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FM man gets prison time

PLEA DEAL: Charges go from terrorism to harassment for FM's Vowels

PCC Staff

FORT MADISON - Friday morning in North Lee County Court, Roy James Vowels, 34, of Fort Madison was sentenced to two years in prison on conviction of Harassment in the 1st degree.

On May 12th, 2023, the Fort Madison Police Department Detective Bureau received information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), indicating that Vowels made an online threat to carry out a mass killing. The threat was received by an individual located outside of the United States who, with the assistance of a US resident, reported the threat to the FBI.

Fort Madison Police Chief Mark Rohloff said Vowels indicated he planned the attack at an unspecified daycare facility.

facility.

Vowels was taken into custody by detectives hours later and charged with making a threat of terrorism. Vowels later plead guilty to an amended charge of Harassment in the 1st degree on October 13th, 2023. The case has been working its way through the court system since his arrest. Keokuk attorney Curt Dial represented Vowels in the case.

The Fort Madison Police Department was assisted in this investigation by the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Lee County Attorney's Office.

Rohloff said this a good example of the community staying vigilant in reporting criminal activity to local law enforcement. Rohloff reminded individuals, if they see something, say something. Acts of violence can be prevented if suspicious activity or behavior are reported.

COMMENTARY



From Buble to yippie kai yay

The holidays are past us and the last thing I want is to hear another Christmas song. I had a lot of trips through Missouri running people to and from the airport and I either listen to sports radio or music.

I'm a Michael Buble fan, but if I hear "It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas" again I'm gonna need a Metformin and a big glass of milk.

So if your Vikings are playing like they always do this time of year, you'd rather not hear the talking heads on sports radio, whom nowadays talk more about Michael Buble, trash your football season.

That leaves music.

Anyone who's golfed with me knows two things. I suck and I play a lot of 80s pop and rock. But I'm suffering from a little burnout of Van Halen, Dokken, and the like. It may have something to do with me not having the hair for hairbands anymore.

So I've pivoted, to steal the verb of economic development officials, to something a bit more - Fort Madison.

I want to stipulate here that I do not hate country music. I DO NOT hate country music. My girls were both raised to Vince Gill. My wife used to say, again when I had hair, that I looked like Billy Dean.

But I've turned the satellite radio to channels 56-62 and have been listening to country music.

Everyone's heard the joke that if you spin a country song backwards you get your house back, your wife back, and your dog back. As I start listening to these hillbilly lullabies and stories of back roads and beer cans and angry,

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SPORTS

Lady Hounds roll Central Lee

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELLSON - Central Lee coach Taylor Hickey doesn't stop coaching - no matter what.

The Lady Hawks fell to a proficient and quick Fort Madison Lady Hound squad Saturday afternoon 61-31 behind sophomore Dayonna Davis' 15 points.

With two minutes left in the game and down by 30 with subs in the game, Hickey was still shouting direction and giving instructions despite the game well in the Bloodhounds' hands.

"I talked to the girls during a couple time-outs and even though we were going to lose, and I hate to say that, my mind always goes to

if the game is 28-28 or 28-27 who do I want in the game? In my mind, we don't give up and I need the intensity to continue to prep for the future," she said.

Aside from the moments where Hickey could put in the philosophical building blocks for the future, Fort Madison dominated the game from the tip.

The Lady Hounds opened an 18-2 lead with about two minutes left in the first quarter on a steal and layup from Irelynd Sargent. Central Lee would get buckets from Kenna Sandoval and Taylor Jones for their only first quarter points. The Hounds would build on the lead with a 16-6 run in the second quarter highlighted by Molly

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Central Lee girls Head Coach Taylor Hickey shouts out instructions Saturday afternoon during the Lady Hawks' game with Fort Madison in Donnellson.

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MON 08 Jan.....Cloudy with rain turning to snow, 37° F/32° F
TUE 09 Jan.....Snow, sometimes blowing, 35° F/20° F
WED 10 Jan.....Partly sunny & cold, 31° F/19° F

IOWA LOTTERY

LOTTO AMERICA 01/06.....14 34 42 46 51, Star Ball: 6 All Star Bonus: 2
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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

JULIE L. PILCHER

Julia Lee Pilcher, 56, of Donnellson, Iowa, passed away at 2:39 p.m. Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison, Iowa.



PILCHER

She was born on January 27, 1967, in Fort Madison, Iowa, the daughter of John Edward and Norma Jean (Schiller) Johnson. On February 14, 1997, she married LeRoy William Pilcher in Washington, Iowa. He preceded her in death on September 20, 2017.

She is survived by her step-daughter: Kearston Thannisch; three step-grandchildren; brother: Randy Johnson of Donnellson, Iowa; five sisters: Christy (Robert) Agren of Orange Beach, Alabama, Cindy Johnson of Argyle, Iowa, Kathy (Coe) Billman of Fort Madison, Iowa, Wendy (Wendel) Walljasper of Donnellson, Iowa and Gayle (Jim) Edwards of Washington, Iowa. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: LeRoy; son: Spencer and brother: Douglas Van Johnson.

Julia was a 1985 graduate of Central Lee High School. She had worked at Alaniz in Mt. Pleasant and most recently was a cook at the West Point Care Center. She enjoyed flea markets, antiques, music, watching movies, her pets and family gatherings.

Services will be held in the Spring of 2024.

Burial will be at Center Chapel in Keosauqua, Iowa.

A memorial has been established in her memory for Noah's Ark in Fairfield.

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

Pen City Current obituary policy

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.



Lunch Specials
Jan 8-12
11am - 1pm

Monday, January 8
Burnt Ends, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans

Tuesday, January 9
Chicken Fajitas, Spanish Rice

Wednesday, January 10
Ravioli Lasagna, Applesauce, Breadstick

Thursday, January 11
Fried Chicken Dinners

Friday, January 12
Spaghetti & Meatballs, Garlic Bread

OBITUARIES

LILLIAS B. HULING

Lillias B. Huling, 67, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 7:30 AM at her home.



HULING

She was born on March 10, 1956 in Quincy, IL to John and Lillias Boyd Carnes. On September 9, 2007 she married Ralph Sheets in Ft. Madison. Lillias worked in the kitchen at Alpha's for several years. She enjoyed watching movies, doing puzzles and being outdoors where she could watch birds. Family was her greatest love of all, she especially enjoyed being with them at holidays.

