Wright says family taught him time as important as money

Editor’s Note: The following is a series of Monday stories looking at people who were raised in this area and now have made a life and impact here.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - When one thinks of families that give as good as they get, the name Wright is just one of many, many in Fort Madison that comes to mind. A name, again among many, that is becoming generational and helping Fort Madison stay viable and grow as a community. A tradition, that Brian Wright says, came to him from his mom and dad.

Wright is the youngest of five children born to George and Sandra Wright and the only one born in Fort Madison as the family moved from Des Moines in 1968 to start a partnership with Bill Napier, George’s college and law school buddy. Brian’s oldest sibling is ris from Des Moines; John, who is a sitting district judge in southeast Iowa; Tom, a teacher in the Baltimore school system and Doug, a construction worker in the Denver area.

Wright grew up in Fort Madison hanging out at Old Settlers Park, living on the east side of town and playing ball with kids like Jamie Decker and Paul Schulte on the ball field at the park and riding bikes around town.

"Paul and Jamie, and Ryan Bowen and other kids, we all played together since fourth grade in Y and Doug, a construction worker in the Denver area.

Wright says family taught him time as important as money and my family so much. Not financially, but more of the aspect that we were able to do so much with youth sports and community organizations," he said. "Being raised in a Christian home we learned the value of relationships and fellowship. Mom was a homemaker and the glue to the family, but seeing our father out there with the Lions track meet (now the George Wright Memorial), and his work as an attorney and helping people for free and working with the booster club. He taught me the value of giving back. I’m not the one with a lot of money to give, I do where I can, but I have time.”

In addition to serving on the Fort Madison City Council, Wright has also been a part of Fort Madison’s Habitat for Humanity, helped resurrect the city-wide Easter Egg Hunt, served on the Baxter Sports Complex Fundraising Committee and even had an unsuccessful run at the mayor’s spot in 2007. (Full disclosure, the author of this article helped Wright on that campaign).

“I guess I got the first taste of politics from hearing about my dad as campaign chair for Jim Leach in 1976. I guess that’s how John became interested in that, as well. He would have been 14 at that time. But that helped instill those values. For me, being on the council and having run for mayor, I may not have been as versed on the issues as then-Mayor Steve Ireland was, but I still saw it as a way to give back.”

Wright says the greatest gifts he received from his parents were his Christian upbringing, his values and a college education that allowed him to find his own identity and eventually bring that back in some form of service to Fort Madison.

“We were afforded that,” Wright said. “We weren’t pressured, but we saw what our father was doing with it and learned from that. We came from a loving family that taught us about hard work, giving back and respect for elders, which a lot of kids don’t have nowadays, but that starts at home with parents.”

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Kokjohn seals Hounds win over Chariton

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

MT. PLEASANT - Treavor Kokjohn picked up a loose ball in a scrum with eight seconds left and hugged it with both arms waiting to get fouled. He was... and that all but sealed the deal for the Bloodhounds.

Fort Madison held on for a 52-48 win over Chariton in District 11 regional action Monday night in Mt. Pleasant behind 18 points from Kokjohn. The Hounds had two other players in double figures with CJ Richardson and Austin Chuol.

The Chargers jumped out to a one point lead at the end of the first quarter when senior Lim Chuol hit in his fourth straight contest at the free-throw line. It was... and... in that stretch but only connected on three to keep... 2-pointers on the night and then followed that up by a bucket, then Kokjohn connected on one of his... three quarters belonged to Kokjohn for Fort Madison who had only lost one game this year when three players hugging it with both arms waiting to get fouled. He was... and that all but sealed the deal for the Bloodhounds.

The Chargers Nathan Weaver went to the line 6 times in the first quarter but only converted on three of those attempts while Kokjohn... hit a running 8-footer to put the Hounds back up by 3 with 8:55 left in the second frame. Kokjohn converted a couple free throws after a... Hounds a 28-23 advantage. Chariton answered with a... three. Kokjohn scored off a steal and a jumper for the Hounds to put the game back at 10 with 1:59 left in the game.

The Bloodhounds senior CJ Richardson on a drive finds himself in a battle of arms Monday night against Isaiah Tuigong, left and Lim Chuol (15) from behind.

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200 lbs. - Cut Wrapped & Frozen - $797
All Cuts Boneless Except T-Bones
Chuck Roast, Arm Roast, Ribeye Steak, Brisket, Round Steak, Swiss Steak, Sirloin Tip Roast & Steak, Ramp Roast, Sirloin Steak, T-Bone & Ground Beef

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Family values and traditions keep people in Ft. Madison

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Kokjohn leads Hounds

FMHS junior Treavor Kokjohn led Fort Madison with 18 points including a free-throw with 1.3 seconds left to help seal a 52-48 win over Chariton in regional play in District 11 at Mt. Pleasant. Kokjohn scored 7 of the first 10 points.

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Family matters

Brian Wright, 2nd Ward City Councilman talks candidly Monday about family values and why he made the decision years ago to return to Fort Madison and raise a family.
Fall in love with these beautiful homes

SPLENDOR IN THE WOODS

3 BR, 1.50 BA

3 car garage • 3,723 sq. ft.

