Tree-shaped snack cakes, and cherry/chocolate moon pies or something like that.

Taylor eats one or two and then puts them back into the pantry to await Christmas. That's my ex-

cuse for not eating them.

This year she stopped at refrigerated endcap that had pumpkin flavored egg nog.

"Ewwwww. Yuck," she said pointing at it and picking it up.

"I have to get some of this."

I laughed. "Whaaaat? You don't like egg nog."

"Yeah, but when I see something that looks that bad, I just have to try it."

It made the grocery sack and now sits on its side in my refrigerator. Nope, not me.

It sits above the Busch Light. Okay.

On Thanksgiving

morning, this girl was out of her room and dressed before I got downstairs. She was in high-heeled black boots, a skirt and a holiday sweater.

"You're cooking in that?"

"Yep."

And she did. We made the trip to West Burlington to my brother's house and this girl went to work looking like someone with her own cooking show. She created some dressing that she coated the bird in and then lightly tented it with foil and stuck it in the oven.

No bag, no basting, no checking on the bird

every 30 minutes. My instincts were to look at what smelled so good - quite often.

"You know, you keep opening that oven and it's never going to cook."

I made the potatoes for 20 people, she made everything else. My potatoes experienced heavy left-overs, whereas the turkey was obliterated. She stood by the kitchen sink as one of my brother's nephews carved it. I'm not sure he used a knife, but I saw a lot of twisted bone and juice-covered hands.

Taylor looked on with a smile. "My work is done here."

We all wolfed down food in three or four trips to the kitchen counter and everyone raved at this well-dressed bird and even better-dressed young woman.

My mom insists on turkey now for Christmas this year. Not sure where Taylor sits on that, but I know we're doing it at my house for the first time ever as a full family. I'm fine with that, but she's cooking. I'll clean.

The food wasn't what I gave thanks for that day, it was having her home and watching her do amazing things that I never taught her. Her independence is staggering - and her turkey now has its own legacy. Life is blessed and good.

Unless you got one of those trees that has the praying mantis egg sac in it and it hatches and they invade your home like zombies from World War Z. Not sure why, but that really makes me laugh - but that's Beside the Point.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Lee County, Iowa
Board of Supervisors
Agenda
DATE: Monday,
December 4, 2023
MEETING
CONVENING TIME:
10:00 A.M. (CDT)
LOCATION:
933 Avenue H
Fort Madison, IA

---AGENDA---

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 Pledge of Allegiance
 Approve Agenda
 10:01 a.m. Public Hearing for Possible Approval of Donating County Owned Apartments Located In Fort Madison to Fort Madison 2 x 4's for Hope

Consider Approval of Resolution Approving Donation of County Owned Apartments Located In Fort Madison 2 x 4's for Hope
 Public Input
 Consider Approval of Final Payment to Southeast Iowa Regional Economic and Port Authority for Broadband Expansion Project
 Consider Approval to Reappoint Judy Bartachek and Paula Spiekermeier to Board of Health
 Consider Approval of Renewal Agreement with Advanced Correctional Healthcare
 Consider Approval of Flexible Benefit Fee Proposal with Midwest Group Benefits
 Consider Approval of Plans for Keokuk EMS Building
 Consider Approval of Resolution Correcting Allocation of ARPA Funds
 Consider Approval of Corrections to County Personnel Policy
 Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolutions (3)
 Consent Agenda
 • Monday, November 27, 2023 Board Minutes
 • Claims for Payment Personnel Actions:
 A. Step Increase-Secondary Roads
 B. New Hire (Replacement) - EMS Reports:
 A. Commission of Veteran Affairs Minutes of Meeting
 Commission or Committee Reports
 Adjourn
 Possible Workshop to Follow
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PUBLIC NOTICE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
FORT MADISON
CITY COUNCIL
Date: Tuesday,
December 5, 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 allegations which are not part of the published agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA
 1. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the consent agenda:
 • Minutes of November 21, 2023;
 • Liquor License Renewal: Garner Foods, 2236 Avenue L, effective December 15, 2023 – Class B Retail;
 • Liquor License Renewal: River Rocks Bar & Grill, 709 Avenue H, effective January 28, 2024 – Class C Retail;
 • Claims dated Novem-

ber 30, 2023, November Manuals and November Library Claims; and
 • Payroll of December 1, 2023.
 COMMUNITY REPORTS: Justin Pieper, Assured Partners
 ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
 2. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution accepting the submitted plat of survey and waiving subdivision requirements (Title 11 - Subdivision Regulations) for property owned by Craig and Margaret Abolt on Chalk Ridge Road. (SEE COUNCIL REPORT NO. 2023-42)
 3. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the following applications for a Three-Year Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption:
 A. Justin & Melissa Pieper, 2 Blackhawk Heights (Addition)
 B. Dalton Ray Mabeus, 3023 Avenue K (New construction)
 4. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the Mayor's signature on a Grant Agreement with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources' Resource Enhancement and Protection Program (REAP) for the PORT Phase IV Trail Project. (SEE COUNCIL REPORT NO. 2023-43)

5. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the Mayor's signature on a Engineering Services Agreement between McClure Engineering and the City of Fort Madison for PIP-2023-03 Rehabilitate and Remark Airfield Pavements at the Fort Madison Municipal Airport.
 6. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution appointing (blank) as City Manager and authorizing the Mayor and Clerk's signatures on an Employment Agreement.
 OTHER
 UPDATES
 DEPARTMENT REPORTS
 COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS
 ADJOURNMENT - The next City Council meeting will be at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, December 19, 2023.

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF
WEST BURLINGTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
December 5, 2023
City of West Burlington
City Hall
City Council Chambers
122 Broadway Street
West Burlington, IA

52655
8:00 a.m.

Bargaining representatives of the City will receive the initial proposal of Communication Workers of America (Public Works). The City will provide its initial proposal at a later date, notice of which will be posted.

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF
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TENTATIVE AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 ROLL CALL
 PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 CONSENT AGENDA
 All items on the Consent Agenda are Action items that will be considered by a single vote. Council members may request that an item be pulled for discussion and held for a separate vote. Items on the Consent Agenda may include claims over the City Administrator's authorized spending limit, payments related to previously approved contracts, and non-controversial or routine expenses as defined by the City's Purchasing

Policy.

- Minutes from the Special City Council meeting on November 15, 2023
 - Minutes from the Regular City Council meeting on November 15, 2023
 - Clerk's Monthly Financial Report for October 2023
 - Payment of Claims as listed on the Expense Approval Report - \$234,018.20
- COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS
- ADMINISTRATOR:
 - PUBLIC WORKS:
 - POLICE DEPARTMENT:
 - FIRE/BUILDING DEPARTMENT:
 - CLERK/FINANCE/IT:
 - OTHER STAFF REPORTS:
 - COUNCIL REPORTS:
 - COMMUNITY RE-

PORTS:

CITIZEN INQUIRIES
 PUBLIC HEARING

1. Council will hold a Public Hearing regarding proposed Plans, Specifications, and Form of Contract for the Gear Ave. Trail Extension Project from the south ramp terminals of the Gear Avenue US Highway 34 interchange north to Huston Street. The design will include reconstruction on the Gear Avenue bridge over US Highway 34 to reallocate available bridge width to create a trail accommodation on the east side of the existing bridge. The trail will occupy an easement on the Westland Mall property to accommodate the trail in place of the outermost parking stalls of the mall parking lot.

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Public Hearing Notice Gear Ave Trail Extension Plans - Complete set is available at City Hall Council will hold a Public Hearing regarding proposed Plans, Specifications, and Form of Contract for the Gear Ave. Trail Extension Project from the south ramp terminals of the Gear Avenue US Highway 34 interchange north to Huston Street. The design will include reconstruction on the Gear Avenue bridge over US Highway 34 to reallocate available bridge width to create a trail accommodation on the east side of the existing bridge. The trail

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OLD BUSINESS
 NEW BUSINESS

- Consider a Resolution approving Plans, Specifications, and Form of Contract for the Gear Ave. Trail Extension Project
- Consider entering into a Supplemental Agreement for Construction Engineering and

Administrative Services with Snyder & Associates related to the Gear Ave. Trail Extension Project

- Consider a Resolution hiring a Fire Fighter
- Consider a Resolution hiring a Fire Fighter
- Consider a Resolution to hire a Police Officer
- Proposed Reso - Hiring Police Officer Brueck
- Consider the purchase of bunker gear for the Fire Department
- Consider a Resolution amending the Master Fee Schedule to set Rates for the 2024 Pool Season

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From the Front

Hounds give Williamsburg all they want in rally

HOUNDS - Continued from Page 1

Guzman to take over in the middle for Fort Madison.

Cresswell was the only player able to score inside points off a stingy Raider man defense. He also drew the attention of most of the interior defense and went to the freethrow line 13 times, converting 10.