Survivors include her husband, Ralph Sheets of Ft. Madison; five children, James (Teresa Brewer) Huling of Denver, IL, Sara (Dennis) Manes of Bushnell, IL, Shawn (Cindy) Huling of Mt. Sterling, IL, Amanda (Dan Miller) Preader of Ft. Madison and Johnathan Huling of Burlington; sixteen grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; three sisters, Robin (Paul) Benson, Maryann Mustonen, Flora Carnes; two brothers, Harley (Cindi) Carnes and Jimmy Carnes; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers; three sisters and two grandchildren.

Per her 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.

EVELYN REMPE

Evelyn Rempe, 88 years, of Argyle, Iowa died at 10:01 am Wednesday, December 20, 2023 in Fort Madison. She was born April 2, 1935, a daughter of Melburn F. and Ellen Evelyn (Hawkins) Young. On November 17, 1956, she married John Rempe. He survives.



REMPE

Evelyn loved children and babysat for years. When she was a young woman, she worked at Sheaffer Pen. Evelyn enjoyed flowers, sending cards monthly to family and friends, and she also stayed busy volunteering at the Newberry Center. Her faith was most important to her, and she was member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Fort Madison. Evelyn loved her family, and was the best wife, mom, and grandmother ever.

She is survived by her husband, John Rempe of Fort Madison; two daughters, Brenda Boeding of West Point, Iowa and Tina (Kent) Penrod of Fort Madison; one daughter-in-law Janette Rempe of Las Vegas, Nevada; one sister-in-law Barbara Billings of Donnellson, Iowa; one grandson Bradly Penrod; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, step father Francis Stephenson, one son Randy Rempe, one son-in-law Jerry Boeding, one brother John Young, two nephews, one sister-in-law and two brothers-in-law.

A Time to Greet Friends will be held from 5:30 - 6:30 pm Friday, December 22, 2023 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2193 Old Denmark Road, Fort Madison, Iowa. A Remembrance Service will be held at 10:00 am Saturday, December 23, 2023 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Burial will be at a later date. A memorial has been established, contributions may be left at or mailed to Barr Memorial Chapel, 1919 Ave F, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Rempe family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

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DANIEL MENDEZ

Daniel Mendez, age 60, passed away Sunday, December 24, 2023, at his home. Dan had made Hope Haven's Brueck House his home since 1987. Dan lived, worked, learned, and made great friends with his roommates and wonderful staff over the years at Hope Haven.



MENDEZ

Dan's favorite past times were puzzles, games and socializing with friends. Dan loved the outdoors. He liked to get Dairy Queen and go to the park where he loved the slide and the swings. Dan also enjoyed relaxing in his rocking chair on the patio, watching the birds and squirrels at the feeders in his backyard. Dan also loved listening to Mexican music. Dan will be remembered for his little smile and big hugs.

Dan's family include his cherished mother, Frances Mendez of Ft. Madison, IA; siblings, Ruben (Andrea) Mendez, Jr., of Fort Madison, IA and Trish (Bill) Rodriguez of Arlington, WA; several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews; and numerous friends at Hope Haven's Brueck House. Sadly, Dan is preceded in death by his father, Ruben; and grandparents.

Cremation arrangements have been entrusted and the family will meet with friends from 10-11 AM on Friday, December 29, 2023 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory.

Memorial contributions in Dan's memory are suggested to Hope Haven's Brueck Home and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

JESSE J. DORMAN

Jesse John Dorman, 89, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 12:32 a.m. on Friday, December 22, 2023 at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison.

He was born on May 19, 1934 in Winona, MN to Fred & Florence Schultz Dorman. He served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1958 and the National Guard for 9 years. He married Dorothy V. Wolfe on December 31, 1956 in Wabasha, MN. He retired from First Miss and was a member of Holy Family Parish. He volunteered at Holy Family Parish, Knights of Columbus and the Tri-State Rodeo for many years. He loved playing golf.



DORMAN

Jesse is survived by: his wife: Dorothy Dorman of Fort Madison, IA; 1-son: Allen (Cindy) Dorman of Wever, IA; 1-daughter: Tracy (Matt) Aultman of Rogersville, MO; 5-grandchildren: Melissa Holterhaus, Lacey Dorman, Kayla (Justin) Hunter, Carlie Aultman & Jordan Aultman; 4-great grandchildren: Carson, Cayden & Conway Holterhaus and Lily Nitsche. He was preceded in death by: his parents, 1-son: James, 3-brothers, & 2-sisters.



A visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 27, 2023 at Sacred Heart Church. The funeral mass will immediately follow at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Gary Beckman officiating. Burial will be held at a later date at St. Felix Cemetery in Wabasha, MN. A memorial has been established for Holy Trinity Elementary School. Online condolences to the Dorman family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com. King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family with the arrangements.

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RUTH A. ROSS

Ruth Anne "Annie" (Marlin) Ross, 70, of Keokuk, passed away on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at her home surrounded by her family.

Annie was born on June 30, 1953, in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of Earl and Mary (Baldwin) Marlin. She graduated from Keokuk High School in 1971 and was united in marriage to Michael "Mike" Thomas Ross in 1973. He survives. She worked as a waitress at many area restaurants, Montgomery Ward and Henniges, before becoming a registered nurse in 2002, graduating from Carl Sandburg College.

In her free time, Annie enjoyed boating, camping, and the great outdoors. She could often be found exercising, either walking or going to the pool. She loved animals, but most of all, she loved her family.

Annie is survived by her husband Mike of Keokuk; her son Jody (Alyssa) Ross of Keokuk; three brothers: Jeff (Dawn) Marlin of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Rick (Sarah) Marlin of Keokuk, and Ron "Fritz" (Shawn) Marlin of Keokuk; her sister Janie (Tom) Swick of West Point, Illinois; her sister-in-law Michelle Marlin of Keokuk; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Annie is preceded in death by her parents and two brothers: Bill and Tim Marlin.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 am on Thursday, January 4, 2024, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk; with burial to follow at Keokuk National Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Thursday, January 4, from 9:30 to 11:30 am.

Memorials may be directed to the Keokuk Humane Society.

The family would like to give special thanks to the hospice nurses and Annie's sisters-in-law Mary Boyd and Valerie Droe for the excellent care they provided her.

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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LEONA C. SCUDDER

Leona Christine Scudder, 60, of Keokuk, IA, passed away Wednesday, December 27, 2023 at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Ft. Madison, IA.



