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Johnson 5th in 100m

STATE: Senior's 10.89 is his fastest ever to get top five Class 3A finish

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DES MOINES – The old saying is you're supposed to learn to walk before you run.

For Fort Madison's Tate Johnson, it may have been a dead heat.

The senior capped a stellar high school track career with his fastest time ever in the 100-meter dash with 10.89 to finish fifth in the state in Class 3A at Saturday's IHSAA/IGHS AU State finals at Drake Stadium.

Johnson joined nine other local athletes, eight from Fort Madison and one from Central Lee, at the meet in Des Moines. It was his second time running at state and fourth running on the blue oval with two turns at the Drake Relays.

"Last year I was super nervous coming in here. I ran the 200 and 100 and I'm kinda glad I flushed the nerves out of my system then," he said. "I think I was more happy to qualify for the finals than place."

He said his previous runs at Drake helped him settle in for the this year's events.

"Mostly the experience and confidence has grown a ton this whole track season. But already running here helps a lot just knowing what it feels like on the track, and knowing you're facing all this great competition up here."

But state isn't a new experience for the

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Marion's Alex Mota (5), the Class 3A state champion in the 100-meter dash, edges Fort Madison's Tate Johnson by .14 seconds in Saturday's finals. Johnson's time of 10.89 was good enough for 5th place overall and his fastest time ever.

CLOSURE

Siemens cuts 171 more in "hibernation"

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – According to a release from its corporate headquarters, Siemens-Gamesa in Fort Madison will be laying off the remainder of its workforce, about 170 employees.

The move comes on the heels of a February layoff of about 32% of the workforce.

The layoffs continue to be a result of patent competition and the market for windblades.

Lee County Economic Development Director Dennis Fraise said Lee County EDG will be working closely with Siemens officials and IowaWorks to help the workforce.

"We will be working closely with Siemens leadership and IowaWorks to help the displaced workers," Fraise wrote in a note to Pen City Current Friday.

"We're optimistic that our Siemens facility, and the one in Kansas will reopen. Layoffs are always difficult for the workers and our community."

Officials at the company's headquarters, now in Spain, have indicated the plant could reopen if market conditions improve.

Plans now are to close the plant, which manufactures windblades for wind turbines, in June of this year. All employees are being offered severance packages following the layoffs.

"We continue to pursue new orders and remain fully committed to finding a path in support of our Fort Madison and Hutchinson manufacturing facilities," Shannon Sturgil, CEO of Onshore North America, wrote in the release.

The Hutchinson, Kansas facility produces the nacelles for the turbines. It is unclear whether the plants will reopen or not.

Employees were notified at plant meetings early Friday morning. A small staff will remain on hand for maintenance issues after the closing and to assist in getting the facility back online if and when a decision is made to reopen.



FRAISE

FROM DES MOINES

State meet literally brought out the best from area athletes

There's something about being back at home after a weekend away.

I don't know if it's just age (yep!) or expanding the work week for a full weekend at Drake, but there's something about coming back home.

The wife met me at the Burlington airport to drop off the rental and then we went for a salmon. My mom joined us and it was nice.

It's not like I was gone to San Diego or something for a couple weeks, but as we



get older we begin to appreciate our own bed and a cup of coffee in the morning.

There's always something a little exciting about following our local high school kids around as they hang out

with the best of the best.

The great part about the IHSAA/IGHS AU State Track meet at Drake is the unknown. You just don't know what's going to happen. And I love shooting our kids with big crowds behind them.

This year didn't disappoint. Fort Madison senior Tate Johnson finished as the fifth fastest kid in Class 3A in the state of Iowa. This kid wasn't disappointed in his finish. Some of these kids

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

CLARENCE D. WARD

Clarence Dennis "Stretch" Ward, 82, of Keokuk, passed away on Monday, May 16, 2022, at the Klein Center in West Burlington, Iowa.

Dennis was born on September 6, 1939, in St. Louis, Missouri, the son of Clarence B. Ward and Sara Madelyne Porter. On August 19, 1983, he was united in marriage to Joyce Scott in Keokuk. She survives.



