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City preps for first winter storm

SNOW: City sets parking restrictions and sidewalk alerts in wake of first major snowfall

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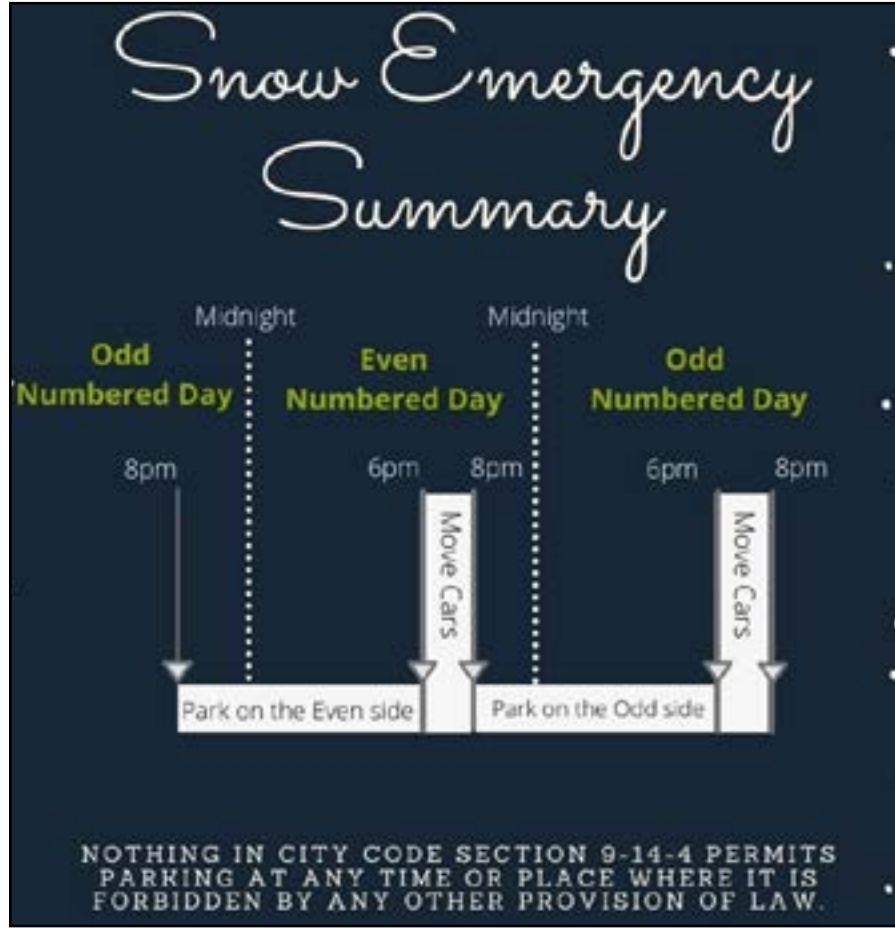
FORT MADISON - The City of Fort Madison is declaring a Snow Emergency because of the anticipated winter storm events over the next 48 hours. The snow emergency will be in effect for all roadways in Fort Madison starting at 8 p.m. tonight and will be extended through 8 p.m. Monday January 15.

The National Weather Service is predicting anywhere from 6 to 12 inches of snow locally starting at 6 p.m. Monday through Tuesday night.

The City of Fort Madison has determined that due to previous years history of the high number of properties not clearing snow from sidewalks, the City will perform removal of ice and snow from abutting owners' property with twelve (12) hours' notice to persons who have not adequately cleared snow from their sidewalks.

Fort Madison City Code, subsections 7-3-1

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Fort Madison city officials have declared a snow emergency for Fort Madison for the next week to allow for swift clean up of streets and sidewalks.

COMMENTARY

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



Books, movies to seek in the new year

Larry McMurtry might be my favorite author of all time. He wrote "Last Picture Show," "Lonesome Dove" and a slew of other books, movie scripts and essays. So, when a new biography of him came out, "Larry McMurtry: A Life" by Tracy Daugherty, I had to read it, and I highly recommend. BTW: McMurtry was an avid letter writer, and these letters are still around. Thus the material for McMurtry's biography was readily available. In this day-and-age when letter writing is passe, and people are using email or social media to communicate with friends and lovers—material that is here today and gone tomorrow—how will biographies be written in the future? It's a concern I have. Will AI be able to access this cyberspace material? Hmm.