She was born September 5, 1963 in Fort Shirley, MA the daughter of Clyde and Christine Heidecker Alvis. Leona graduated from Keokuk High School.

On June 12, 1989 Leona was united in marriage to Charles Scudder in Keokuk. He survives.

Other survivors include one brother, Eugene Alvis (Jewels) of Keokuk, one sister, Viola Auvil of Louisville, KY and four nieces, Amanda Schenkel of Washington, IA, Brinda Porter of Louisville, KY, Rebecca Rigdon of Elizabethtown, KY and Brittany Jolly of Lexington, KY.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Leona had been the owner and operator of C&L Remodeling with her husband Charles for many years.

She was a member of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Leona had a green thumb and enjoyed gardening in both her vegetable and flower gardens. She had a wonderful apple tree and was generous with the fruits of her labor, sharing with her family and friends.

Leona also enjoyed fishing and hosting neighborhood fish fries. She loved her cats and raised many litters of kittens through the years that she gave away for others to love.

There will be no services at this time.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA is assisting the family with arrangements.

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

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BRAD WHISENAND

Brad Whisenand, 45, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Friday, December 22, 2023 at 5:58 PM at his home.



WHISENAND

He was born on September 10, 1978 in Ft. Madison to Jack and Paula Hecke Whisenand. Brad loved guitars. He also enjoyed watching movies, playing video games and fishing.

Survivors include his mother, Paula Whisenand of Ft. Madison; one brother, Brian Whisenand and one niece, Jennifer Whisenand all of Ft. Madison. He was preceded in death by his Father and grandparents.

Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. There are no formal services planned at this time.

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LEE COUNTY - The Lee County Health Department, Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center, and Carthage Memorial have partnered with Southeastern Community College to develop a free of charge 80-hour Community Health Worker (CHW) certificate course.

Community Health Workers (CHWs) play a vital role in improving wellness and health outcomes at a local level. CHWs typically work with those who are disadvantaged and/or underserved. CHW responsibilities may include:

- Providing informal, non-clinical counseling, support and follow-up
- Helping people understand their health condition(s) and develop strategies to improve their health and well being
- Delivering health information using culturally appropriate terms and concepts

This certificate program will prepare participants to apply the skills and knowledge from the course within their current or future employment and/or volunteer positions.

Acting as the bridge between people and services, CHWs typically have shared life experiences with the communities they serve. For this reason, we are specifically interested in diverse applicants including, but not limited to: people of color, people living with disability, low-income households, first generation college students, people living with mental health challenges, and/or people in recovery.

If you are interested in enrolling, please call Pam at SCC: 319-208-5391.

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CONNIE PARRISH

Connie "Lynn" Parrish, 57, of Keokuk, passed away on Thursday, December 21, 2023, at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in West Burlington, Iowa.

Lynn was born on November 10, 1966, at Fort Gordon, Georgia, the daughter of Ivan Ray Parrish and Mary "Connie" (Lumley) Parrish Helenthal. She graduated from Carthage High School in 1984 and received her degree in Law Enforcement at Western Illinois University in 1988.



PARRISH

Lynn was a member of New Testament Christian Church in Keokuk and was employed at Illinois River Corrections. She was especially proud of her work there as volunteer coordinator. She received an award for being an expert shot and loved going to the gun range.

She became an expert in many hobbies, some of her favorites being reading, creating art and displaying collectibles. One of her favorite places was her Grandpa George's farm. She was a huge Prince fan and enjoyed listening to 80s rock.

Lynn is survived by her mother Connie Helenthal of Keokuk; two brothers: Ivan Craig (Gina) Parrish and John E. (Bonnie) Land, both of Keokuk; four step-siblings: John (Shannon) Helenthal, Robert (Peggy) Helenthal, Julia (Ritchie) McDaniel, and Sarah (Travis) Scheel; six nieces and nephews: Austin (Hailey), Chase, Payton, Karyn, and Karsyn Parrish, and John R.V. Land; and several cousins.

Lynn is preceded in death by her father Ivan Ray Parrish and three cousins: Sheila Lumley, Robert Van Winkle, and Steve Lund.

A graveside service will be held at 1:30 pm on Friday, December 29, 2023, at La Belle Cemetery in La Belle, Missouri. Visitation will be held on Friday, December 29, from 10 am to 12 pm (Noon) at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk. A procession from the funeral home to the cemetery will leave directly following the visitation.

Memorials may be directed to the family for expenses in care of Connie Helenthal. Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com.

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

CRAIG R. JUNKINS

Craig Russell Junkins, 82, of Montrose, IA died Sunday, December 24, 2023 at his home.

He was born May 24, 1941 in Ft. Madison, IA the son of Mervin Russell and Mildred Leona Smith Junkins. Craig graduated from Montrose High School in Montrose, IA.

On July 4, 1959 Craig was united in marriage to Sandy Schevers. They later divorced.

Directly out of high school, Craig worked for Watkins Elevator then Junkins Construction and Chevron Chemical. Later, he had been employed by the City of Montrose until his retirement.

Craig was a lifetime member of Tri-State Gun Club in Montrose.

In his earlier days, Craig enjoyed being at his parents cabin and fishing in the Mississippi River. He enjoyed deer hunting, raccoon hunting and duck hunting. He participated in field trials with his walker coon hound, Sweetie, traveling all over the country to compete.

He is survived by one daughter, Lisa McFall (Randy) of Donnellson, IA, one son, Jeff Junkins of Montrose, IA, three grandchildren, Jennifer (Matt) Rehm, Andrew (Alicia) McFall and Ashley (Brandon) Ruffcorn, eight great-grandchildren, Caden, Jacie, Brody, Brylee, Brock, Baker, Knox and Baylor and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Doris Wear, one brother, Gary Junkins, two daughters-in-law, Kay Junkins and Joni Junkins and his special friend, Bonnie Mosley.

According to his wishes, there will be no services.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA is assisting the family with arrangements.

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

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DENNIS L. HODGES

Dennis Lee Hodges, 75, of Keokuk, IA died Sunday, December 24, 2023 at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Ft. Madison, IA.

He was born October 19, 1948 in Keokuk, IA the son of Russell "60" and Jeanette L. Luebke Hodges. Dennis graduated from Keokuk High School and later attended Southeastern Community College where he studied welding.



