Sheaffer descendant on hand to reboot pen museum

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Standing in the three-room museum in downtown Fort Madison, the great-grandson of W.A. Sheaffer is surrounded by the mechanical and artistic history of his family.

Russell Sheaffer, who actually had little exposure to his great-grandfather’s pen empire, said it was a sentimental day.

“The event Sheaffer referred to was the Friday morning grand re-opening of the Sheaffer Pen Museum at 627 Avenue G.

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OBITUARIES

RICHARD DAVID “DAVY” GREENWALD

Richard David “Davy” Greenwald, 44, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at his home. He was born on May 6, 1975 in Fort Madison, IA to David G. Greenwald & Aurora Ilene Waider. He was a welder for many years and enjoyed hunting, fishing and pulling pranks on friends & family.

Davy is survived by: 1-son: David James Greenwald of Fort Madison, IA; his father & step mother: David (Carolyn) Greenwald of Bedford, IN; his mother: Ilene Waider of Keokuk, IA; 1-sister: Angi (John) Lankford of Martinsville, IN; several aunts, uncles, nieces & nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A celebration of life will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 8, 2019 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A memorial fund has been established for his funeral expenses. Online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com. King Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory is honored to serve the Greenwald family.

JOHN RAYMOND REDDICK

John Raymond Reddick, 80 years, of West Point, Iowa died Thursday, September 5, 2019 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, Iowa. He was born July 31, 1939 in New Mexico, a son of Raymond John and Emma (Sals) Reddick. He married Peggy Jean McCoy. They had two children, Donna and Raymond. They later divorced.

John was a veteran of the United States Air Force, serving 1956 – 1960. He was of the Catholic faith. He enjoyed golfing, bowling, and traveling.

He is survived his daughter, Donna Lagueux-Reddick of California; two brothers, Carl (Carole) Reddick of Oregon and Paul (Jessica) Reddick of Arizona; two grandchildren, Steven Lagueux and Raeanne Reddick, several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Raymond Reddick.

His body has been cremated. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Barb-Holtkamp Funeral Home, West Point is honored to serve the Reddick family.

LEESBURG

Lee County Auditor

Denise Fraise joins Secretary of State Paul Pate and County Auditors across Iowa in encouraging all eligible residents to participate in National Voter Registration Month by registering to vote or making sure their voter information is current.

The National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) established September as National Voter Registration Month in 2002 to encourage voter participation and increase awareness.

"Voting for the city and school elections begins in just a few weeks and the Iowa Caucuses are on the horizon, so now is a great time to make sure you’re registered to vote, and your information is current." Secretary Pate said. "We are one of the top states in the nation for voter registration and voter participation. My goal is for us to be number one."

Tuesday, September 24 is National Voter Registration Day. Last year, nearly 5,000 Iowans used the state’s online voter registration system on that day.

Registering to vote in Iowa has never been easier. There are several options available and it only takes a few minutes. You can register anytime online, through the mail, at various government agency offices, at a voter registration drive, at military recruiting centers, and in-person at your polling place.

Approximately 90 percent of eligible Iowans are registered to vote, and there are more than two million active registered voters in the state. To check your voter registration status, register to vote or update your information visit Voter-ReadyIowa.org.
WASHINGTON – Friday, U.S. Reps. Dave Loebsack and Bob Latta – Ohio, introduced bipartisan legislation that would improve the accuracy of the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) broadband availability maps.

The “Broadband Deployment Accuracy and Technological Availability (DATA) Act (HR 4229)” will improve the accuracy of FCC broadband data maps by changing the way broadband data is collected. The legislation is co-sponsored by Reps. Billy Long (MO-07) and Donald McEachin (VA-04). Legislation similar to the Broadband DATA Act has been introduced in the Senate by Sens. Amy Klobuchar (MN), Roger Wicker (MS), Gary Peters (MI) and John Thune (SD).

Additionally, Reps. McEachin and Long introduced today the “Mapping Accuracy Promotes Services (MAPS) Act (HR 4227),” which will help hold broadband providers accountable by making it against the law to knowingly provide inaccurate data to the FCC. Reps. Loebsack and Latta also co-sponsored this bill.

“In 2019, it is unacceptable that many families, small businesses, farmers, educators and healthcare providers in rural areas don’t have the necessary access to high-speed internet,” said Congressman Dave Loebsack.