McMurtry's biography got me hankering to read "Horseman, Pass By" for which the movie "Hud" starring Paul Newman, was made, which got me hankering to see the movie "Hud" again. It's been 50+ years since I saw it. "Hud" is available on Amazon Prime. It amazes me that a sub-character in the book, "Horseman, Pass By" is the main character of the movie, "Hud." But Paul Newman couldn't be a minor character.

With "Hud" out of my system, Ginnie and I were able to settle into our winter mode of reading, watching movies and eating popcorn. There are some great movies out.

"Maestro," directed by and starring Bradley Cooper, is the story of conductor Leonard Bernstein. You can find it on Netflix. Ginnie and I were a little bored with "Maestro," or more accurately, Bradley Cooper. Cooper trying to imitate Bernstein's voice by talking

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CITY NEWS

SCC student arrested for shooting vehicle Sunday in FM

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FORT MADISON - On the morning of Sunday, January 7th, 2024, Fort Madison officers were dispatched to an address on Florence Drive to a report of criminal mischief.

At that time, it was discovered that an unoccupied vehicle had been shot multiple

times with a firearm. Evidence was recovered at the scene and interviews were conducted. The owner also named a suspect, believing it was perpetrated because of an earlier dispute between the two.

With the assistance of Southeastern Community College staff and West Burlington Police Department, Fort Madison detectives executed a search warrant that same day at

the Blackhawk Tower Apartments in West Burlington. Subsequently, additional evidence was recovered and Angel Joann Maes, age 19, a resident of the SCC housing, was taken into custody.

Maes has been charged with Going Armed with Intent (D felony); Intimidation

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SEIRMC-FM welcomes 1st baby of 2024

FORT MADISON - Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center, Fort Madison, welcomed Henry Lee Meng, son of Randy Brooks and Cory Meng, as the hospital's first baby born in 2024. Henry was born at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, January 4, 2024. He weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz. and was 21" long. The first baby of the new year was delivered by Dr. Timothy Staudte.



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WEATHER

TUE 09 Jan.....Wintry mix, 34° F/19° F
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 THU 11 Jan.....Partly sunny & cold, 30° F/22° F

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Obituaries/From the Front

OBITUARIES

HOWARD C. SUTTON

Howard Clinton Sutton, 86, of Lomax, Illinois, passed away at 7:00 p.m. Friday, December 29, 2023 at Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in West Burlington, Iowa.

Howard was born October 21, 1937 in Burlington, Iowa, the son of Guy Clinton and Fannie Jane (Freeland) Sutton. On December 29, 1956 he married Carolyn Hope Francis at the Lomax Christian Church.



SUTTON

Howard attended Dallas City High School and served in the US Navy. He worked as a truck driver all of his life. He spent most of his career driving for Winegard Company in Burlington. He proudly received the 2 million safety mile award. He enjoyed wood burning and teaching it to his grandchildren. He also enjoyed horseback riding and spending time on the river. He loved being a grandfather and

great-grandfather. He was a member of the Dallas City American Legion.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Carolyn; three children: Darrell (Lori) Sutton of Lomax, Lori (Mark) Furniss of Terre Haute, Indiana and Byron Sutton of Terre Haute, Indiana; five grandchildren: Hope (Dan) Shrader, Joseph Tyler Furniss, Brandon Clinton Sutton, William Howard Sutton and Casey Lee Sutton and one great-grandchild: Sutton Shrader.

He was preceded in death by one son, Guy Mitchell Sutton and one sister, Raamah Sprinkle.

Cremation has been entrusted to Banks & Beals Funeral Home.

A Celebration of Howard's Life will be held at a later date.

A memorial fund has been established for the Dallas City American Legion. Memorials and cards may be sent to the Howard Sutton Memorial Fund, c/o Banks & Beals Funeral Home, PO Box 70, Dallas City, Illinois 62330.

To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Howard's obituary at banksandbeals.com.



OBITUARIES

NORMA L. McSPAREN

Norma L. McSparen, 89, of Lomax, Illinois, passed away at 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 29, 2023 at her son's home, near Lomax.

Norma was born March 11, 1934 in LaHarpe, Illinois, the daughter of Charles "John" and Amble (Dowell) Pence. On April 16, 1949 she married Joseph McSparen in Gladstone, Illinois. He preceded her in death March 4, 1986.



McSPAREN

Norma lived all of her life in the Lomax area. She worked at the Lomax Canning Factory, IAAP in Middletown, Iowa and as a home health nurse for the Henderson County Health Department. She enjoyed trips to the casino and spending time with her friends and family.