HODGES

On September 2, 1994 Dennis was united in marriage to Bonnie Biddenstadt. She survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, April Leffler (Preston Johnston) of Keokuk and Sheila Henson of Keokuk, one son, John Bell of Windom, MN, six grandchildren, Dustin Leffler (Brittany), Jennifer Ketterer (Jon), Toni Salsberry (Brady), Andrea Sprague (Kenzie), all of Keokuk, Tim Bell of Burlington, IA and John Bell, Jr. of Windom, MN and eight great-grandchildren, Averie Piersee, Brycen Leffler, Jaelynn Ketterer, Jordyn Ketterer, Jayson Ketterer, Justyn Ketterer, Carsyn Salsberry and Spencer Salsberry. He is also survived by a special cousin, Danny Hodges (Anne) of Keokuk as well as other cousins and relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Linda Ferris and one grandchild, Morgan Bell.

Dennis had been employed by Henry Pratt Fabrication in Aurora, IL for seventeen years. He later was employed by Wabash Trailers in Ft. Madison, IA.

Dennis was a member of Southside Boat Club in Keokuk.

He enjoyed golfing, bowling and playing pool. He was an avid Dallas Cowboys, NASCAR, Iowa Hawkeye and Chicago Cubs fan. Dennis loved spending time outdoors sitting in his swing in the backyard. Most of all, Dennis enjoyed going with his wife Bonnie to Chintz's Bar & Grill for breakfast almost every day.

A Gathering of Remembrance will be held from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with the family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the family.

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

THOMAS G. AZINGER

Thomas G. Azinger, 94, of Moro, Illinois, formerly of Keokuk, IA, passed away on Sunday, December 24, 2023, at 2:48 am, at Meridian Village in Glen Carbon. He was born on December 21, 1929, in Keokuk, Iowa, the son of Herman Edward and Thelma Pauline (Heathman) Azinger. Thomas married Velma Bailey on March 7, 1953 in Keokuk. She preceded him in death on June 23, 2008.



AZINGER

Thomas graduated in 1948 from Keokuk Senior High School. He worked as a boiler operator for Hubinger Co. for 38 years before retirement in 1991. He was a lifetime member of St. Paul United Church of Christ, serving on the Consistory and Board of Elders. He also served on the Hubco Credit Union Board. Thomas enjoyed hunting, fishing and going camping. He will be greatly missed for the amount of love he showed to all his friends and family. His greatest gift was giving away love.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Steve Lowry; his grandchildren, Jason (Ellyn) Lowry, Daniel Lowry, Jacob (Tara) Lowry, Jordan Lowry, and Justin Lowry; and his two great-grandsons, Thomas and Jack Lowry.

Along with his parents, and wife, Velma, he was preceded in death by a brother, Jack Azinger; three sisters, Lyn Harry, Edna Riddle, and Patty Walley; and a grandson, John David Lowry.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk. Burial will follow at Sandusky Cemetery in Sandusky, Iowa.

Visitation will be held prior to the service on Saturday from 9:30 - 11 am at the funeral home with family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois.

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Hounds get post-holiday win over CL Hawks

MATINEE: Wyrick goes for 21 in first half, but Hounds' adjustments open up second half rally in Donnellson

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELLSON – Central Lee's Brayden Wyrick outscored Fort Madison 13-9 to start Saturday's matinee at Central Lee High School. Wyrick would go on to score 21 points in the first half, but the junior's performance wasn't enough for the Hawks to pull off the upset over the Bloodhounds.



Central Lee's Brayden Wyrick goes up for a shot over Hunter Cresswell in the third period of the Hounds' 63-55 win over the Hawks Saturday afternoon.

Fort Madison's strong 4th quarter sparked a 63-55 non-conference game that capped an intra-county round robin that wraps up Saturday when the Holy Trinity Crusaders play Fort Madison in the Hound Dome in another afternoon affair.

Wyrick would lead all scorers with 29 after the Hounds' Hunter Cresswell got the assignment of containing Wyrick in the second half, and did a pretty good job, according to Fort Madison Head Coach Ryan Wilson.

"We went to a straight up man and face guard on him to take him away," Wilson said. "Cresswell did a good job, but Wyrick's a great player. He knocked down some shots and we had hands in his face all day. We gotta work through those situations and be prepared because we've got some good kids coming up - Luke Hellige, Diego Garcia, a bunch more down the road."

Wyrick started on fire, scoring the first seven points of the game. Fort Madison would come back on a 7-0 run of its own sparked by Dayton Lamar's four points and Cresswell's put-back off a Julian Dear miss.

Wyrick would then hit back-to-back 3-balls at the 2:45 mark to put Central Lee back up by six and they would hold a four-point 18-14 lead after the first quarter.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The Bloodhounds' Julian Dear scrambles with the Hawks' Chase Johnson, right, and Dante Merschman, left, for a loose ball in the second quarter of Saturday's game in Donnellson.

The Hawk would score six of Central Lee's seven points in the second quarter, but Fort Madison's Leif Boeding led a second quarter surge that gave the Hounds a lead they would never relinquish. Boeding hit both ends of a freethrow set at 7:15 in the second quarter to give Fort Madison a 19-8 lead. Senior Carson Rashid hit from just inside the 3-point arch for a 21-18 lead. Wyrick would answer on the next possession from the far right baseline before Boeding countered at the other end with a 3-ball.

Fort Madison would extend the lead to 26-21 on a Dear rebound and bucket. Wyrick would score again for his 21st point of the half with 1:41 left to cut the lead to one after a Chase Johnson freethrow and a Hawks' steal.

Lamar would score with 1:07 left on a tip-in of a Dear miss for a 28-25 halftime lead. Lamar had nine in the first half for Fort Madison and finished with 17. Cresswell and Boeding each had a dozen for Fort Madison. The Hounds were without the services of sophomore 6th man, Nolan Guzman who's dealing with a bum hip, so junior Kenden Bowie slipped into the rotation after rejoining the active squad after the holiday. Bowie is in the bloodline of former NBA player Sam Bowie.

Bowie scored six points off the bench, but Wilson said he's an extraordinary athlete who just needs more playing time for his confidence to come around.

"Kenden's a special talent. He shoots well but we have to build some confidence in him. We've talked about letting him play a couple quarters jv, just to get some game experience today, so that might happen. He's athletic and in the family of Sam Bowie so there's some things here."

The Hounds' shifted senior Cresswell over to faceguard Wyrick in the second half and that worked, holding the junior to eight second-half points. Fort Madison outscored the Hawks 17-12 in the third quarter led by Cresswell's five points. Lamar missed a two-handed dunk at the buzzer off the back side of the rim and the Hounds held a 45-37 lead going into the final quarter.