WARD

Dennis proudly served his country in the United States Air Force from 1958 until 1961 at Travis Air Force Base in California. He was part of the 3rd flight maintenance squad as an engine mechanic and was honorably discharged. Dennis was employed at Union Electric in 1962, and became a lineman for Alliant Energy in 1986, retiring in 1996. He was a member of IBEW, and was involved in Keokuk Convention and Tourism Bureau and the Lee County Mental Health Board.

Dennis is survived by his wife Joyce Ward of Keokuk; two daughters: Tracy (Mark) Vickers and Joni Choat, both of Panama City Beach, Florida; three step-children: Stacie A. Martin of Keokuk, Shelby R. (Megan) Martin of Rosenberg, Texas, and Corey J. (Jacy) Martin of Keokuk; seven grandchildren: Christine Choat of Panama City Beach, Florida, Samantha (Zach) Bell of Jacksonville, Florida, Maggie Martin of Keokuk, Creighton Martin of Rosenberg, Texas, Jaycie Martin of Keokuk, and Bradley Martin and Drake Martin, both of Rosenberg, Texas; two great-grandchildren: Margo and Mazie Bell; a great-grandchild due in October; his sister Ruth Mayo of St. Louis, Missouri; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.



Dennis is preceded in death by his parent and four siblings: Deloris, Betty, Kenny and Loretta.

A memorial service will be held at 1 pm on Friday, May 20, 2022, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk, with burial to follow at Keokuk National Cemetery in Keokuk. Military honors will be rendered by American Legion Post #41 and the United States Air Force. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 3 to 7, with family meeting friends from 5 to 7 pm at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association or the donor's choice.

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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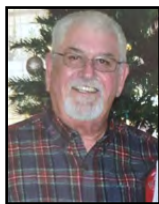
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OBITUARIES

ROBERT L. LEFFLER, SR.

Robert "Bob" L. Leffler Sr., 71, of Warsaw, passed away on Sunday, May 15, 2022, at his home in Warsaw surrounded by his wife and children.

Bob was born on May 20, 1950, in Keokuk, Iowa, the son of Bennie Wayne and Mary Jane (Gilliland) Leffler. On September 6, 1969, he was united in marriage to Linda Lee at the Methodist Church in Warsaw. She survives. Bob proudly served his country during the Vietnam War and was stationed in Germany. He was honorably discharged.



LEFFLER, SR.

Bob worked several jobs over the course of his life. He worked construction and was co-owner of The HomeFoamers insulation company. He went on to work at Griffin Wheel for twenty-one years, and drove a truck for another fifteen years. Bob belonged to the Warsaw Assembly of God Church. He grew up in Keokuk ("West K") and raised his family in Warsaw. He enjoyed being outdoors, whether it be fishing, hunting for mushrooms, boating or riding his Kawasaki motorcycle. He was also an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and the Iowa Hawkeyes. Bob had a knack for storytelling, a skill he honed on many a barstool in the Tri-State area; he was a regular patron at the Warsaw VFW. Bob loved catching up with his buddies at the bar, but more than anything, he loved his grandchildren.



Bob is survived by his wife Linda Leffler of Warsaw; his daughter Kimberley Shinn of Quincy, Illinois; his son Robert (wife Patty) "Bobby" Leffler, Jr. of Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin; five grandchildren: Nate Moore (Fiancé Shelby Reneau) of Keokuk, Jack Leffler of Iowa City, Iowa, Andrew Moore of Kahoka, Missouri, Charlie Leffler of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Alyssa Leffler of Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin; four great-grandchildren: Elliott Moore, Cooper Moore, Ryker Turner and Layton Wilson; two sisters: Samantha Leffler King and Amanda Leffler; and six siblings-in-law: Lois Leffler, Kelly Denning, Doug and Robin Lee, and Gary and Kathy Stansbery; Other survivors include many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents; three siblings: Rosemary, Danny Wayne, and Cheryl Lynn; and his son-in-law Mike Shinn.