Splendor in the woods...with privacy...AND a view...AND an AMAZING home. Call today on this brick beauty perched atop a hill overlooking Ft. Madison with a view of the Mississippi River and almost 6 acres of ground. Offered are 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, a formal living & dining room, a large great room/kitchen/breakfast room combo and a study/office with beautiful cherry cabinetry & bookshelves lining the walls. All of this with STUNNING hard-wood floors. This beautiful home offering top-of-the-line features throughout.

Listing #20160805 • $460,000

DREAM HOME!

3 BR, 2 BA, 4.3 ACRES

3 car garage • 1,635 sq. ft.

Amazing cedar log sided home in a quiet and private setting, a well-appointed guest house, and 26x32 metal building. The main home offers beautiful hardwood flooring with a awesome open floor plan. Enjoy summer evenings on the nice walk-out patio area. This is a dream home!!!

Listing #20161863 • $299,000

BEAUTIFUL PERIOD HOME

3 BR, 3 BA

3,119 sq. ft. • 14,500 sq. ft. lot

From the period wrought iron fencing to the amazing stained oak staircase...from the impressive arches to the large wrap porch, this beautiful turn of the century (20th) home offers all the beauty and elegance of that era. This is a beautifully appointed home with all the modern conveniences. There is an extra large lot for your family to enjoy!!

Listing #20162159 • $164,000

PENDING

3 BR • 2.50 BA • 2 car garage • 2,400 sq. ft. • 10,150 sq. ft. lot

Lovely tri-level home on a quiet cul de sac, offering numerous upgrades. There are 3 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths, a large living room, dining room and open kitchen with newer stainless steel appliances and a breakfast bar. Never windows, HVAC, new floor coverings on main and lower level and freshly painted throughout. The large backyard is completely fenced and has a 24 x 16 patterned concrete patio. Don’t miss out on this wonderful family home.

Listing #20163404 • $167,500

PENDING

4 BR • 3 BA • 2 car garage • 1,349 sq. ft. • 9,160 sq. ft. lot

From the inviting entrance to the serene backyard, you will enjoy it ALL and everything in between!!! This very well maintained 4 bedroom, 3 bath home has everything your family will need to call this Home. There is a beautiful screened porch and a deck off the back of the house, all overlooking a meticulously landscaped large yard. Call today on this amazing home situated on a quiet, cul de sac!!!

Listing #20163339 • $164,900

PENDING

3 BR • 2 BA • 2 car garage • 1,168 sq. ft. • 0.54 acres

Lovely family home comfortably situated at the end of a cul de sac, where you can enjoy the woods and the privacy! There is an inviting deck off the back of the home overlooking the woods and beautiful vinyl fencing. There are newer mechanicals and a newer roof, 2 fireplaces and lots of storage!!! Don’t miss out on this beauty.

Listing #20163951 • $139,000

PENDING

4 BR • 1.75 BA • 3 car garage • 2,052 sq. ft. • 8,700 sq. ft. lot

Beautiful 4 bedroom home with large rooms, recently redecorated and ready to move into. This home features stainless steel appliances, main floor laundry, eat in kitchen and formal dining room, main floor office or bedroom, open staircase, large living room and big bedrooms. Newer roof, siding and gutters on house. 24’ X 36’ insulated garage and workshop, plus carport. Large wrap porch great location near Old Settlers Park.

Listing #20163776 • $129,500

PENDING

3 BR • 1 BA • 1 car garage • 1,248 sq. ft. • 0.37 acres

Well-kept ranch on a beautiful, large corner lot in West Point, IA. New wooden privacy fence surrounding the entire back yard. There is also an attached garage and storage shed. A large wooden deck leads to the front door where you can sit and enjoy those beautiful Iowa summer sunsets! PLUS a covered deck in the back for those rainy days. This house is a rare find.

Listing #20164234 • $119,900
2BR • 1BA 2 car garage 868 sq. ft. $7,000 sq. ft. lot PRICE REDUCED! Rare opportunity to own a remodeled home at a great price!! Large shaded yard and a 2 car garage. Located in a nice neighborhood on a corner lot. Seller is motivated and offering a 1 year AHS Home Warranty!

Listing #20163035 $52,000

2BR • 1BA 2 car garage 1,330 sq. ft. $7,250 sq. ft. lot REDUCED BY $13,100! Affordable with lots of potential!! Nice site kitchen with breakfast bar plus dining area, spacious living room with fireplace. Sits on a corner lot.

Listing #20160368 $59,900

2BR • 1BA 1 car garage 928 sq. ft. 1,087 sq. ft. lot Very nice maintenance-free home by Lincoln School with a 75 X 145 fenced yard, nice patio, fire pit and child’s play set! Some very nice built-ins, some original hardwood flooring, full basement including laundry area. Also find extra parking, garage and carport area on the paved alley.