Wyrick opened the scoring for Central Lee with a 3-ball, but Fort Madison hit 4-of-7 from the field to open the period and extend its lead to 11 points on a Rashid floater in the lane. Cresswell would hold Wyrick scoreless the final five minutes and the Hounds pulled away shooting five of six from the field down the stretch to put the game away.

Central Lee shifted to a more slashing offense with Cresswell chasing Wyrick all around and got some production from senior Aden Ross and Owen Swam. Wyrick said he was happy the added attention freed up his teammates.

"They were starting to play face up on me. I was just trying to get open and get good looks. Some didn't fall in the second half," Wyrick said.

"It's part of the game especially if it's one of their better players, which Cresswell is. It makes me happy because then that opens things up for my teammates. I wanted their coach to have to concentrate on me a little more so things would open up for the others."

Central Lee Head Coach Kritter Hayes said he was disappointed for the Hawks, who played well. He said they expected the Hounds to make adjustments to take Wyrick out of the game.

"We expected that. They're going to start digging down on him a little more. He got hot in the first half on the perimeter. But we know he can't live out there all the time. He has to have a good mix for us to be able to win some games," Hayes said.

"He's been shooting the ball really well in practice this week. He was really on fire the other day, so I was surprised he came out so cold against HTC on Friday."

Trailing by just six with 2:40 left in the game, Hayes shifted the offense to try to attack the rim rather than winning it from long range.

"We just wanted to attack the rim and go with a little two-man game with Owen (Swan) and Brayden and see where we had openings. Ross was able to get to the rim a couple times. He's not 100% right now, but we were trying to attack and get to the freethrow line and then get any 3s we could get."

Swan finished with 13 points and Ross had nine for the Hawks who fall to 5-5 overall. They stand at 3-4 in SEI Superconference South Division. They host Mediapolis on Tuesday and then travel to New London Friday night.

Fort Madison improves to 4-5 overall and 2-2 in the Southeast Conference. They travel to Keokuk Tuesday and then to Fairfield Friday before welcoming in the HTC Crusaders on Saturday afternoon in the annual cross-town matchup.

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Sports

Davis makes most of her first start for Lady Hounds

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Schulte's 3-pointer that gave Fort Madison a full 22-point lead at 32-10. Davis and Sargent would score again before the half for a 39-14 lead.

Central Lee's leading scorer, freshman Lizzy Mason, would get on the board for the first time with a bucket at 37-12.

Fort Madison's Halle Menke would get whistled for her third foul before the end of the half on a call that Hound Head Coach Landon Bentley didn't agree with, prompting his first technical of the season.

"I'm proud of these girls. It was right before halftime and I had to sit down. That showed that our culture is there and they brought the energy when it happened. They looked at me and said 'we got you' and that's awesome. I love to see that stuff," Bentley said.

Central Lee was able to work through some of the Hounds' full court pressure in the third period to convert some field goal attempts. However, they shot a dismal 10% in the third period going just 1-10, the lone bucket being a driving score from Mason while the Hounds stretched the lead to 30 points at 53-23 at the end of the first half.

Central Lee kept battling through the final period, and Bentley went to the bench early on to give some role players time on the floor.

Davis' 15 was just what Bentley was looking for from the change in rotation. The Hounds were also without the services of Taylor Johnson in the post. Johnson was out with a medical issue.

"Davis' athleticism is hard to match up with and we're gonna take advantage of that," Bentley said.

"She's excited. This was her first career start and, before the break, I got the team together and said Dayonna was going to break into the starting lineup and they accepted that. They're great teammates. She's producing and she's showed why she deserves to be in the starting lineup today."

He said Mason, who's averaging about 15 points per outing, was held in check with 10 points, four coming from the freethrow line.

"I know her from summer workouts, she's a great freshman and she will have a great four years of high school," he said. "She makes things happen for their team but we keyed on her and took her out to see if someone else would step up. They struggled a bit and that worked out for us."

Hickey said she knew the game would be tough for Mason, whose family has been in the Bloodhound program in the past.

"We knew this game was going to be tough for Lizzy. Her family has coached for them and her sister played there, but on the court, we didn't make an adjustment," Hickey said.

"I think they just played solid defense. They are a defensive-oriented team. Irelynd is extraordinary with that. I told Lizzy to just keep her head. She's small and gets pushed around a lot defensively, so I just kept telling her if you don't bring the ball up, who's going to?"

Sandoval led Central Lee with 13 points followed by Mason's 10. Jones had seven and Sydnie Larson added a point for the Lady Hawks (3-7, 3-5). Central Lee takes on Mediapolis at home Tuesday and then New London on the road Friday.

Fort Madison got 15 from Davis and 11 from Hadley Wolfe. Aija Jenkins and Sargent each had 10 in the win. The Lady Hounds improve to 7-2 overall and 3-1 in Southeast Conference action. They travel to Keokuk Tuesday night and then head to Fairfield Friday before hosting Holy Trinity Catholic on Saturday.



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Fort Madison's Irelynd Sargent gets caught up in the lane Saturday against Central Lee in Donnellson. Sargent had 10 points in Fort Madison's 61-31 win.

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DORIS E. ADKINS

Doris Evelyn Adkins, 92, of Keokuk, IA went home to be with the Lord, December 25, 2023 at home.

She was born July 17, 1931, on their family farm in Steffenville, MO, to James Dennis and Sarah Edith (Sheets) Powell. Doris graduated from Edina High School in Edina, MO with the class of 1950.

She was united in marriage to Roy Samuel Adkins on June 1, 1948, in LaBelle, MO, and they made their home in Edina, MO, and later Keokuk, IA. They were married 56 years before Sam passed away in 2004.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Keokuk. She worked many years at Horner Box Company in Keokuk.

She enjoyed traveling with Sam and with her sister, and she made several trips to places like Hawaii, Alaska, and took bus trips and cruises. She loved Elvis and country western music, and traveled to the Grand Old Opry and Branson to attend shows.

She was a great cook and loved making meals for family. She enjoyed decorating for Christmas. She had a great love for animals, having several dogs and a cat in the course of her life, currently loved by her Yorkie, Sassie.

Doris was preceded in death by her husband Sam Adkins; her parents James and Edith Powell; a brother who died in infancy, James William Powell; and a sister Betty Arterburn.