Survivors include two sons: Gary (Linetta) McSparen of Lomax and Tracy (Doris) McSparen of Wayland, Missouri; 6 grandchildren: David McSparen, Lindsay Cochran, Ryan McSparen, Katie Ludens, Anthony Cabral and Timothy Cabral; 7 great-grandchildren: Lance Ludens, Graysen Ludens, Annie Cochran, Addalyn McSparen, Wyatt McSparen, Isaac Cabral and Tristan Cabral and two siblings: Milford Pence of Lomax and Doris Hawley of West Burlington, Iowa.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by one son: Ted McSparen; three grandsons: Michael, Stephen and Daniel McSparen and one sister: Barbara Fisher.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, March 11, 2024 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City. Burial will follow in Crane Cemetery, near Lomax.

A memorial fund has been established for Hospice Compassus. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Norma's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

Police chief says no threat to community in Sunday shooting incident

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with a Dangerous Weapon (D felony); 1st degree Harassment (aggravated misd) and Reckless Use of a Firearm (aggravated misd).

She was subsequently transported to the Lee County Jail where she awaits arraignment in North Lee County District Court.

The public is advised that this was de-

termined to be an isolated event between involved parties, and not a continued threat to the general community.

Also, that charges are merely an accusation of a crime, and the suspect presumed innocent until conviction in a court of law.

City urges residents to make sure sidewalks are being cleared

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requires adjoining property owners to maintain sidewalks free and clear from all snow, ice, and accumulations. Further, subsection 7-3-2 declares that failure to remove snow and ice in a reasonable amount of time is a misdemeanor. Finally, subsection 7-3-3 reads:

7-3-3: ASSESSMENT:

Should snow, ice, or accumulation be permitted to remain upon any sidewalk for more than a reasonable time, the City Engineer, with or without notice to the owner, tenant, or other person in charge of the property abutting upon said sidewalk, shall cause said snow, ice, or accu-

mulations to be removed, and the expenses of removal shall be specially assessed to the abutting property, in accordance with Section 1-6-9 of this Code. (Ord. A-67, 12-28-53; amd. Ord. B-292, 9-4-79)

Therefore, beginning January 15, 2024, the City will begin posting 12-hour notices on non-compliant properties, and begin clearing all sidewalks of snow not adequately cleared by the property owner within that timeframe. Minimum charge for any abatement is \$50.00. All charges will be assessed to the property taxes in the form of a special assessment per City Code 6-4-3(C)(1)(b).

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For the Record

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Fort Madison Police Report

12/29/23 – 6:56 a.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Cody Sky Patrick Kemp, 24 of Fort Madison in the 200 block of Avenue N, on a warrant for 5th degree theft.

12/29/23 – 9:55 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Alexander Xavier Luna, 35, of Fort Madison in the 800 block of Avenue G on a warrant for parole violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

12/30/23 – 2:01 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a gas odor in the 2100 block of Avenue E.

12/31/23 – 12:10 a.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Michael Anthony Kempker, Jr., 39, in the 3500 block of Avenue L, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

01/01/24 – 4:16 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1500 block of Avenue M.

01/02/24 – 1:06 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3400 block of Avenue N.

01/02/24 – 4:27 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1500 block of Avenue L.

01/02/24 – 6:33 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 2600 block of Avenue I.

01/03/24 – 6:48 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1400 block of Avenue I.

01/03/24 – 8:26 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Lisa Marie Debrackeleire, 31, of Fort Madison, on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

01/03/24 – 11:54 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2100 block of Avenue G.

01/03/24 – 1:24 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1900 block of Avenue M.

01/03/24 – 2:26 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

01/03/24 – 3 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the Fort Madison area.

01/03/24 – 4:04 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of stolen vehicle in the 400 block of 23rd Street.

01/03/24 – 7:29 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a property damage accident in the 1900 block of Avenue M.

01/03/24 – 9:13 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report larceny/theft in the 5100 block of Avenue O.

Keokuk Police Report

12/30/23 – 12:48 a.m. – Keokuk Police arrested Christopher Adam Barnes, 32, of Keokuk in the 500 block of Main Street on a charge of driving while barred. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

12/30/23 – 3:23 p.m. – Keokuk Police arrested Sophia McKenna Gregory, 25, of Keokuk in the 700 block of Main Street, on a charge of trespassing. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

12/31/23 – 12:20 a.m. – Keokuk Police arrested Cameron Dean Richardson, 25, of Fort Madison, in the 1400 block of Main Street, on a charges of OWI and having an open container. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

12/31/23 – 10 a.m. – Keokuk Police arrested Sophia McKenna Gregory, 25, of Keokuk, in the 300 block of Messenger

Road, on a charge of 4th-degree criminal mischief. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

12/31/23 – 9:38 p.m. – Keokuk Police cited Ernest Lloyd Justice, 57, of Keokuk, at Main Street and Navaho Drive on a charge of driving under suspension.

