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GRRWA to bump rates

MORE THAN DOUBLE Governments could see charges go up over 200% in July

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Many governmental agencies could be looking at steep price increases from Great River Regional Waste Authority.

The City of West Point will be the first to tackle the hikes publicly as the issue is on their agenda for Monday night's meeting.

According to information in the West Point City Council packet, GRRWA is asking to more than double the rates charged to the city for waste management services.

The city is currently paying GRRWA \$432 per month or \$5,184 annually for city residents to have access to the company's waste management.

However GRRWA officials have recalculated rates based on 2020 census data, according to City Administrator Dennis McGregor.

That rate is projected to result in an increase to \$992 per month or \$11,904 annually, an increase of 230% over current rates.

GRWA has also informed Lee County that their rates

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More than just wage bumps at issue in new law

Lee County is in a fish bowl when it comes to the Back the Blue law.

In the past several days Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber has been in several of the state's largest newspapers talking about the impact of the legislation on law enforcement as well as the impact on county budgets.

From all the chatter through those media outlets it would appear that the Lee County Board of Supervisors recent nod to a 45% increase for the sheriff and his administration may have been the largest single increase in the state as a result of the legislation.

I like to put things in nutshells. It keeps the word count low, and is supposed to simplify the issues. To that end, the Back the Blue law requires county compensation boards to take a median average look at salaries across the state for administrative law enforcement positions including everything from police chiefs with cities of comparable size to counties, to Iowa State Patrol administrative salaries, to Iowa DCI administrative salaries.

The intent of the law was to protect law enforcement to a higher degree from backlash in going about their daily routines of protecting the citizenry. On the back end of the bill came the salary mitigation.

It quickly became the focal point of legislation as counties, specifically in rural areas where budgets are a bit more depressed in reflection of those economies, began to see the impact of the law on salary recommendations.

Boards of Supervisors can brush aside a lofty pay increase recommendation for elected officials, but they are required by law to make any adjustments across the board. In the case of Lee County, the compensation board recommended a 45% increase to the sheriff's salary, which ties by county code

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Ike Thacher embraces FMHS assistant Coach Derek Doherty as Assistant Coach Luke Rickleman looks on after Thacher qualified for state with a last-second pin in the 195 lbs 2nd-place match.

STATE QUALIFIERS

Bloodhounds send three wrestlers to Wells Fargo

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

IOWA CITY – The Fort Madison Bloodhounds had a shot at two titles at Saturday's Class 3A state wrestling qualifier at Iowa City High. That quickly turned into the Bloodhounds having wrestlers competing for 2nd place in

eight of 10 wrestle back classes.

Ike Thacher (195), Jakob McGowan (170) and Daniel Sokolik (220) all won in true 2nd place matches to advance to this week's Iowa High School Athletic Association State Wrestling Tournament at Wells Fargo Arena. The tournament starts on Wednesday

Thacher was 30 seconds from being

eliminated in his wrestle back at 195 trailing 17-5 against Liberty's Ethan Armstrong. Armstrong led 13-4 going into the final period. He scored a take-down at 35 seconds into the period for a 15-4 lead, but Thacher escaped a half a minute later. Armstrong would score two

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For the Record/From the Front

Salaries reflect magnitude of jobs

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to the Chief Deputy, the department Captain, and the Jail Administrator.

The board also recommended a 10% across-the-board increase for all other elected officials. In brushing aside a 45% increase for one elected official, the board is handcuffed to a degree because any adjustment to the one compensation board recommendation has to be applied to other elected officials equally.

If they cut the sheriff's recommended increase in half, they would have to cut all the other elected officials in half as well.

The weird twist in Lee County came when the item was placed on the board's agenda at the Jan. 31 meeting. Typically the board would vote, as part of the budget process, on the comp. board's recommendation, which only applies to elected officials' salaries.

But the agenda was listed as "discussion and possible action on employee wages. Supervisor Ron Fedler motioned to accept a 50% reduction in the comp board recommendation. That would have set a 22.5% increase for the sheriff and a 5% increase for the other elected officials. Salaries in those departments would have been negotiated as part of the regular budgeting process.