She is survived by nieces Nancy (Gerald) Graves and D. (Ross) Peterson, nephews David (Mary) Adkins and Johnnie Lee (Cindy) Adkins, many great-nieces and great-nephews, and many good friends who were a great help to her, especially in the later years of her life.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at the Keokuk National Cemetery with Pastor Bob Brandhagen officiating with burial following. A lunch will be served at the First Baptist Church following burial, all are invited to attend. There will be no visitation.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to the Keokuk Animal Services or to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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

DENNIS W. NELSON

Dennis Wayne Nelson, 64, of Keokuk, IA, died unexpectedly Wednesday, December 27, 2023 at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines, IA.

He was born on June 28, 1959 in Keokuk, IA, the son of Edward and Ida Toops Nelson.

He graduated from Keokuk High School with the Class of 1977. Dennis was a veteran of the United States Marines and proudly served his country.

Over the years Dennis had been employed at the Iowa State Penitentiary in Ft. Madison, Henniges in Keokuk and Shaffer Pen in Ft. Madison. He had also worked in construction.

Dennis was of the Presbyterian faith.


Dennis had a special talent for drawing. He enjoyed fishing and playing and watching sports. While in high school he played football and was a wrestler. He was an avid fan of the Kansas City Chiefs and the Iowa Hawkeyes.

Dennis is survived by his parents, Ed and Ida Nelson of Keokuk, three sisters, Mitzi (Todd) Trooien of Astoria, SD, Laurie (Scott) Ragar of Keokuk and Carrie (Earl) Nance of Kahoka, MO, and two brothers, Michael Nelson of Shenandoah, IA and Corey (Rickelle) Nelson of Louisville, KY. He is also survived by his long-time companion of seventeen years, Della Alvarez of Des Moines and many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial service will be held at 6 p.m., Saturday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with Pastor Shelby Whitney officiating. Burial with military rites will be at a later date in the Keokuk National Cemetery.

Visitation will be held prior to the service from 5 - 6 p.m. at the funeral home with the family meeting with friends at that time.


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DOROTHY E. HOLTkamp

Dorothy E. Holtkamp, 94, of Salem, Iowa, passed away at 9:15 a.m. Thursday, December 28, 2023, at River Hills Village in Keokuk, Iowa.

She was born on February 20, 1929, near Salem, Iowa, the daughter of Lawrence and Agnes (Holtkamp) Box. On April 22, 1950, she married Dennis C. Holtkamp at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Houghton, Iowa. He preceded her in death on April 5, 1990.

She is survived by her daughter: Jeanne Fedler of New London, Iowa; son: Rick (Christine) Holtkamp of Keokuk, Iowa; granddaughter: Sara (Adam) Burden of Solon, Iowa; grandson: Clint (Wendy) Fedler of the Virgin Islands; two great grandchildren: Addison and Beckett Burden; two sisters: Marcella Holtkamp of West Point, Iowa, Eileen (Dave) Pranger of West Point, Iowa; two brothers: Edward Box of Burlington, Iowa, Norbert (Karen) Box of West Point, Iowa and sister-in-law: Carol Box of Burlington, Iowa. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: Dennis; son: Randy Holtkamp; son-in-law: Kenny Fedler and brother: Adrian Box.

Dorothy was a member of St. John's Catholic Church in Houghton and the Altar and Rosary Society of the church. She enjoyed gardening, quilting, cooking and baking pies for the church. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday, January 1, 2024, at St. John's Catholic Church in Houghton, where a rosary will be recited at 1:30 p.m. and a Christian wake service will be held at 3:00 p.m.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at St. John's Catholic Church in Houghton with Father Dan Dorau as celebrant.

Burial will be at St. John's Cemetery in Houghton.

Memorials have been established in her memory for St. John's Catholic Church or St. John's Cemetery.

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

MARY L. WELSH

Mary Lee Welsh, 83, of Montrose, IA, died Monday, December 25, 2023 at her home.

She was born on August 21, 1940 in Ft. Madison, IA, the daughter of Joseph H. and Eva Katherine Leeper Fichtenkort. She graduated from Clark County High School in Kahoka, MO with the Class of 1958 and then attended St. Mary's School of Nursing in Quincy, Il where she received her R.N.

On December 29, 1979, Mary was united in marriage to Charles Welsh. He preceded her in death on October 7, 2022.

Mary had been employed as a registered nurse at Steel Castings in Keokuk and also at the State Penitentiary in Ft. Madison.

She was a member of St. Peters Catholic Church in Keokuk.

Mary enjoyed reading romance novels, embroidering and watching T.V. One of her favorite shows was Dateline.

She is survived by two sons, Jeffry Arntzen of Keokuk and Scott (Lauren) Arntzen of California, four grandchildren, Jacob (Evelyn) Arntzen, Emma Arntzen, Clara Arntzen and Alex Arntzen and one great-grandchild, Finneas Arntzen.

Besides her husband she was also preceded in death by five brothers, Joseph Fichtenkort, John Beard, Don Beard, Wayne Beard and Floyd "Tiny" Beard.

Services will be held at a later date.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA is assisting the family with arrangements.

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LEON J. OTT

Leon J. Ott, 84, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, December 28, 2023 at the West Point Care Center. He was born on February 12, 1939 in St. Michael, MN to Joseph J. & Helen M. Niesen Ott. He married Dorlaine "Dory" A. Langenfeld on April 22, 1961 in Hastings, MN. She preceded him in death on April 28, 2003. He then married Rubey C. Wickham on December 16, 2005 in Keokuk, IA. She preceded him in death on August 11, 2019. He was a maintenance worker for Armour Dial, retiring in 2001. He enjoyed fishing, reading books, watching westerns, woodworking, growing roses and playing Euchre at the Newberry Center.



OTT Leon is survived by: 1-son: Andrew (Suzanne) Ott of Henderson, CO; 3-daughters: Leann (Randy) Callahan of Fort Madison, IA; Sandra Petrillo of Johnston, IA & Marjorie (Mark) Bunt of Burlington, IA; 15-grandchildren; 12-great grandchildren; 3-foster sisters: Mary Schanno of Hastings, MN, Ann Hoffman of Red Wing, MN & Jane Kelley of Minneapolis, MN. He was preceded in death by: his parents, foster parents, both wives, 1-daughter: Barbara, 1-son in law: James Petrillo, 2-sisters & 1-brother.