12/31/23 – 9:40 p.m. – Keokuk Police arrested Mersadys Elizabeth Dickens, 36, of Keokuk, in the 1600 block of Bank Street, on a charge of OWI. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

01/01/24 – 12:29 a.m. – Keokuk Police cited Jason Theodore Kokjohn, 43, of Fort Madison, in the 600 block of Timea Street on charges of driving while barred and having an open container of alcohol.

01/01/24 – 2:50 a.m. – Keokuk Police arrested Juan J. Pintor, 22, of Macomb, in the 1400 block of Main Street on a

charge of OWI. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

01/01/24 – 5:00 a.m. – Keokuk Police arrested Quincy Lee McCane, 21, of Keokuk, in the 1300 block of Des Moines Street, on a charges of public intoxication and interference with official acts. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

01/01/24 – 8:10 p.m. – Keokuk Police cited a 17-year-old male juvenile in the 2000 block of Main Street on a charge of driving under suspension.

01/02/24 – 1:19 a.m. – Keokuk Police officers arrested Kenneth Neal Isreal, 38 of Keokuk, in the 1100 block of Main Street on charges of possession of a controlled substance, interference with official acts, and being a fugitive from justice. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

01/02/24 – 1:11 p.m. – Keokuk Police arrested Richard Lee Coop, 38, of Corbin, Mo., in

the 2200 block of Plank Road, on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

01/03/24 – 11:11 a.m. – Keokuk Police responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of 17th Street and Concert. A vehicle driven by Chad Michael King, 40, of Davenport was east bound stopped at the intersection. According to the report, King pulled into the intersection striking a vehicle driven by Terry Lee Nelson, 67, of Keokuk. King was cited for failure to yield or stop at the intersection. No injuries were reported.

01/03/24 – 4:51 p.m. – Keokuk Police cited Patty Ann Robinson, 65, of Keokuk in the 100 block of Park Drive, on a charge of driving while barred.

01/04/24 – 5:08 a.m. – Keokuk Police arrested Alexis Marie Bray, 20, of Keokuk in the 100 block of N. 12th Street, on charges of 4th-degree criminal

mischief.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

12/29/23 – 4:56 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Cody Lee Faingnaert, 35, of Argyle, in the 2700 block of Hwy. 103, on a warrant for OWI. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond.

12/29/23 – 10:57 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jody William Humes, 45, of Argyle at the intersection of 235th Street and Carbide Lane, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on bond.

01/01/24 – 2:46 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Montana Gracey Lamma, 25, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

01/02/24 – 12:22 a.m. – Lee

County Sheriff's deputies arrested Ricky Deshun Cratton, 56, of Burlington, in the 1600 block of Hwy. 61 on charges of speeding, open container, interference with official acts and obstructing prosecution. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

01/02/24 – 2:20 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Quentin Kade Beach, 24, of Fort Madison, in the 2500 block of 165th Street on a charge of OWI and speeding. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

01/03/24 – 2:21 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested William Elroy Frantz III, 51, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse on a charge of a pretrial release violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Obituaries/From the Front

OBITUARIES

GEORGE A. SAMPLES

George Arthur Samples, 84, of Burlington, IA, and formerly of Kahoka, MO & Fort Madison, IA, passed away peacefully at 10:55 a.m. on Monday, January 1, 2024, from cancer, at his home surrounded by his wife and family. George was born on March 7, 1939 in Keokuk, IA, the son of Paul T. & Rovine L. Smith Samples. He graduated from Kahoka High School in 1957. George was a certified welder, mechanic, did auto body repair and owned and operated Samples Tree Service for many years. He held many other retail positions over the years. He married first in September of 1961 and they later divorced in 1977. He then married Rose Marie Pranger on March 24, 1979 in Fort Madison, IA and they combined the two families.