But since the agenda item listed specifically employee wages, and Fedler's motion failed by a 3-2 vote, Supervisor Garry Seyb motioned to approve a 45% increase for the sheriff and a 10% increase for all other employees, and that motion passed 3-2 with Fedler and Board Chairman Matt Pflug voting in opposition to the increases.

The raise amounted to a roughly \$45,000 increase for Weber, making him the highest paid employee in the county. That's a tough one to swallow in rural southeast Iowa and was a tough, long debate for supervisors. Pflug flat out said no one deserves that kind of a raise in any sector, despite his documented support for the sheriff's

department and Lee County Jail.

There's a couple things at work here that most people don't choose to, or haven't yet had the inclination to, think about it.

Lee County is being outpaced by other counties, even rural counties, in salary comparisons across the board. That's a result of past boards ignoring the recommendations of compensation boards that due the diligence in making recommendations. It's also a byproduct of a sluggish economy.

But there's the other side that we don't think about. On Thursday, four sheriff's deputies including Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber had to take down two armed robbers out of Des Moines. One at gunpoint at the Denmark JetStop.

I think writing for all to see and digest takes a little bravery, but it's a physically safe bravery. I wouldn't want to be the first one through the door. Don't get me wrong, there are people in the county that would do that, I'm just not one of them, and when my tax dollars go to pay those that do, I'm fine with that.

It's not the salaries that concern me, it's the vote. We have two local legislators who confessed to not having all the information at hand before voting on Back the Blue. So the power of that caucus or the lack of diligence needs to be pointed out here.

In lieu of that, the GOP leadership sneaked in language at the end, that not even their own party was familiar with. Either way, that kind of win-at-all-cost politics is a bigger issue than getting Lee County's elected officials salaries on par with the rest of the state.

That's something we all should be thinking about when we go to the polls again - But that's Beside the Point.

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For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

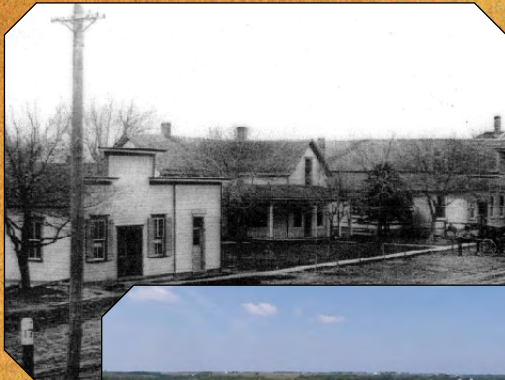
02/10/22 - 9:21 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 700 block of Avenue D.
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 02/10/22 - 3:05 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 5000 block of Avenue O.
 02/10/22 - 5:30 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2300 block of Avenue C.
 02/10/22 - 8:17 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Ginger Elaine Roth, 59, of Fort Madison, in the 4500 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving under suspension.
 02/11/22 - 5:50 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Christopher Robbin Bogart, 31, of Fort Madison, in the 600 block of Avenue F, on a charge of 5th degree criminal mischief.
 02/11/22 - 11:47 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Monesha Monea Johnson, 26, of Columbia, Mo., in the 800 block of Avenue G, on a charge of 1st offense domestic abuse assault. She was taken

to Lee County Jail.

Lee County Sheriff Report

02/03/22 - 6:37 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 2300 block of Golden Road. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Deborah Christine Armstrong, 65, of Donnellson, was traveling northbound on Golden Road and lost control of the vehicle, entering the west side ditch. The vehicle sustained approximately \$1500 damage and was driven from the scene. No injuries or citations were reported at the scene. Deputies are awaiting the results of a toxicology report.
 02/10/22 - 11:34 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Samuel Evon Christopher Robert McCoy, 22, of Keokuk, in the 600 block of Academy Avenue, on a charge of interference with official acts. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later transferred to another facility.
Those listed above are charged with a suspicion of a crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

DIXIE L. SCHROEDER

Dixie Lee Schroeder, 84, of Fort Madison, Iowa, passed away Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at her home.