“In order to actually fix the problem and get high-speed broadband to rural areas, we must have the best data available. Without knowing where the high-speed broadband problem truly exists, we cannot properly invest in building out access. Folks simply can’t compete in the 21st Century economy if they live in without access to high-speed broadband internet.”

“Rural communities like much of Ohio’s 5th District often struggle with having access to fast, reliable broadband. Unfortunately, without this access it is difficult for them to do their jobs, finish their homework, and stay connected to friends and family. With this legislation, we’ll be better able to pinpoint areas that are lacking coverage, and help ensure that unserved and underserved communities have better broadband availability,” said Congressman Bob Latta.

“It is simple: we cannot expand broadband Internet to rural and underserved communities if we do not know first where broadband service is needed,” said Congressman A. Donald McEachin.

“This means we need better coverage maps, which in turn requires Internet service providers to submit accurate coverage data to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Our legislation, the Mapping Accuracy Promotes Services Act, or MAPS Act, will make it unlawful for providers to knowingly, willfully, or recklessly provide inaccurate data to the FCC. The MAPS Act, together with the legislation from Congressman Loebsack and Ranking Member Latta, will ensure that we have a more complete understanding of broadband availability—and thus help bring much-needed, high-speed Internet to our constituents.”

“I’m proud to join Reps. McEachin, Loebsack and Latta in sponsoring legislation that improves broadband maps,” said Congressman Billy Long.

“For rural communities, such as those in Missouri’s 7th Congressional District, access to broadband is scarce. This bill would take the necessary steps to inform providers who is and is not connected.”

Specifically, the Broadband Deployment Accuracy and Technological Availability (DATA) Act:

• Requires the FCC to collect granular service availability data from wired, fixed wireless, and satellite broadband providers.

• Requires strong parameters for service availability data collected from mobile broadband providers to ensure accuracy.

• Asks the FCC to consider whether to collect verified coverage data from state, local, and tribal governments, as well as from other entities.

• Creates a process for consumers, state, local, and Tribal governments, and other groups to challenge FCC maps with their own data, and requires the FCC to determine how to structure the process without making it overly burdensome on challengers.

Chamber wants lady duffers for Friday tourney

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Madison Family YMCA and the Fort Madison Area Chamber of Commerce.

Ladies Golf Outing

The Chamber of Commerce will also be hosting a Ladies Golf Outing at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course on Friday, Sept. 13th. All proceeds benefit the Community Beautification Fund.

Team check in will begin at 3:00 pm with tee-off at 4:00 pm. Registration fee is $180 per team of four or $45 per person and includes 9 holes of golf with a cart, dinner, beer tickets and a goodie bag.

Raffle tickets will be available to purchase for a chance to win some amazing prizes. For more information or to register your team, please call Fort Madison Partners at 319-372-5471 or email Savanna at chamber@fortmadison.com.
Hounds get first road win of season at WB-ND

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEST BURLINGTON – “Wholly smokes”.

Those were the words of Fort Madison Bloodhound head coach Derek Doherty after Friday night’s 26-14 win over West Burlington on the road.

Not because the game was really a fairly evenly matched football game, but because defensive end Romeo Maestro recorded three sacks, one on a jarring hit that sent the ball 12 yards into the endzone where senior Diego Lozano recovered to put Fort Madison up 20-8.

The senior had three against the Falcons in Fort Madison last year and finished the night with eight solo tackles and 11 assists, five of which were for losses.

“Wholly smokes. He played really well,” Doherty said. “I don’t know what it is, but he shows up and shows out when he’s here.”

Fort Madison’s Romeo Maestro hits West Burlington’s Anthony Hoffman in the 2nd quarter causing a fumble that was recovered in the endzone for a Bloodhound touchdown. Photo by Chuck Vandenberg.

With less than four minutes to go in the first half and West Burlington looking at 2nd and 14 from their own 19, trailing 13-8, Falcon quarterback Anthony Hoffman dropped back and looked left, but Maestro came from the right and hit Hoffman at about the 13. Maestro’s jarring hit knocked the ball free and it bounded a full 14 yards into the endzone where Lozano jumped on it for the score.

West Burlington Head Coach Jay Eilers said at that point the Falcons were down just 13-8 and they were in the ball game.