SAMPLES

George is survived by: his wife: Rose Samples of Burlington, IA; 7-children: Michael (Cheryl) Samples of Nocona, TX, David Samples of Vicksburg, MS, Angel (Michael) Leenerts of Plainville, IL, Kevin Samples of Pensacola, FL, Kelly (Trent) Wren of Quincy, IL, Anna (Robert) Gaul of Burlington, IA & William (Tasha) Kramer of Rock Falls, IL; 1-brother: G.P. "Gay" (Sharon) Samples of Danville, IA; 12-grandchildren; 10-great grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces & great nephews. He was preceded in death by: his parents, 1-great granddaughter & 1-niece.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and no services are planned at this time. Online condolences may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

DONALD L. LEWIS, SR.

Donald Leroy Lewis, Sr., 87, of Keokuk, IA died Sunday, December 31, 2023 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in West Burlington, IA.



LEWIS

He was born on February 29, 1936 in Lockridge, IA, the son of Manford Carl and Callie (Orton) Lewis.

On November 14, 1987, Donald was united in marriage to Phyllis Yoe Ette at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, IA. She survives.

He is also survived by one daughter, Debbie Rose (Daniel) of Keokuk, one son, Donald Lewis, Jr. (Amanda) of Keokuk, one step-daughter, Tammy Rudd of Donnellson, four grandchildren, Amanda Meek of North Liberty, IA, Devin Lewis, Drew Lewis (Mikelle) and Tabitha Rudd (Paul Johnson) all of Keokuk, numerous great-grandchildren and one sister, Marilyn "Puggy" Zweifel of Memphis, MO.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister,

Beverly "Tootie" Rose and two step-sons, Michael Ette and Robert Ette.

Donald had been employed with the Burlington Northern Railroad as a switchman for forty-two years, retiring in 1998. He was also a hog farmer.

He enjoyed working on old cars and restoring his prized convertibles, a 1966 Ford Galaxy and a 1991 Corvette. He also enjoyed working in his shop and having coffee with the guys at McDonalds.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk. Burial will be in the Hickory Grove Cemetery.

Visitation will be held prior to the service from 10 - 11 a.m. with the family meeting with friends at that time.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Jackson Township Fire Department.

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

"Boys in the Boat" is worth seeing in 2024

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through his nose, was awkward. So, on to the next movie.

"The Color Purple" is out in theaters. It's a remake of the original, "The Color Purple" starring Whoopi Goldberg and Oprah Winfrey, only this time it's a musical. Outstanding! I may have to see "The Color Purple" again. As Ginnie says, "Bring a box of tissue."

"Boys in the Boat" directed by George Clooney is well worth seeing. It had slipped my mind that I read the book years ago, so it was like discovering something I once knew, but forgot. (This is a common problem for seniors; our brains shrink, and memory diminishes with age.) "Boys in the Boat" is a must see feel-good movie, loosely based on the true story of the University of Washington rowing crew, in the Depression Era 1930s, who quite literally show the country and world what can be accomplished when everyone pulls together.

"Ferrari" is the surprise GREAT movie of the year. I was expecting something like "Ford v Ferrari." Not! Starring Adam Driver, Penelope Cruz and Shailene Woodley, "Ferrari" is about the people involved with the 1,000 mile brutal auto race across Italy, called Mille Miglia. In 1957, bankruptcy looms over company founder and philanderer Enzo Ferrari. He decides to risk it all on the iconic test of man, machine, and emotion. Fasten your seat belt, auto racing in Italy is like bull fighting in Spain: blood is shed in the streets. I'd rate "Ferrari" up there with "The Color Purple" as the best movies of the season. Which reminds me, I believe "The Color Purple" will be Best Picture of the year. But we have more of '24.


Ginnie and I watched five movies in five days—three in the theater and two by streaming. Extravagant? Sure. But tis the season, and when you have the empty nest, you can do what you wanna do. (Ginnie enjoyed eating popcorn for supper.)

The current book I'm reading is "Teddy and Booker T, How Two American Icons Blazed a Path for Racial Equality" by Brian Kilmeade. Teddy, of course, is Teddy Roosevelt and Booker T. is Booker T. Washington. I've read plenty of history about Teddy Roosevelt, but not that much of Booker T. Washington. It's very educational.


2024 is shaping up to be a year of books, movies and politics. We can control what we read and watch, but politics? Aaargh!