Dixie was born on August 17, 1937 in Dallas City, Illinois, the daughter of Burrell and Ruby (McClain) Chewning. On December 17, 1954 she married Gary E. Schroeder in Dallas City. He preceded her in death April 29, 2015.

Dixie was employed for a short time by Sheaffer Pen in Fort Madison and assisted at a local nursing home. She later returned home to raise her two children. She loved taking an active roll as grandma and great-grandma. She was an avid reader and enjoyed camping, attending yard sales and craft shows with her husband, Gary.

Survivors include one daughter: Kim (Richard) Wyatt of Lomax, Illinois; three grandchildren: Jason (Michelle Talley) Webster of Burlington, Iowa, Jeremy (Elizabeth) Webster of Lomax and Adonica (Michael) Gould of West Des Moines, Iowa; nine great-grandchildren: Taylor Smith of Cedar Rapids, Kelsey Webster of Burlington, Gage Webster of Iowa City, Brady and Braxton Webster both of Lomax, Bynna Poggemiller of Burlington and Ann, Helen and Thomas Gould all of West Des Moines and one great-great-grandson on the way: Hendrix Shullaw. Also surviving is one sister: Sue (George) Fish of Dallas City and Tom (Carolyn) Chewning of Quincy.

Besides her husband she was preceded in death by her parents and one son: David K. Schroeder.

A private inurnment will be held at a later date at Harris Cemetery, near Dallas City. Banks & Beals Funeral Home of Dallas City is assisting the family.

A memorial fund has been established for the Fort Madison Public Library. Contributions may be sent to the Dixie Schroeder Memorial Fund, c/o Banks & Beals Funeral Home, P.O. Box 70, Dallas City, Illinois 62330. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit Dixie's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

OBITUARIES

SCOTT O. MARTIN

Scott Owen Martin, 60, of Montrose, IA, passed away on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 5:32 PM at the Southeast Iowa Medical Center in West Burlington.

He was born on August 1, 1961 in Ft. Madison to Mary Ellen Huett and was raised by her and Chadwick "Junior" Russell. On July 27, 1996 he married Patty Dempsey in Ft. Madison. Scott worked at Fruehauf in his early years and then for twenty years at Roquette and was currently working at the Iowa Fertilizer Company. Scott and Patty enjoyed NASCAR and attending many races. They worked together on finishing their home south of Montrose. He also enjoyed boating and a cold Bud Select.



MARTIN

Survivors include his wife, Patty Martin of Montrose; his mother, Mary Ellen Russell of Ft. Madison; his dog, Polar; his mother in law, Luella Dempsey and many friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Junior Russell and his beloved dogs Luka and Koda.

Friends may call after 2 PM on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will meet with friends from 4-6:00 PM. A celebration of life will follow the visitation at the Moose Lodge. Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory.

A memorial has been established for St. Jude Children's Hospital and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

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Sports

Assumption too tall an order for Lady Hawks

Central Lee can't catch up to Knights early runs

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

DONNELSON — The height disadvantage was well known even before Central Lee played Davenport Assumption in Saturday's Class 3A regional quarterfinal. The Hawks' tallest players were Macy and Maura Watkins at 5-foot-7. The Knights countered with junior Ava Schubert at 6-1, and three other starters who were 5-9.

It explains why Assumption dominated inside early and often on the way to a 60-43 win that ended the Hawks' season.

Assumption (13-9), which advanced to play West Liberty in Wednesday's semifinal, used its height advantage to take control of the game early. The Knights led 13-5 at the end of the first quarter, then opened the second quarter with a 15-2 run on the way to a 35-14 halftime lead.

"It was just about keeping our energy up," said Schubert, who led Assumption with 20 points. "It's high on our list to put the game away early, no matter who we play. That's what we did tonight. So it was nice."