Bob's life will be celebrated with a visitation on Friday, May 20, 2022, from 4 to 7 pm at Printy Funeral Home in Warsaw. Burial will be held at a later date at Oakland Cemetery in Warsaw.

Memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.printyfuneralhome.com. Printy Funeral Home of Warsaw is in charge of arrangements.

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Lee County News

Tunnel to Towers added to Donnellson 4th events

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELLSON – To do good and never forget. That’s the motto of an organization whose sole purpose is to help and honor families who’ve lost loved ones in the line of first responder service – Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

The New York-based charitable foundation was created by the family of Stephen Siller, a New York firefighter who lost his life on Sept. 11.

Siller was assigned to Brooklyn’s Squad 1, had just finished his shift, and was on his way to play golf with his brothers when he got word over his scanner of a plane hitting the North Tower of the World Trade Center. Upon hearing the news, Stephen called his wife Sally and asked her to tell his brothers he would catch up with them later. He returned to Squad 1 to get his gear. Stephen drove his truck to the entrance of the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel (now the Hugh L. Carey Tunnel), but it had already been closed for security purposes. Determined to carry out his duty, he strapped 60 lbs. of gear to his back, and raced on foot through the tunnel to the Twin Towers, where he gave up his life saving others.

Now Donnellson native Julie Humes is bringing the foundation’s efforts to Donnellson as part of the community’s 4th of July schedule.

Funds from the foundation go to help build homes and pay off mortgages for first responders who become disabled or die in the line of duty. The foundation has many different fundraisers including a Climb New York event which is held on June 5, where people climb 104 stories in the One World Observatory to raise funds.

Humes is a first responder flight nurse as is her husband Jason, who’s also a Capt. in the Army Reserves.

The Tunnel to Towers 5K Run/Walk is an organized event that takes place all over the country. Iowa currently has five races, one in Hiawatha, Siouxland, Forest City, Donnellson, and a 9/11 run in Ankeny.

Humes said 95 cents of every dollar raised goes to the foundation program, including the Fallen First Responder program and the Gold Star Family Home program.

“This is our first year doing it,” Humes said. “Last year the Donnellson 4th of July was going to dissipate because no one was willing to take it on. I’m from Donnellson born and raised and didn’t want to see it go away.”

Bringing the run to Donnellson was not a difficult decision for Humes and the group. She said integrat-



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ing the area’s bravest into the day’s festivities seemed a no-brainer and then helping support first responders is icing.

The foundation has stipulations in place and a tough approval process in bringing runs to the communities.

“I had to fill out an essay application and interview with the group out of New York. I had to tell them what ideas we had for the run and what I was thinking and they decided to approve our request,” Humes said.

One of the unique aspects of the run includes having first responder vehicles park along the entire 5K route. She said there are also plans to have photographs and bios along the road of each first responder who lost their life at the World Trade Center attack.

“It’s a pretty desolate run route along the old highway and past the cemetery. I’m a runner and I wondered what we could do to make it more exciting,” Humes said.

“They like to have fire and EMS personnel involved. We’re also reaching out to soldiers and our hope is to

get enough vehicles to line this whole route.”

She said she’s also reaching out to the local cemetery board to have more than 60 flags put up along the run route.

With this being the first year of having the run in Donnellson, she would like to see it grow annually and possibly include the foundation’s 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit. Bringing the memorial trailer to Donnellson would cost about \$2,500 per day plus accommodations for the drivers.

“We want to build this event into something that people won’t forget. That’s the purpose and we’re hoping to get people who will continue to support us.

The day will begin with a breakfast burrito fundraiser from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Donnellson Fire Department with funds going to the fire department to replace self-contained breathers. The run starts at 7:30 a.m. with an opening flag ceremony and remarks.

Then Smokin’ J’s BBQ will be on hand, along with Thin Blue Line music, Lee County Houligans Acoustic band, and other vendors following the run.

The town’s annual 4th of July parade will follow. Humes hopes to have all the vehicles from the run to roll in the parade.

“I’m excited to get it started. I want to bring it to town every year. There are a lot of people who like to run 4th of July runs, so we’re hoping for a great turnout.