A visitation will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Pastor Anna Sadler officiating. Burial will be held at Oakland Cemetery. A memorial has been established in his memory. Online condolences to the Ott family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

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OBITUARIES

DOROTHY M. HALL

Dorothy May "Dottie" Hall, 78, of Keokuk, IA, died Sunday, December 31, 2023 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL.

She was born on November 28, 1945 in Keokuk, IA, the daughter of Eugene and Dorothy (Montgomery) Boudreau. She attended Keokuk High School.



HALL

On July 24, 1966, Dorothy was united in marriage to Ralph Hall, Jr in Keokuk. He preceded her in death on January 1, 2006. Over the years Dottie had been employed in housekeeping at the Lee County Home, River Hills Village, Keokuk Area Hospital and the Super 8 Motel.

Dottie was an excellent bowler. She loved to bowl with her family and on leagues at both the Ten Pin and the Arrowhead. She had a green thumb and had many beautiful house plants that she cared for. She was a fan of WWE Wrestling, football, Iowa Hawkeye Women's basketball and her daily soap operas. She enjoyed traveling to South Carolina to spend time with her family and also enjoyed going on several cruises. Dottie's grandchildren were her pride and joy and she loved attending their activities. It was Dottie's mission in life to take care of everyone. She gave unselfishly to others and was loved by many.

She is survived by four daughters, Wilma "Sally" Grant (Tony) of Keokuk, Tina Adams (David) of Keokuk, Melissa Wilson (Jason) of Argyle, and Selissa Weber (Stacy) of Donnellson and two sons, Rick Hall (Tami) of Easley, SC, and Tom Hall of Keokuk, ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren with one more on the way. She is also survived by three sisters, Mary Wilhelm, Connie St. Clair (Tom) and Patty Tichenor (Jerry) all of Keokuk, and three brothers, Calvin Boudreau of Keokuk, Don Boudreau (Sarah) of Alexandria, MO and Roger Edwards (Kathy) of Florida and many nieces and nephews. Besides her husband, she was also preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Homer Boudreau.

A Memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with Calvin Stevens officiating. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk.

Visitation will be held after 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with the family meeting with friends from 5 - 7 p.m. Memorials may be made to her family.

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2. Hanger Rentals
3. Grant & Project
Updates
a. Runway Rehab Grant
b. AWOS Replacement
Project
4. FY2024-25 Budget
AIRPORT MANAGER
REPORT
ADJOURNMENT
If you are unable to
attend the meeting, email
Justina Cullen as soon as
possible.

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DISTRICT OFFICE**

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
JANUARY 9, 2024**

If this meeting needs to
be rescheduled due to
inclement weather, the
meeting will be moved to
Tuesday, January 16th,
2024, at 7:00 a.m.

7:00A.M.
1. Roll Call
2. Approve agenda
3. Receive Visitors:
a) Visitors to speak
about items not on the
agenda
b) Family Consumer

Science Presentation
c) Business Presenta-
tion
4. Superintendent's
Report:
a) Legislative Update
b) IASB Day on the Hill
- February 13, 2024 (8:00
a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)
c) Finance Update
(Updated School Budget
Process)
d) February Board
Meeting - February 13,
2024 (7:00 a.m.)
e) Strategic Plan Up-
date
f) Facility Planning/Proj-
ects Updates
g) Vacancies
CONSENT AGENDA:
(Exhibit I) (Motion)
a) Approve minutes
b) Financial Reports:
General and Schoolhouse
funds, Clearing account,
Hot Lunch account
c) Approve prepaid bills
d) Approve monthly bills
e) Open Enrollment
Requests:
f) Overnight Trip Re-
quests:
NEW BUSINESS:
1. Approve Second
Reading of Board Policies
200 Series (Motion)
2. Approve Second
Reading of Board Poli-
cy 401.7 Administrative
Regulations for School
Board In State and Out
of State Employee Travel
Compensation (Exhibit II)
(Motion)
3. Approve Second
Reading of Board Policy
411.8 - Classified Employ-
ee Probationary Status
(Exhibit III) (Motion)
4. Approve First Read-
ing of Board Policy
501.15 - Open Enrollment
Transfers - Procedures
As a Receiving District
(Exhibit IV) (Motion)
5. Approve First Read-
ing of Board Policies:
(Exhibit V) (Motion)
a) 401.13 - Responsible

Technology Use & Social
Networking
b) 401.13R1 - Respon-
sible Technology Use &
Social Networking Regu-
lation
c) 502.07 - Student
Substance Use (Updated
Title)
d) 605.06 - Internet
Appropriate Use
e) 605.06R1 - Internet
Appropriate Use Regula-
tion
f) 605.08 - Artificial
Intelligence in the Educa-
tion Environment (New)
g) 605.08R1 - Artificial
Intelligence in the Educa-
tion Environment Regula-
tion (New)
h) 701.01 - Depository
of Funds
i) 701.02 - Transfer of
Funds
j) 701.03 - Financial
Records
k) 701.04 - Governmen-
tal Accounting Practices
and Regulations
l) 703.1 - Budget Plan-
ning
m) 703.2 - Spending
Plan (Rescinded)
6. Discussion/Presen-
tation of Consideration
of Moving Middle School
to Grades 5-8 for 24-25
School Year (Exhibit VI)
7. Appoint a Lee County
Conference Board Repre-
sentative (Motion)
8. Retirement: (Effective
6/30/2024)
a) Robert Ridgway -
Custodian
9. Contract Approval:
(Motion)
a) Dan Hickey - Volun-
teer HS Girls Basketball
Coach
10. Board Reports
11. Adjourn (Motion)

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Lee County, Iowa
Board of Supervisors
Agenda
DATE: Monday,
January 8, 2024
MEETING
CONVENING TIME:
10:00 A.M. (CDT)
LOCATION:
933 Avenue H
Fort Madison, IA**

---AGENDA---

Lee County Board of
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Jan 8, 2024, 10:00-
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Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Agenda
Public Input
Lee County Econom-
ic Development Group
Update
Discussion and Pos-
sible Action on Moving
Forward with Bid Process
for Health/EMS Building
Consider Approval
of 28E Agreement with
RUSS
Consider Approval of

Budget Workshops
(Times are tentative)

Monday, January 8
11:00 a.m. Human Services
11:15 a.m. Sheriff
11:45 a.m. Safety & Risk Management
12:00 p.m. VA
Lunch Break
12:45 p.m. GIS
1:00 p.m. Community Services
1:30 p.m. Conservation
2:00 p.m. County Attorney
2:30 p.m. Medical Examiner
2:45 p.m. Non Departmental
3:00 p.m. Board of Supervisors

Tuesday, January 9
8:45 a.m. Secondary Roads
9:45 a.m. Treasurer
10:15 a.m. Recorder
10:45 a.m. EMS
11:15 a.m. Maintenance Department
12:00 p.m. Auditor
12:30 p.m. Pioneer Cemetery Commission
1:15 p.m. Library Association
1:30 p.m. County Fair Board

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Contact Title VI

Second Reading and
Possible Waiver of Third
Reading of Care of Ani-
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nance
Consider Approval of
Second Reading and
Possible Waiver of Third
Reading of Loose Live-
stock Ordinance
Consent Agenda
• Tuesday, January 2,
2024 Board Minutes
• Claims for Payment
• Tax Abatement Reso-
lution
Commission or Com-
mittee Reports
Adjourn

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Local News/From the Front

Budding Artists take over FMAAA gallery in Jan.