The Knights played their strength to near perfection. "We expected that they would be a smaller team," Schubert said. "But we didn't want to take them lightly, at all. We wanted to play with the same intensity we always do."

"Our focus was to play our game," said Assumption assistant coach Samantha Johannsen, acting head coach in the place of Jake Timm, who is out with an illness.

"And that's what I'm going to keep harping on

them throughout the postseason — playing to our strengths."

Johannsen said the 50-40 regular-season finale win over Davenport Central provided some of the momentum.

"We played with a lot of intensity in that game, and we wanted to keep that up," she said.

Schubert was especially effective right away.

"Ava got great position and was able to finish around the rim," Johannsen said. "And we kept going at her and the others."

And then when the Knights hit four first-half 3-pointers, the Hawks (13-9) couldn't find any sort of defensive answer.

"They're a good team," Central Lee coach Jay Baldwin said. "They took advantage of their height, and then they started making threes, and we had to pick our poison."

The Hawks lost point guard Mikayla Morrison early in the game. Morrison had been bothered by back pain all week and when it flared up on her in the first quarter, she had to leave the game.

"Bless her heart," Baldwin said. "She really tried to go. Basically her practices all week were her getting her back iced down. She tried to go and just couldn't."

Assumption led by as much as 30 points in the second half before the Hawks rallied.

Alivia Myhre scored 20 points, 15 in the second half, as Central Lee tried to crawl back in the game.

"We told (Alivia) she had to take over," Baldwin said. "And she did."

Macy Watkins added 10 points for Central Lee.

Baldwin liked how the Hawks had progressed all season.

"I'm proud of these kids," he said. "They just kept working hard and getting better. And you could see that at the end of the season."



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Central Lee's Alivia Myhre battles for a shot as Assumption's Dawsen Dorsey contends. The Knights downed Central Lee 60-43 in Class 3A Regional action Saturday night ending the Lady Hawks' year.

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Obituaries/From the Front

Landfill rates could more than double

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will go up beginning in July.

According to Lee County Budget Director Cindy Renstrom, the county has been notified that its rate will increase from \$54,696 annually to \$140,184 per year, an increase of 256% over current rates.

In a letter to West Point officials, GRRWA General Manager Austin Banks pointed to growth of communities and thusly, the landfill, as to the reason behind the increases.

"As our communities continue to grow and generate waste, the GRRWA must also expand and be forward thinking in our planning. Our service to the planning area must meet those needs along with compliance of state and federal regulations through the EPA and DNR," Banks wrote.

He said the current landfill is utilizing a cell with 4.5 years of airspace, and a new cell will be ready by 2025 to provide an extra five years of airspace. The authority also has plans

to build another cell in 2030 to give an extra eight years of airspace, with additional footprints for other new cells.

Banks also indicated that the EPA could very soon require a methane gas collection system due to the amount of waste being stored.

"Accordingly, the GRRWA must reassess the fees charged to members of the planning area," he wrote.

Currently GRRWA charges \$44 per ton of waste at regular rates and \$36 per ton for contracted rates, with a household rate of \$1.

Beginning July 2022, the new regular rate would be \$45.50 per ton and the contracted rate would go up 113% to \$40.50 per ton. The household rate would increase from \$1 to \$2.50.

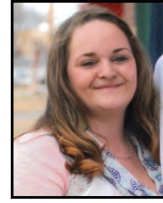
Lee County hasn't publicly discussed the rate increase, but Fort Madison officials have indicated they will likely see an increase in fees, as well.

OBITUARIES

RIKKI J. GILMAN

Rikki J. Gilman, 34, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Saturday, February 12, 2022 at 9:15 AM at her home.

She was born on October 21, 1987 in Macomb, IL to Ricky Quigle and Jerri Reynolds Brewer. On February 14, 2013 she married Aaron Gilman in Carthage, IL. Rikki worked at Lincoln Elementary in the kitchen. She enjoyed crocheting, doing crafts and art. Most of all, Rikki loved her family and spending time with her children.