Those interested in registering for the event can do so at <https://dogood.t2t.org/event/2022-tunnel-to-towers-5k-run-and-walk-donnellson-ia/e386313>.

More information on the foundation and the event can be found at T2T.org and for more information on the run, or to inquire about donations or sponsorships, email Humes at donnellson@t2t.org.

Pat Jones Construction is signed on as one of the sponsors of the event, but others sponsorships are available through the foundation for the local run.

There are four different levels – Booster sponsor \$250, Patriot sponsor \$500, Hero sponsor \$1,000, and Bravest sponsor \$2,500. The sponsorships are specifically created by the Tunnel to Towers and all checks are sent to Staten Island to go straight to the program.

Sponsors get listed on the website for the local event and are mentioned in flyers among other benefits.

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Sports/From the Front

SOCCER SUBSTATE

Lady Hounds roll over Keokuk in quarterfinals

Randolph gets hat trick in first half, adds another goal to lead Fort Madison

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON – It's good in the postseason not to be challenged.

Fort Madison had played two close matches against Keokuk this season, but the Bloodhounds made sure they would be in control of their Class 2A regional quarterfinal against the Chiefs on Friday night at the Baxter Sports Complex.

Fort Madison scored six first-half goals and cruised to a 7-1 win.

The Bloodhounds (12-3) advanced to Tuesday's semifinal at Clear Creek Amana (9-7).

Natalie Randolph scored three of her four goals in the first half, Teagan Snaadt had two and Alana Simpson had one as the Bloodhounds made a convincing point

to open the postseason.

"I think it helped a lot as far as feeling confident," Fort Madison coach Carrie Burken said of the start. "It helped us relax and helped us play well, especially in the first half and the beginning of the second half."

Fort Madison swept the season series against Keokuk, taking wins of 4-0 and 4-1 in the regular season.

This one, though, wasn't close.

Randolph scored first for the Bloodhounds, then Snaadt and Simpson had goals for a 3-0 lead. Randolph then had back-to-back goals and Snaadt closed the half with her second goal.

Randolph, who leads the Bloodhounds with 19 goals this season, scored four minutes into the second half.

"Her finishing was really, really good today,"

Burken said of Randolph. "I don't know if I've seen that good of finishing all season. She brought it. Her ability to finish is her biggest strength. She's gotten good at reading where to make runs on the field, and that's really helpful for our offensive consistency."

Burken began substituting at that point. Keokuk got its only goal with 33:06 to play when Breanna Maerz scored, and neither team would score the rest of the way.

"Once we felt like we had it pretty much locked down, we got a little mentally disengaged," Burken said. "And we started throwing people in there, so it happens that the chemistry changes. It becomes a little more difficult to get passes connected."

Now the Bloodhounds get Clear Creek Amana, which has lost three of its last four matches.

"They're pretty similar to Davenport North (which beat the Bloodhounds 1-0 last week)," Burken said. "I would say they're a little bit better than North, they're a little quicker. But I think we match up well with them, and so we'll see how it goes on Tuesday."

Sprint relay foursome put everything in districts

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dream of being champions. Some are happy with just competing against the best prep athletes in the state. Tate smiled all the way to the pit where his gear was.

"10.89 and I get 5th?" he said as I approached. "Those guys are fast. That's a personal record for me so I'm happy. You can't be disappointed coming to state and setting a personal record."

About three minutes after Johnson set his own personal record on his last race as a senior, Mikey McClain of Dowling Catholic set a new state record as the fastest kid ever in the open 100 at 10.33, a full .17 seconds better than anyone in state history.

Johnson's time was just .13 seconds off a state record and he was just .03 from a top-three finish. A photo in Monday's edition shows just how close he was to Marion's Alex Mota, who set a 3A record with a 10.71, just .18 seconds in front of your Bloodhound.

But they'll tell you .18 is an hour in a race that in most cases takes less than 12 seconds and is determined by where your torso, and not any other part of the body, crosses the digital finish line.