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fort Madison CSD
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Organization Meeting
12/18/2023 - 06:00 PM
Central Office,
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52627
MEETING MINUTES**

Attendees
Voting Members Josh Wykert, Board President Brad Menke, Director Paul Wilkerson, Director Keith Hehr, Director Kelly Nelton, Director Amy Thacher, Director Non-Voting Members Dr. Erin Slater, Superintendent Kim Harmon, Dir. of Curriculum, Sp. Ed & Student Services Sandy Elmore, Director of Business Services
. Call meeting to order and determine a quorum

Board Secretary Elmore called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. II. Administer oath and election of officers The oath of office was administered to newly elected Directors Hehr, Nelton, Thacher and Wykert. A. Election of president Secretary Elmore asked for nominations for the office of President. Director Wykert was nominated by Menke and the nomination was seconded by Wilkerson. There were no additional nominations. Director Menke made a motion to approve Director Wykert as President by acclamation. It was seconded by Wilkerson. The motion passed unanimously. B. Oath of office to president The oath of office was

administered to newly elected President Wykert. C. Election of vice-president President Wykert asked for nominations for the office of Vice President. Director Santiago was nominated by Wilkerson and the nomination was seconded by Menke. There were no additional nominations. The motion passed unanimously. III. Consider Board appointments Motion made by: Brad Menke Motion seconded by: Paul Wilkerson Fort Madison CSD Board of Directors Organization Meeting 12/18/2023 - 06:00 PM Central Office, Boardroom 1930 Avenue M Fort Madison, Iowa 526271 Voting: Unanimously Approved A. Sandy Elmore, board secretary/treasurer B. Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.,

school district legal services C. Daily Democrat, official publication IV. Adopt meeting rules, procedures and committee assignments A. Establish time, day and location for regular meetings Board meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month beginning in February 2024. The January meetings will be held on January 8th and January 24th. B. Determine seating arrangement The rotating seating arrangement was accepted as presented. C. Determine finance review teams The finance review teams were accepted as presented. D. Selection of County Conference Board representative (1) Directors Menke and

Wilkerson agreed to serve as representatives to the County Conference Board. E. Selection of negotiations committee representative (2) Directors Wykert and Santiago will serve as negotiations committee representatives. F. Selection of vocational programs representative (1) Director Menke agrees to serve as vocational programs representative. G. Selection of Threat Assessment committee representative Director Wykert agreed to serve as Threat Assessment committee representative. H. Selection of SIAC representative (1) Director Wilkerson agreed to

audit committee (2) Directors Wykert and Nelton agreed to serve on the audit committee. J. Selection of community foundation group (1) Director Thacher agreed to serve as representative to the Community Foundation group. K. Appoint Legislative Area Network (LAN) member and IASB Delegate Assembly member 2 Director Santiago was chosen as the Legislative Area Network (LAN) and IASB Delegate Assembly member. V. Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m. Motion made by: Brad Menke Motion seconded by: Keith Hehr Voting: Unanimously Approved

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Sports

Riddle takes first place at 157 in Highland's Curtis Invite

CEDAR RAPIDS – Fort Madison's boy wrestlers took 6th place at the Gary Curtis Invitational at Highland High School in Riverside Saturday afternoon.

Nolan Riddle led the Bloodhounds with a title at 157 lbs. Riddle is trying to get back to the IHSAA State Wrestling Tournament after a second day exit in 2023. The senior scored a 14-0 major decision over Washington's Chase Greiner, his second win over Greiner this week, to take the championship and score 28 points for the Hounds.

Riddle went 4-0 on the day with two major decisions and two falls in early wrestling action.

Ike Thacher, wrestling at 190 lbs., and Cory Arnett at 285 lbs. both captured second place with Thacher scoring 22 points and Arnett garnering 20 for the Hounds.

Thacher suffered another loss to WACO's Loudon Huisenga, this time by a 5-3 decision. On Thursday, Thacher lost to Huisenga 6-4 in a dual match. Thacher led the match 3-0 90 seconds into the second period, but Huisenga was able to get a reversal before the end of the period to cut into the Bloodhound's lead at 3-2. Huisenga chose the bottom to start period three and scored an escape at 1:20 and then got Thacher compromised for a takedown with :30 left in the match. Huisenga was warned for stalling with 15 seconds left in the match, but Thacher couldn't escape for the 5-3 loss.

Arnett won 2-1 on the day with a pin of Alburnett's Josiah Redel in the quarterfinals after receiving a first-round bye. In the finals, the Hound junior (13-7) won in

an ultimate tiebreaker over West Branch's Logan Wright. The two were tied at one at the end of regulation wrestling. Wright was cautioned for stalling in the first overtime, but he recorded an escape with 12 seconds left in OT 2. Arnett responded with an escape at :21 of OT 3 to tie things up at 2 before getting an escape in the double OT taking the bottom to start the frame for the win advancing to the title match with Columbus/W-MU's Russel Coil. Coil jumped out to 8-0 lead after two periods and then got a 2-point takedown in the third period that he converted to the pin for the title.