FORT MADISON - The FMAAA Art Center is excited to once again welcome the area's youth artists grades Kindergarten through 8th to display their work during the annual Budding Artist Show during the month of January.

A variety of marvelous artwork is selected throughout the school year by the area art instructors and assembled by volunteers at the FMAAA Art Center into the month's exhibition.

The Opening Reception is on Saturday, January 6, 2024 from 1 pm to 4 pm at 825 Avenue G (right next to the Fox Theater) with kid friendly snacks and beverages free

for the whole family. The exhibition is on display through Saturday, January 27, 2024 and is made possible by the generous sponsorship of Two Rivers Bank & Trust.

Other kid friendly activities will occur throughout the month. Family Fun Day at FMAAA is on Saturday, January 20th, 2024 from 10am to 11:30am for ages Kindergarten and up. Participants enjoy creative activities as a family. Pre-K spaces are available as long as the child is with a parent.

STEAM Day is on Saturday, January 27 with exciting classes exploring the intersection of art with science and technology for three age groups.



The annual Budding Artists Exhibit kicks off with a Saturday open house from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fort Madison Area Arts Center at 825 Avenue G. The exhibit will be on display throughout the month of January.

My life story could make a country music hit

COUNTRY - Continued from Page 1

angry women I'm wondering if I'm making the right transition.

They want to bash your car in and beat up your other girlfriend. They'd rather marry the dog than kiss the frog. I think that's a Carrie Underwood ditty that I ran across.

If I look back at what I've accomplished and botched in my life, it could make an interesting country song. My ex literally lives in Texas.

I've lost two dogs and had to give one back because he wouldn't stop jumping the fence and finding me at work. And I certainly have friends in low places. I have no favor for strawberry wine, but if you ask me, grape is fine. See?

Don't get me started on Boone's Farm.

Kid Rock is kind of a mix of the two. I get the 80s rock vibe with the smoke-drenched rasp of the southern culture, and he's known for his penchant for summers and beach parties - a soul that yearns for the summer and has little bandwidth for cold weather. I get those people. There's something inviting about fun in the sun, but you better stay away from the carbs to pull it off at our age.

That should be the next country fun song that should come across the Georgia/Florida Line. Jimmy Buffett was okay with accepting age along with the tequila and lime, but I haven't heard much about growing old in the country genre. Tim McGraw said we should live like we were dying. The irony there is that everyone is.

How about a song where an old fat guy gets in his Ford F150 on a 3-month sabbatical in search for beaches and swimming pools from November to February. Not the Blake Shelton "Some Beach, Somewhere" hit, but an anthem for us over-the-hillers, looking for our own place. He, or she, saved up all their money from 20 years in the factory or on the construction site. The spouse took the kids and the dog and the birds, so they don't have any hang-ups about being gone. They worked overtime hating the boss and the damned gravel roads and dust ups on the way to the work site, so they have some disposable income. Why do cowboys always seem to have disposable income?

The chorus could be something like my girl (or boy, but the south has no time for pronoun identification - or driving lessons) bailed in the fall and I got no time for the snow. So I'm loading up my truck for someplace warm to go. The GPS is set - for a beach nearest me, so I can find a sun-kissed ocean to jump in and pee.

I don't know.

Yeah. Let's call it "I don't know".

What I do know is that I'm going to leave it on country music for a while and see if I can find something that I can sing to. Fat chance. But at least I'm broadening my horizons and I'll probably eat more grits.

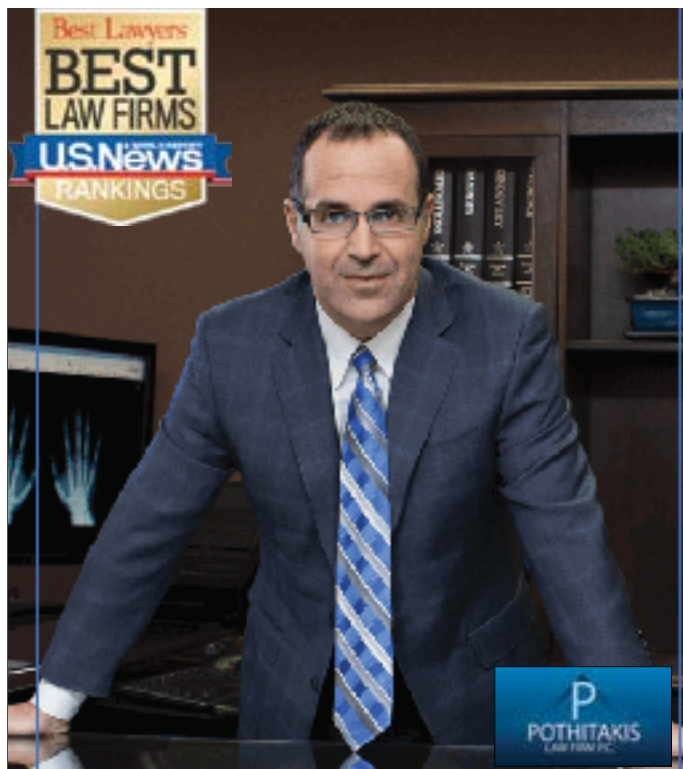
And file this under the category of day-changers, but I was walking into the Fort Madison and Central Lee varsity games in Donnellson Saturday and shared a moment with Bill and Janelle Cresswell. Bill told me when he read these columns, he could actually hear my voice reading it. I'm not sure there's a bigger compliment in the world, and it's neat I get to read to you, but that's Beside the Point.

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