“We were in the ball game,” he said. “It’s about our kids executing and we did those things for a couple drives, and then we’re moving the ball and we’re doing positive things. But then we get some negative plays and that kills us…turnovers kill us and it’s gotta stop today.”

West Burlington then put together the longest drive of the night. The Falcons racked up three first downs on nine running plays. Maestro got his first sack on first and 10 when Hoffman dropped back at the Falcons’ 46 and was hit for a 6-yard loss.

West Burlington’s Kendall Baker tries to get away from Fort Madison’s Diego Lozano as Danen Settles (57) pursues from behind. Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

West Burlington’s Kendall Baker at quarterback, tried a keeper to the right. Williams got tangled up in green but somehow slipped the ball to Lozano who was blocking in front of him and Lozano rumbled in for his third score of the night.

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West Burlington would get its first touchdown of the night when Hoffman would sneak through the right side on a keeper and slip into the secondary where he made a nice cut to the outside and scored down the right sideline from 26-yards out. The 2-pt conversion was good and the game was on at 13-8.

After Fort Madison again was forced out on four downs, Maestro caused havoc with his sack and Lozano’s score to round out the first half.

In the second half both teams managed a touchdown apiece with Fort Madison’s coming with just over three minutes left in the third. After a pass interference call on the Falcons had Fort Madison 1st and goal at the two, Landes Williams who was filling in for Will Larson at quarterback, tried a keeper to the right. Williams got tangled up in green but somehow slipped the ball to Lozano who was blocking in front of him and Lozano rumbled in for his third score of the night.

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Lozano led the Hounds on the ground with 110 yards and a couple score on 13 carries. In addition to Maestro’s big night on defense, Danen Settles had 6.5 tackles and Jayden Fedler had 5.5 tackles and a fumble recovery.

Doherty said there are still some things to clean up, but he knows the meaty part of the Hounds’ schedule starts next week with Clear Creek Amana.

“There’s things we need to clean up, but the positive is Fort Madison is learning how to win these ugly ones. We told them the old Fort Madison would have found a way to lose that game, and I firmly believe that, so we’re progressing,” Doherty said.

“But if we clean some things up, that scoreboard is lit up like a Christmas tree. Defense did their thing, but we gotta fix the little things.”

Fort Madison had four defensive sides penalties to go with a couple illegal blocks and holding penalties.

“Our dudes are so aggressive and they wanna play...
Central Lee drubbed out by Mediapolis

BY JOHN BOHNEKAMP  
Pen City Current Sports

MEDIAPOLIS — Central Lee’s two fourth-quarter touchdowns changed the zero on the Hawks’ side of the scoreboard. But coach Nick Ehret pointed out the reality after Friday’s 82-14 loss to Mediapolis.

Asked what the Hawks learned from the loss, Ehret shook his head. "Not a whole lot," he said. "They’re a good team. We didn’t play well."

"We’ve got a lot to work on."

It was the 13th consecutive defeat over three seasons for the Hawks (0-2), and the Bulldogs (2-0) got away from them early.

Mediapolis, which won 46-7 against West Burlington-Notre Dame last week, scored 27 points in the first seven minutes against the Hawks. "They just smacked us in the mouth, and we didn’t respond," Ehret said. "That’s been the problem in the last year — we get smacked in the mouth, and we don’t respond. They’re a physical team, a fast team, and they took advantage of our mistakes. And we couldn’t do anything about it."

The Bulldogs had six interceptions, with Drew Zurmuehlen taking one back for a touchdown late in the second quarter. Mediapolis’ Klay Foster also blocked a punt for a safety.

Foster rushed for 124 yards and three touchdowns. Quarterback Briar Johnson rushed for 124 yards and two touchdowns. Joshua Darbyshire had two touchdown runs.

The Bulldogs, who led 62-0 at halftime, had 455 yards of offense.

Mediapolis added two touchdown runs by Kadyg Salek to take a 75-0 lead before Central Lee scored. The Hawks didn’t score until the fourth quarter, when senior Adam Boeck scored on touchdown runs of 25 and 17 yards.

"We’ve got to learn from this," Ehret said. "We should be embarrassed as hell by this. They’re a good team, not 82 points good."

"We have to find some pride, that’s the bottom line. We haven’t won a game in a long time. We have to find some pride, to come out and compete, because we’ve got a real tough opponent next week (at home against Mount Pleasant)."