Joe Hartman captured fifth at 165 lbs. to give Fort Madison 17 more team points.

Alburnett won the event with 272.5 points, while Wilton (232), West Branch (183), Columbus/W-MU (183) and Washington (126.5) rounded out the top five.

Complete results are below:

Noah Swigart (11-19) place is unknown and scored 5.0 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Brock Morris (Cascade) 29-5 won by fall over Noah Swigart (Fort Madison) 11-19 (Fall 1:16). Cons. Round 1 - Noah Swigart (Fort Madison) 11-19 won by major decision over Kaleb Moeller (Regina, Iowa City) 5-8 (MD 12-0). Cons. Round 2 - Noah Swigart (Fort Madison) 11-19 won by fall over Lane Beckler (Mount Pleasant) 7-4 (Fall 2:10). Cons. Round 3 - Gage Burden (New London) 17-6 won by fall over Noah Swigart (Fort Madison) 11-19 (Fall 1:38). Tateum Schelich (7-11) place is unknown and scored 6.0 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Gaven Wade (Muscatine) 14-8 won by fall over Tateum Schelich (Fort Madison) 7-11 (Fall 1:29). Cons. Round 1 - Tateum Schelich (Fort Madison) 7-11 won by fall over Lane Bachman (WACO, Wayland) 2-17 (Fall 0:20). Cons. Round 2 - Tateum Schelich (Fort Madison) 7-11 won by fall over Gavin Menke-Bailey (New London) 12-9 (Fall 1:57). Cons. Round 3 - Maddux Rushton (West Branch) 11-10 won by tech fall over Tateum Schelich (Fort Madison) 7-11 (TF-1.5 4:16 (15-0)). Rainer Johnson (8-15) place is unknown and scored 3.0 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Reece Klostermann (Alburnett) 26-3 won by fall over Rainer Johnson (Fort Madison) 8-15 (Fall 1:57). Cons. Round 1 - Rainer Johnson (Fort Madison) 8-15 won by

fall over Eli Fritz (Cascade) 8-13 (Fall 1:28). Cons. Round 2 - Trevor Phillips (Columbus/WMU) 17-16 won by fall over Rainer Johnson (Fort Madison) 8-15 (Fall 1:59). Nolan Riddle (23-4) placed 1st and scored 28.0 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Nolan Riddle (Fort Madison) 23-4 won by fall over Jackson Newman (Mount Pleasant) 4-10 (Fall 1:28). Quarterfinal - Nolan Riddle (Fort Madison) 23-4 won by fall over Spencer Winders (Regina, Iowa City) 12-13 (Fall 2:32). Semifinal - Nolan Riddle (Fort Madison) 23-4 won by major decision over Ty Frasher (Cascade) 26-9 (MD 13-2). 1st Place Match - Nolan Riddle (Fort Madison) 23-4 won by major decision over Chase Greiner (Washington) 21-4 (MD 14-0). Joe Hartman (16-11) placed 5th and scored 17.0 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Joe Hartman (Fort Madison) 16-11 won by fall over Tucker French (Mount Pleasant) 0-5 (Fall 1:24). Quarterfinal - Michael Raines (New London) 15-5 won in sudden victory - 1 over Joe Hartman (Fort Madison) 16-11 (SV-1 14-12). Cons. Round 2 - Joe Hartman (Fort Madison) 16-11 won by fall over Caleb Gault (Muscatine) 11-5 (Fall 1:11). Cons. Round 3 - Joe Hartman (Fort Madison) 16-11 won by fall over Kahl Shanahan (Springville) 5-5 (Fall 1:21). Cons. Semi - Hunter Sauer (Alburnett) 27-8 won by fall over Joe Hartman (Fort Madison) 16-11 (Fall 5:43). 5th Place Match - Joe Hartman (Fort Madison) 16-11 won by fall over Clay Ledger (Wilton) 8-5 (Fall 0:58). Gavin Callahan (13-12) place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Blaine Rees (Washington) 19-10 won by fall over Gavin Callahan (Fort Madison) 13-12 (Fall 1:21). Cons. Round 1 - Gavin Callahan (Fort Madison) 13-12 received a bye () (Bye). Cons. Round 2 - Evan Vogel (Cascade) 19-13 won by fall over Gavin Callahan (Fort Madison) 13-12 (Fall 3:50). Isaac Thacher (4-2) placed 2nd and scored 22.0 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Isaac Thacher (Fort Madison) 4-2 received a bye () (Bye). Quarterfinal - Isaac Thacher (Fort Madison) 4-2 won by fall over Nicholas Poston (Durant) 17-7 (Fall 3:16). Semifinal - Isaac Thacher (Fort Madison) 4-2 won by fall over Tate Frantz (West Branch) 13-5 (Fall 0:31). 1st Place Match - Loudon Huisenga (WACO, Wayland) 16-0 won by decision over Isaac Thacher (Fort Madison) 4-2 (Dec 5-3). Aaron Warner (13-11) place is unknown and scored 3.0 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Will Birdsell (Mount Pleasant) 10-6 won by fall over Aaron Warner (Fort Madison) 13-11 (Fall 4:43). Cons. Round 1 - Aaron Warner (Fort Madison) 13-11 won by fall over Tommy Unternahrer (WACO, Wayland) 8-12 (Fall 4:34). Cons. Round 2 - Greyson Hartman (Washington) 15-12 won by fall over Aaron Warner (Fort Madison) 13-11 (Fall 3:45). Cory Arnett (13-7) placed 2nd and scored 20.0 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Cory Arnett (Fort Madison) 13-7 received a bye () (Bye). Quarterfinal - Cory Arnett (Fort Madison) 13-7 won by fall over Josiah Redel (Alburnett) 16-16 (Fall 1:11). Semifinal - Cory Arnett (Fort Madison) 13-7 won in the ultimate tie breaker over Logan Wright (West Branch) 15-1 (UTB 3-2). 1st Place Match - Russel Coil (Columbus/WMU) 28-0 won by fall over Cory Arnett (Fort Madison) 13-7 (Fall 5:21).