Listing #20161448 $72,500

2BR • 1BA 2 car garage 930 sq. ft. 7,280 sq. lot This 2 bedroom home in Montrose has been a rental property and sells as is. Priced way below assessed value to sell quickly!

Listing #20161461 $62,500

2BR • 1.75BA 1 car garage 1,460 sq. ft. 3,625 sq. ft. lot Reasonably priced home has had new doors installed, new bathroom fixtures, and freshly painted with its vinyl siding and fenced rear yard, is ready for your family!

Listing #20162436 $52,500

3BR • 1.5BA 1,191 sq. ft. 0.17 acres Brick rancher on Ave E close to Old Settlers Park, has full basement mostly finished, picket fence, newer windows, roof, etc.

Listing #20162502 $88,900

2BR • 1.75BA 2 car garage 679 sq. ft. 6,500 sq. ft. lot Nice, small home. Seller has purchased and remodeled. Excellent condition.

Listing #20161461 $59,900

2BR • 1BA 2 car garage 1,224 sq. ft. 7,250 sq. lot A house with character! Wrap-around porch, original hardwood in formal dining room/living room combo, main floor laundry, nice size rear deck, sun including appliances, dining room has original fireplace, basement and 1 car garage.

Listing #20162453 $53,000

3BR • 1.75BA 888 sq. ft. 0.45 acres, lot RARE RANCH with large fenced back yard and attached garage! Updated windows and kitchen, newer HVAC and water heater. Family Room in the basement. Just waiting for your own personal touch!

Listing #20162423 $74,900

3BR • 1.75BA 1,191 sq. ft. 0.17 acres Brick rancher on Ave E close to Old Settlers Park, has full basement mostly finished, picket fence, newer windows, roof, etc.

Listing #20162502 $88,900

PUBLIC NOTICE
Lee County, Iowa Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
DATE: TUESDAY, February 21, 2017
MEETING
CONVENING TIME: 9:00 A.M.
LOCATION: Correctional Center, 2550 255th St., Montrose, LA 52639
AGENDA
Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Agenda
9:01 a.m. Public Hearing for Proposed Sale of 301 Avenue A to City of Fort Madison
Consider Approval of Resolution Approving Sale of 301 Avenue A to City of Fort Madison
9:15 a.m. Public Hearing for Proposed Sale of 301 Avenue A & 2 car garage to City of Fort Madison
Consider Approval of Resolution Approving Sale of 301 Avenue A & 2 car garage to City of Fort Madison
9:20 a.m. Public Hearing for Proposed Sale of 1621 Avenue G to Jeffery and Summer Fuder Oath of Office for Appointed County Attorney and Assistant County Attorney
Consider Approval of Claims
Public Input
Recess and File Petition
Consider Approval of FY17 County Budget
Consider Approval of Civilian Fire Services
Petition for Approval of FY18 County Budget
Consider Approval of FY17 County Budget
Consider Approval of FY18 County Budget
Shop for Proposed Sale of 1621 Avenue G to Jeffery and Summer Fuder Oath of Office for Appointed County Attorney
Consider Approval of Resolution Approving Sale of 301 Avenue A to City of Fort Madison
Consider Approval of Resolution Approving Sale of 301 Avenue A & 2 car garage to City of Fort Madison
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Fort Madison holds off Chargers fourth quarter rally to advance

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to work the clock down to eight seconds when Richard-son was fouled. He converted both to push the lead to three and Chariton called a time out to set up a play. On the inbounds, the Hounds gave just enough pressure to force an errant pass that squirted around on the floor un-til Kokjohn gobbled it up and was fouled. Wilson called a time out and then Kokjohn made the front end to seal the game for the Hounds.

“He told us in the timeout to not foul if I missed the front end of that,” Kokjohn said.

Wilson said he was happy with the offensive output in the second half, specifically Kokjohn’s uptick.

“We had balanced scoring,” Wilson said. “Treavor real-ly played well in the second half. I chewed on him a little bit at halftime. I just needed more effort offensively. He needs the ball inside. He can score but he needs confi-dence and for whatever reason I wasn’t seeing that in the first half.”

He also said he was aware of the Chargers fourth quar-ter production, but stuck to the team goal defensively.

“Our goal every quarter is to keep our opponents to single digits,” he said. That was our goal and things got away from us in the fourth and we gave up 17. But I give credit to the kids in the end where for 45 seconds or so our guards took care of it and that’s why we had the lineup in there that we did.”

The Hounds now face Mount Pleasant at Mount Pleasant on Thursday night beginning at 7 p.m. The Panthers downed Keokuk in the second game of the night 67-30.

The 20-2 Panthers have beaten the Hounds two times this year in conference play by an average of 32 points and are currently rated 6th in the state by MaxPreps.

“It’s hard to beat a team three times in any year, but they’re a good squad. We’re gonna go back to film and hit practice the next two days and have a game plan ready for them on Thursday,” Wilson said.

Rounding out the scoring for the Hounds were Rose with 5 points, Landon Bentley with 5 points and Lorenzo Riles with 2.