GILMAN

Survivors include her husband, Aaron Gilman of Ft. Madison; three children, Nicoli Reynolds, Trevor Gilman, and Desiree Gilman all of Ft. Madison; her mother, Jerri and stepfather Terry Brewer of Dallas City, IL; three sisters, Michelle Burch of Ft. Madison, Linda Swyter and Cindy Swyter both of Marion, KY; her grandmother, Shirley Reynolds of Marion, KY; her mother-in-law, Debra Gilman of Donnellson and her father-in-law, Steve Gilman of Montrose. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and a Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 2 PM at the Ft. Madison Eagles Club. Online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

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Lee County, Iowa
Board of Supervisors
Agenda
DATE: Monday,
February 14, 2022
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 Public Input
 Consider Approval to Replace First Assistant County Attorney

Consider Approval to Replace Part-time Clerk in Treasurer's Office
 Consider Approval to Replace Confidential Secretary in Sheriff's Office
 Consider Approval to Purchase Mack Chassis for Sign Truck
 Consider Approval of Secondary Roads Supplemental Policy and Revised Wage Grid
 Consider Approval of Class C Beer Permit for Dollar General, Montrose
 Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolution
 Consider Approval of Resolution Abating Taxes on Ambulance Buildings
 Consider Approval of February 7, 2022 Board Minutes
 Consider Approval of

Claims
 Personnel Actions:
 A. Change from Part-time to Full-time- Treasurer's Office
 B. Step Increase- Secondary Roads
 C. Step Increases (2)- Health Department
 Reports:
 A. Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected
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mittee Reports
 Discussion with Amy Reasner Regarding Pandemic Policy
 Closed Session Pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 (c)
 To discuss strategy with Counsel
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From the Front

McGowan, Thacher, Sokolik punch tickets for state

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more points getting control of Thacher with 33 seconds left in the match and the 17-5 lead.

The Bloodhound worked another escape with 21 seconds left and the two scrambled to their feet where Thacher executed what amounted to a hip toss and landed on top of Armstrong with 13 seconds left in the match and was able to register the pin with 7 seconds on the clock.

"I wasn't really looking to score at that point. I knew time was running down and I needed to hit something big," Thacher said.

"I was getting back to the circle quick, and he was taking a little longer so I knew I could get it done if I tried," Thacher said. "I hit a lat drop. He was tired and I just got him over and under and just threw him as hard as I could.

"This means a lot to me. It's something I've been wanting to do since I started wrestling in the room when I was a little kid looking at all the other people who placed on that wall."

Sokolik said getting to watch the final seconds of Thacher's match inspired him in his wrestle back match.

The junior took on Diego Cortez of Bettendorf in the 2nd-place match and the two were tied after Cortez scored the first take down 24 seconds into the match.

Sokolik worked a reversal right at the end of the period to tie things up, and then from a standing start to the second two-minute period, Sokolik got the take down 15 seconds in and turned the move into pin seven seconds later.

"He took me down in the beginning and I was fighting on my belly a little bit. I just kept working it and went from a power half to a half and was able to get him down.

Sokolik said he wasn't thinking too much about the Hounds 0-4 start in the 2nd-place matches.

"I wasn't really thinking about that, but the thing that motivated me for this match was watching Ike pin that kid down at the end. That made me really happy watching him win and then watching (Jakob) win. It just motivated me to go."

The Hound knocked off Burlington's Julien Perez-Hall for the second time in two weeks to get into the championship side of the bracket.

McGowan was wrestling this year for the first time since his sophomore year after suffering a knee injury. He said getting to state was his goal going into the season.

His 2nd-place match with DeAvion Parker of Bettendorf was a big ask considering Parker had taken Pleasant Valley's Caden McDermott to a 5-3 decision in the championship match.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Head Coach Ryan Smith and Asst. Coach Andrew Cartwright congratulate Sokolik after qualifying to compete at this week's IHSAA State Wrestling Tournament in Des Moines.

dorf was a big ask considering Parker had taken Pleasant Valley's Caden McDermott to a 5-3 decision in the championship match.