Boeck had 73 rushing yards on four carries. Dalton Westercamp led the Hawks with 88 rushing yards.

"He ran hard," Ehret said of Westercamp. "We know what he’s capable of. A lot of time he’s making his own holes, because we’re not blocking very well."

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c ball and they’re learning how and when to back off the gas pedal. We’re getting blocks in the back and things like that, but we’re looking for people to hit and extend plays."

First-year defensive coordinator Jason Crooks said the defense is gelling a bit after putting in some new schemes this year.

"We put some things in to make things simpler. Simpler isn’t stupid. Simpler is smart cuz if the coaches are confused, players are confused. It just doesn’t work. We have athletes on this team and we’re allowing them to do things. We put things in to make things simpler."

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5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

SUN 08 Sep
Moderate Rain
High – 67.5º F | Low – 63.0º F

MON 09 Sep
Light Rain
High– 80.2º F | Low – 71.7º F

TUE 10 Sep
Overcast
High– 87.6º F | Low – 72.5º F

WED 11 Sep
Light Rain
High– 87.5º F | Low – 71.7º F

THU 12 Sep
Heavy Intensity Rain
High– 87.3º F | Low – 72.2º F
I. Call to order and determination of a quorum
II. Recognition of guests
III. Approve the agenda
IV. Board Self-Evaluation
V. Announcements

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.
Tim Wondra, Board President
August 19, 2019
Sandra Elmore, Board Secretary

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museum that talks about each case in the museum.

"Unfortunately as we all know, we won't always have the knowledge of our past Sheaffer employees, so we want to make sure that's captured so it can be carried on," he said.

He said staff is also still going through some more archives that could lead to new displays and exhibits so the look of the museum could change with those new options. He also said the board is looking at converting some of the 35-millimeter film in the basement of the building.

Sheaffer commended Gobble and the board for their efforts in getting the museum back open.

"Whether they are getting off boats or traveling through or making a special trip, we'd love for pen collectors across the country to come see what we've done here," Sheaffer said.

Sheaffer said the company was sold to Textron when he was 11 years old and he was never directly involved in the family business.

"Growing up, before we even thought the company would be sold, my father was very clear that we weren't gonna come to work for the company right out of school. We were gonna go out and do our own thing and then a decision would be made, but we weren't going to be just handed a job," Sheaffer said.

"My dad went to World War II and then went to college. He came back and then went straight to work for the company. But he always regretted not going out and just getting another perspective."

Sheaffer said serving in the south pacific certainly gave his father a special perspective, but he said he always wanted a fresh business perspective that was something other than pen manufacturing.

He said the museum has sentimental value to him, but he said the local impact of the museum is important as well.

"I'm happy for the town of Fort Madison. In some way we can help play a role to attract people to the downtown district. The pen company clearly had historical value in what it did for the town," he said.

"I'm glad that little piece of history won't be lost in the ashes of time, if you will," he said.

He said when Bic sold the assets to the A.T. Cross Co., a current manufacturer of writing instruments based in Providence, Rhode Island, there was some uncertainty because everything immediately became the property of Cross.

"Cross was going through some management issues and the person we were dealing with was very agreeable. But he moved on, so we had to start all over. There were people in Cross who didn't know what they had here in Fort Madison," Sheaffer said.

But he said in the end, aside from a few paintings that Cross execs kept in the transition, the company basically gave the Sheaffer family everything that's in Fort Madison.

"They virtually gave us everything," he said. "They left us the portraits of my grandfather and great grandfather so they are property of the museum."

Sheaffer said his most valued pieces from the company are about a half dozen pens that have signatures embedded on them from all of his grandparents and great grandparents. He said those are in a safe deposit box, but he would like to see them eventually brought to Fort Madison.

Fort Madison High School senior Nathaniel Harter is helping rebuild the museum's website in June. Harter volunteered at the museum before it closed in 2016 and wanted to get back involved.

The website is located at www.sheafferpenmuseum.org. He said the website will include displays of historic document and archives that are currently being scanned into the site. There will also be links for purchases of supplies, a virtual gift shop, and donations.

Reppert said the museum is the only writing instrument museum in the United States and only one of three or four in the world.

"It does have quite a bit of importance and it's good for Fort Madison to be open again. It should be quite a draw."