One would think that would make losses tough to take, but Tate just put his sweatshirt back on, smiled and posed for a couple pictures. He picked up a medal, posed for a couple more shots, and then went to find his parents.

He also anchored a 4x200 and 4x100 team that, by standards, under-performed at state. But here's the thing with that. This foursome of Julian Dear, Tate Settles, Hayden Segoviano, and Johnson celebrated heavily after winning districts with their best times of the year.

Punching that ticket and coming into state with top-10 times is no small feat. At state, just like at Drake, it's one race... one day. It has to be almost perfect to roll with these upper tier schools.

No one is perfect, well maybe Mikey McClain.

Fort Madison coaches Mike Schneider and Justin Cain said the great thing about this year's state is that no one from Fort Madison "laid an egg". The times the kids posted, the lengths they jumped, and the distance they threw were numbers that, for almost each one, was one of their best performances of the year.

Raquel Schneider had her second best time of the year in the 400 hurdles with a 1.09.92, 14th best of 24 runners and about four seconds off the the pace of her sister and mom. Mikey DiPrima high jumped 6-0 which is only the second time this year he hit that mark and finished 9th best in Class 3A, and Aija Jenkins had her second best leap of the year at 5 even.

Lexi Whaley has been around 33-5 all year in the shotput, but found about 3.5 extra inches on Friday afternoon to move up a spot from her state seeding.

And Central Lee's Tom Eschman earned a top 10 long-jump finish with 20-10.25 inches – his best jump of the year. Eschman said he was happy with his finish because you can't complain about being one of the top jumpers in 2A and setting a personal record at state. He added, however, his high school career won't be fulfilled until he medals. He has one more year to get it done after qualifying the past two.

The point is these kids go through ups and downs all year in a sport in which they are mostly on their own when competing. And it can't be said enough that once again they represented themselves, and their respective schools, with class.

It's not uncommon from our area. It's really not.

With the adrenaline back down, and the summer now within reach, these kids are probably happy to be back home as well – but that's Beside the Point.

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From the Front

Area athletes all bring best efforts to state meet

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Johnson family. Tate's mom, Tara, competed for the high jump title, while his father Tony ran sprint relays for the Hounds.

Johnson's mom Tara holds the FMHS high jump record at 5-5. Johnson said she still carries the nerves for the family. Tony's more laid back, for the most part.

"I think she's more nervous than I ever am when I'm racing," he said. "Everyone once in a while he'll let go, but mostly it's my mom."

Johnson has been competing he says, as far back as he can remember and has always been fast, but didn't really mature as a runner until his later high school years.

"I've always been fast as a kid. I was a bit underdeveloped as a pre-teen, but in my sophomore, junior, and senior years it hit and I kind of matured."

He said the FMHS Athletic Enhancement program focused a lot on his knee and hip mobilization. That was critical after Johnson suffered a hip injury his junior year.

The program has also been an important part of Johnson being a 3-sport all-state athlete. He's garnered state recognition in football, baseball, and track over the past two years.

"I've always been competitive and I hate to lose. I think track is different than others because it isn't always a team sport. Sometimes it's just all on me."

That spirit seems to have worked out well in the moments, but Johnson, who's committed to playing football next season at Central College with Landes Williams, his childhood friend and Bloodhound teammate in football, basketball, and baseball, said his passion is on the gridiron.

"Football is my passion. I love track but I wouldn't trade playing football for anything," he said.

But if the right conversation were had over track...

"It's still kind of up in the air. If they want me to, I might, just because I don't know if I want to let it go yet."

Johnson's finish was the highest placing of any the Hounds and Hawks. Senior Mikey DiPrima jumped 6 feet for ninth place. Another two inches would have gotten him a top 5. Central Lee junior Tom Eschman went 20-10.25 in the long jump for 10th place in Class 2A. FM sophomore Aija Jenkins leaped 5-0 for 13th in girls' 3A high jump.

Senior Raquel Schneider's 109.92 was 13th best in the state in the girls' 3A 400 hurdles and her second-best time of the year. The boys' 4x100 team of Julian Dear, Tate Settles, Hayden Segoviano, and Johnson didn't get out of the preliminaries, missing the top eight by .2 at 43.71 and losing about .3 off their qualifying time of 43.44.