"I was just thinking pound on his head and get the underhook and get in there. I kind of wanted to take shots in spaces. I knew that Teague had just lost and that got me fired up a little bit," said McGowan.

"This really feels good. I worked hard at it all year and this is great."

Head Coach Ryan Smith said he was happy for the three making the trip to state, but heartbroken for those that just missed.

"To have eight in that position is tremendous. But to lose a good chunk of them is heartbreaking," he Smith said.

"I feel bad for the kids. The score didn't always go our way, but our effort was there and we judge ourselves on our effort. We can swallow it a little easier when we have that great effort, but you gotta get it done when it counts.

"It doesn't always go the way you want it, but sports are sports."

Sophomores Teague Smith - Ryan Smith's son, and Nolan Riddle both were ousted in their championships matches, Smith at 160 and Riddle at 132.

Smith lost in a heartbreaker to senior Colin Sharp of

Newton. Smith tied the match at 2 after scoring a reversal early in period 3. The Bloodhound would ride Sharp for the next 80 seconds before the senior got out of Smith's control near the circle scoring a reversal and taking a 3-2 lead with :37 left.

Sharp worked the maneuver into a near fall as the buzzer sounded for a 5-2 win sending Smith into the 2nd-place match.

Riddle lost by pin to Bettendorf's Tycho Carmichael at 2:22. Riddle trailed 4-0 in the second period after Carmichael racked up a take down with 41 seconds gone in the first period, which turned to a 2-point nearfall that resulted in the pin.

Those two losses threw the Hounds into wrestle back matches along with Logan Pennock (120), Gavin Wiseman (152), Jakob McGowan (170), Ike Thacher (195), Daniel Sokolik (220) and Cory Arnett (285), giving eight Bloodhounds a chance to reach state.

Freshman Logan Pennock probably had the biggest heartbreaker of the night when he couldn't get a two-point control award as time expired in his wrestle back with Ottumwa senior Corbin Grace.

Pennock had control of the match through the first two periods and had worked a 7-3 lead keeping Grace wrapped up most of the match, but Grace was awarded five points for two near falls in the final 70 seconds to take an 8-7 lead.

In the final 10 seconds, Pennock was able to get out of Grace's control and ended up getting Grace on the mat underneath him. Pennock was laying on Grace with his back and had pushed Grace out of position, but was awarded no points for an escape or reversal as time expired.

Pennock won his first round match and then lost to eventual champion Cael Seaton of Iowa City High, by fall before downing Liberty's Gabe Avalos in trying to get back to the 2nd-place match.

Fort Madison placed third at the meet with 167 points behind Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley.

Emmett Kruse took 5th place at 126 lbs. Henry Wiseman took the 6th place at 138 lbs and Joe Hartman took 6th at 182. Aiden Pennock took 3rd at 145, just missing a shot at a wrestle back. Arnett, just a freshman took 3rd at 285 falling in his wrestle back match to Burlington's Julius Harris (31-3) in a very respectable 3-0 decision.

Gavin Wiseman (152), Logan Pennock (120), Aidan Pennock (145), Smith (160) and Riddle (132) all finished in third place losing their wrestle back matches.

Complete results from Saturday's action are below:

106 lbs - Tatum Schelich (5-27) placed 3rd and scored 0.0 team points. Quarterfinal - Carter Siebel (Pleasant Valley) 40-7 won by fall over Tatum Schelich (Fort Madison) 5-27 (Fall 0:40) Cons. Semi - Panos Christos (Iowa City, Liberty) 12-16 won by fall over Tatum Schelich (Fort Madison) 5-27 (Fall 3:30)