Kemper, Smith, Sokolik runners-up at girls Highland Invite

HIGHLAND – Fort Madison High School's girls' wrestling team took just six wrestlers to the Highland Invitational Friday evening, but captured 4th place overall.

The Bloodhounds got three 2nd place finishes at 100 lbs., 120 lbs., and 130 lbs. when Hailey Kemper, Mara Smith, and Chloe Sokolik all advanced to the championship matches in their respective brackets.

Kemper went 2-1 on the night, scoring pinfalls over Muscatine senior Leah Hill and West Branch freshman Finley Rushton. The two wins put her in the title match against Wilton sophomore Audrey Cummings (24-3). Kemper scored a two-point takedown 25 seconds into the match and held control for about

45 seconds before Cummings scored a reversal to tie things up headed into the 2nd period. Kemper received a caution on the restart and then scored a two-point nearfall from the top position 30 seconds into the period. But Cummings would execute another reversal and then record the pin out of move to hand the Bloodhound just her third loss against 20 wins.

At 120 lbs., sophomore Mara Smith recorded second place after getting pins in the quarters over Mt. Pleasant's Katana Phangchanthong in just 30 seconds and then another first period pin over Columbus/W-MU's Jana Isanta (8-19) to get into the title match with West Liberty's Kiley Collins (24-4).

In an action packed rolling 1st period, Smith

gave up a takedown off the whistle, but escaped for a point. Collins scored another takedown a minute in and was given a stalling warning. Smith got the reversal after the warning and almost got the pin getting a 3-point near fall with :15 left in the first period. Collins would then score the reversal and get 3 points on her own nearfall as the horn sounded ending period one.

Smith took the top after Collins deferred to start period two to make it 8-9 with 20 seconds gone in the second period. But Collins would record a reversal again and convert that to a fall for the title.

Senior Chloe Sokolik scored a pin in the quarters over Iowa City West's Lila Bihum and

then earned an 11-2 major decision over West Liberty's Mercedes Brockert to get to the title match against Mid-Prairie's Ashlee Farrier (21-3).

Farrier took control quick and early in the first period getting a takedown and 3-point nearfall with 50 seconds left before converting the leverage to a fall leading 5-0 in the first period.

Tatum Peters captured 3rd place at 140 lbs. with a win over West Branch's Hanna Lacina by fall in the first period. She got moved to the consolation match after falling to Pekin's Lisa Miller (20-2) in the semifinals.

Kat DiPrima captured 5th place at 135 lbs. and Briena Fenton took sixth at 125 lbs.

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