The same team, which had only been running the 4x200 for less than half the season, took 17 of 24 teams with a 1:32.54, .64 off their qualifying time and a full 1.54 seconds from placing in the top 8.

Lexi Whaley threw her second best effort in the shot put at 33-8.5 and finished 23rd overall.



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Above, Lexi Whaley throws her first attempt in the Class 3A shotput, while below, the Hounds' Raquel Schneider chases down Fairfield's Kelly Pacha in the 400 hurdles.



At top, Fort Madison's Julian Dear gets ready to pass the baton to Tate Settles in the 4x200, while below Dear takes off the blocks in the 4x100 both in Friday action at the IHSAA/IGHSAU state track meet.



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Pledge of Allegiance
 Approve Agenda
 9:01 a.m. Public Hearing for Amendment of FY 22 County Budget

Consider Approval of Resolution Approving Amendment of FY 22 County Budget

Consider Approval of Amended Appropriations Resolution

Public Input

Consider Approval of Final Plans for Project#: BROS-SWAP--C056(111) --FE-56 Replacement of Bridge #126 on 140th Ave

over Little Sugar Creek
 Consider Approval of Removing Mobile Home from County Tax System

Consider Approval of Class C Liquor License for Papa's Bar and Grill

Consider Approval of Cigarette Permits for Gamer One Stop, Montrose Dollar General, Wever Junction, and Denmark Jet Stop

Consider Approval of Monday, May 16, 2022 Board Minutes

Consider Approval of Claims for Payment Personnel Actions:

A. New Hire- Conservation- Temporary (2)

B. New Hire- Sheriffs Office- Replacement

Reports:

A. Manure Management Update-Schwartz Farms in Marion Township

Commission or Committee Reports

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Central Lee exits with loss to Albia

DONNELLSON – Central Lee gave up a penalty kick with 1:50 left in the match to end their season Thursday night.

The Hawks battled back from a 3-1 deficit in Class 1A District 5 substate soccer action at Central Lee against Albia.

A tough defensive battle out of the halftime break kept both teams scoreless until the Hawks' Javier Guevara scored on a pass from Landan Lowenberg with 15:18 left. Logan Crank would score seven minutes later at 8:35 unassisted to tie the game up at 3.

But with just 1:50 left in the match the Hawks were whistled for an infraction setting up an Albia penalty kick that got past Central Lee keeper Jacob Vollmer to set the final score at 4-3 and bring the Hawks' season to a close.

Albia opened the scoring early with a shot just four minutes in, but the Hawks answered 40 seconds later when Ayden Kent got an assist from Clayton Geerdes to tie it at 1-1. Albia would score again at the 28:29 mark and at 8:07 to set a 3-1 halftime advantage.

Central Lee ends the year at 5-6 overall and 3-3 in the SEI Superconference.

On Friday, the Hawks fell to Hillcrest Academy in the opening round of the SEI Superconference tournament in Donnellson.

The Hawks kept Hillcrest out of the net until 2:02 left in the first half when the visitors went ahead 1-0. Central Lee gave up another goal at 25:19 left in the match, but Logan Crank scored on an assist from Drake Weber with 11:18 left in what would be the final score of the night.

Kent, just a freshman, led a very young Central Lee team in scoring with 11 goals on the season. The Hawks played the year with three seniors and the rest of the squad were all freshman and sophomores. Crank had six goals on the year and Guevara had four goals.

Vollmer, also a freshman, played the whole season in the net recording 70 saves.



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Live Music in Shelter House 7 p.m.
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SATURDAY

Breakfast at Fire Station 7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
Town Wide Yard Sales 8 a.m.
Custom Cars & Pickups 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Wiffle Ball Game 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Sidewalk Chalk Contest 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Tractor Parade 1 p.m.
Silver Steppers 2:30 p.m.
Pedal Tractor Pulls 2:30 p.m.
Live Auction 4 p.m.
Pork Meal in Shelter House 5 p.m.
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