120 lbs - Logan Pennock (34-17) placed 3rd and scored 14.0 team points. Quarterfinal - Logan Pennock (Fort Madison) 34-17 won by fall over Caden Ervin (Pleasant Valley) 30-22 (Fall 1:16) Semifinal - Cale Seaton (Iowa City, City High) 38-2 won by fall over Logan Pennock (Fort Madison) 34-17 (Fall 1:56) 3rd Place Match - Logan Pennock (Fort Madison) 34-17 won by decision over Gabe Avalos (Iowa City, Liberty) 16-9 (Dec 10-4) 2nd Place Match - Corbin Grace (Ottumwa) 39-5 won by decision over Logan Pennock (Fort Madison) 34-17 (Dec 8-7)

126 lbs - Emmett Kruse (25-22) placed 5th and scored 10.0 team points. Quarterfinal - Duncan Harn (Pleasant Valley) 36-12 won by fall over Emmett Kruse (Fort Madison) 25-22 (Fall 0:44) Cons. Semi - Emmett Kruse (Fort Madison) 25-22 won by fall over Konner Jimenez (Newton) 1-10 (Fall 0:38) 5th Place Match - Emmett Kruse (Fort Madison) 25-22 won by fall over Mason Karam (Iowa City, Liberty) 11-18 (Fall 2:54)

132 lbs - Nolan Riddle (14-8) placed 3rd and scored 16.0 team points. Quarterfinal - Nolan Riddle (Fort Madison) 14-8 won by fall over Zach Fern (Iowa City, City High) 17-14 (Fall 2:46) Semifinal - Nolan Riddle (Fort Madison) 14-8 won by major decision over Daltin Doud (Ottumwa) 37-8 (MD 12-2) 1st Place Match - Tycho Carmichael (Bettendorf) 30-4 won by fall over Nolan Riddle (Fort Madison) 14-8 (Fall 2:22) 2nd Place Match - Holden Willett (Pleasant Valley) 32-13 won by decision over Nolan Riddle (Fort Madison) 14-8 (Dec 2-0)

138 lbs - Henry Wiseman (23-22) placed 6th and scored 4.0 team points. Quarterfinal - Jake Mitchell (Iowa City, City High) 30-12 won by fall over Henry Wiseman (Fort Madison) 23-22 (Fall 3:53) Cons. Semi - Henry Wiseman (Fort Madison) 23-22 received a bye (I) (Bye) 5th Place Match - Jaxson Morris (Iowa City, Liberty) 16-14 won by decision over Henry Wiseman (Fort Madison) 23-22 (Dec 6-0)

145 lbs - Aidan Pennock (34-16) placed 3rd and scored 16.0 team points. Quarterfinal - Aidan Pennock (Fort Madison) 34-16 won by fall over Andrew Miller (Pleasant Valley) 14-13 (Fall 0:43) Semifinal - Ryan Ott (Iowa City, City High) 22-7 won by major decision over Aidan Pennock (Fort Madison) 34-16 (MD 13-3) 3rd Place Match - Aidan Pennock (Fort Madison) 34-16 won by fall over Jackson Philipp (Iowa City, Liberty) 15-15 (Fall 0:38) 2nd Place Match - Ryan Ott (Iowa City, City High) 22-7 won by no contest over Aidan Pennock (Fort Madison) 34-16 (NC)

152 lbs - Gavin Wiseman (32-11) placed 3rd and scored 16.0 team points. Quarterfinal - Gavin Wiseman (Fort Madison) 32-11 won by fall over Gavin Benton (Iowa City, Liberty) 22-15 (Fall 1:08) Semifinal - Brennan Amos (Newton) 15-1 won by decision over Gavin Wiseman (Fort Madison) 32-11 (Dec 6-3) 3rd Place Match - Gavin Wiseman (Fort Madison) 32-11 won by medical forfeit over Zachariah Shoemaker (Ottumwa) 38-5 (M. For.) 2nd Place Match - Elijah Mendoza (Bettendorf) 31-13 won by decision over Gavin Wiseman (Fort Madison) 32-11 (Dec 7-1)