Fort Madison held a slim 14-13 advantage after the first period, but only after senior Leif Boeding was fouled on a 3-point attempt with less than a second left. Boeding converted all three freebies to give the Hounds the lead.

Fort Madison started slow, converting just one of its first six shots from the floor. Cresswell would get things unstuck with a 3-ball and then Juan De Gracia Hernandez, the Bloodhounds foreign exchange student from Spain, would get a steal and dish off to Nolan Guzman who would score on a crossover in the lane to tie things up at 10.

The second quarter didn't heat up for the Hounds, who scored just five points on 2-of-11 shooting, including going 0-3 from beyond the 3-point arc. Williamsburg held a 22-19 lead at the half.

Fort Madison would get behind again in the third, trailing by as much as nine points. Junior Julian Dear hit a 3-pointer in front of the Hounds' fans on the right wing to cut the lead back to four at 35-31, but Derek Weisskopf would answer at the other end with a three to stretch it back to seven 38-31. Cresswell would convert another freethrow and Dear would miss a last-second heave to end the third period 38-23 Williamsburg.

The Raiders then went cold in the fourth, converting on just three shots from the field, two by Weisskopf, both 3-balls, and another three from junior Grant Hocker. The Bloodhounds came out of the break with some intensity as Cresswell went to work inside, getting three straight foul calls on three possessions. He converted five of the six freethrows and then hit a bucket inside under five minutes to get the Hounds within three at 44-41.

Fort Madison's defense then got two consecutive holds before Dear converted to cut it to one 44-43 with 3:35 left in regulation. The Hounds would get another stop and then Nolan Guzman would swipe a pass in the Hounds' full court press and feed Boeding off the steal for a bucket and the Hounds first lead since the first quarter.

Hocker would convert again from three-point range to put the Raiders back up by two, but Boeding would answer with a three from the right side after Hernandez pulled the defense in with a nice drive from the top of the key and the resulting assist to Boeding for the bucket.

On the trip down the floor, Cresswell was whistled for the technical foul and Weisskopf made the first one to tie the game at 48, but missed the second with about 1:35 left in the game.

Wilson would call a :30 second time out to regroup the Hounds. On the next possession, Dear would miss a runner in the lane, but Guzman slid over to grab the loose ball in the lane and threw up a 13-footer that rolled off the rim as time expired.

Each team put up just four points in the first overtime session with Guzman and Hernandez scoring for Fort Madison. Kellen Cockrell and Weisskopf scored for the Raiders. Weisskopf led all scorers with 32 points, including 26 in the second half and OT periods.

In the second overtime, Fort Madison would grab a lead with :42 left when Hernandez hit a

three from the left baseline for a 57-56 lead, but Williamsburg would score the next five unanswered capped by a couple freethrows from Cockrell with about 10 seconds left in the game.

Wilson said games like this are great for the Hounds' energy and will provide a boost as they work through a tight preholiday schedule.

"(Hernandez) did a great job in the fourth quarter and OT and people may have noticed that I didn't substitute much in the fourth quarter. We had a group that got us back into that game. They played solid defense and we ran the offense through the pressure when he was in," Wilson said.

"He understands the game well, passes well. He's just very solid."

Hernandez said his grandfather owns a basketball club in Spain, so he's been exposed to the game since he was about five years old.

"It's different here. Here, everyone is more athletic, they play better. I think it's a mental game here and they are more into the game," he said.

"This was crazy, I was a little confused, but I was happy to be here and helping the team. It was amazing," he said.

"Everyone seems to be bigger here and jump higher, and they are more physical. It's different basketball."

Wilson burned through most of his timeouts in each overtime session, but he said it was more rest than strategy.

"A lot of it was we were running that same group of five for a while. It was just getting them some rest and water," he said.

"There was some situational stuff, especially late with some switching to a zone defense, but mostly it was to get them some rest."

He said the double overtime game was just what the Hounds needed.

"It's great. It's not going to get any easier going forward this stretch," Wilson said.

Dear had 14 points for the Hounds and Boeding chipped in with eight on the night. Fort Madison (1-1, 1-0 Southeast Conference) travels to Mt. Pleasant on Friday night and then hosts Pella in Fort Madison Saturday afternoon.

Williamsburg, whose state championship football team featured Weisskopf, improves to 1-0 on the year.



Fort Madison's starting five from left Julian Dear, Leif Boeding, Hunter Cresswell, Dayton Lamar, and Carson Rashid get ready for their introductions Saturday in Fort Madison.

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