160 lbs - Teague Smith (37-10) placed 3rd and scored 15.0 team points. Quarterfinal - Teague Smith (Fort Madison) 37-10 received a bye (I) (Bye) Semifinal - Teague Smith (Fort Madison) 37-10 won by fall over Ike Swanson (Pleasant Valley) 35-15 (Fall 0:50) 1st Place Match - Colin Sharp (Newton) 19-9 won by decision over Teague Smith (Fort Madison) 37-10 (Dec 5-2) 2nd Place Match - Elijah Terwilliger (Iowa City, Liberty) 31-7 won by decision over Teague Smith (Fort Madison) 37-10 (Dec 10-4)

170 lbs - Jakob McGowan (39-13) placed 2nd and scored 17.0 team points. Quarterfinal - Jakob McGowan (Fort Madison) 39-13 won by fall over Drew Nye (Iowa City, City High) 6-20 (Fall 1:37) Semifinal - Caden McDermott (Pleasant Valley) 40-3 won by major decision over Jakob McGowan (Fort Madison) 39-13 (MD 16-3) 3rd Place Match - Jakob McGowan (Fort Madison) 39-13 won by decision over Caden Yoerger (Iowa City, Liberty) 9-10 (Dec 6-0) 2nd Place Match - Jakob McGowan (Fort Madison) 39-13 won by decision over DeAvion Parker (Bettendorf) 13-12 (Dec 7-3)

182 lbs - Joe Hartman (7-8) placed 6th and scored 6.0 team points. Quarterfinal - Rusty VanWetzinga (Pleasant Valley) 33-6 won by fall over Joe Hartman (Fort Madison) 7-8 (Fall 2:18) Cons. Semi - Joe Hartman (Fort Madison) 7-8 won by fall over Caieb Zaugg (Burlington) 21-16 (Fall 1:05) 5th Place Match - Cooper Agosta (Bettendorf) 8-9 won by fall over Joe Hartman (Fort Madison) 7-8 (Fall 4:25)

195 lbs - Isaac Thacher (34-8) placed 2nd and scored 22.0 team points. Quarterfinal - Isaac Thacher (Fort Madison) 34-8 won by fall over Moise Cordero (Burlington) 2-2 (Fall 1:47) Semifinal - Isaac Thacher (Fort Madison) 34-8 won by fall over Yousef Yordanis (Pleasant Valley) 19-13 (Fall 3:14) 1st Place Match - Bradley Hill (Bettendorf) 38-1 won by medical forfeit over Isaac Thacher (Fort Madison) 34-8 (M. For.) 2nd Place Match - Isaac Thacher (Fort Madison) 34-8 won by fall over Ethan Armstrong (Iowa City, Liberty) 8-6 (Fall 5:52)

220 lbs - Daniel Sokolik (34-18) placed 2nd and scored 19.0 team points. Quarterfinal - Daniel Sokolik (Fort Madison) 34-18 won by decision over Julian Perez-Hall (Burlington) 24-12 (Dec 7-4) Semifinal - Ben Kueter (Iowa City, City High) 33-0 won by fall over Daniel Sokolik (Fort Madison) 34-18 (Fall 2:11) 3rd Place Match - Daniel Sokolik (Fort Madison) 34-18 won by medical forfeit over John Hardin (Ottumwa) 8-5 (M. For.) 2nd Place Match - Daniel Sokolik (Fort Madison) 34-18 won by fall over Diego Cortez (Bettendorf) 27-13 (Fall 2:41)

285 lbs - Cory Arnett (9-23) placed 3rd and scored 12.0 team points. Quarterfinal - Cory Arnett (Fort Madison) 9-23 received a bye (I) (Bye) Semifinal - Luke Vonderhaar (Pleasant Valley) 20-3 won by fall over Cory Arnett (Fort Madison) 9-23 (Fall 2:13). 3rd Place Match - Cory Arnett (Fort Madison) 9-23 won by decision over Trey Dervrich (Iowa City, City High) 2-3 (Dec 10-5). 2nd Place Match - Julius Harris (Burlington) 31-3 won by decision over Cory Arnett (Fort Madison) 9-23 (Dec 3-0)

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