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## Adversity a lesson for 2020 seniors

**HAWKS & HOUNDS FINALLY WALK THE STAGE:** Despite “simulated” graduation seniors move tassels in live commencement exercises



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

FMHS senior Zoe Ramatowski leads the Class of 2020 in moving their tassels at commencement on Saturday in Fort Madison. At left, Central Lee senior Hailey Alvis leads the graduating class to an outdoor ceremony on the Central Lee campus Sunday afternoon.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – It’s been anything but a normal final year of high school for more than 200 area public school seniors.

Fort Madison High School and Central Lee High School held live graduation ceremonies over the weekend. Ceremonies that, up to less than four weeks ago, weren’t guaranteed.

“Welcome to the ceremony that wasn’t meant to be,” said Fort Madison High School Principal Greg Smith at Saturday’s Bloodhound commencement.

“We are happy for every little thing we can get in this day in age, so welcome and we’re glad you here.”

The Bloodhounds walked just more than half of the graduating seniors across the stage on Saturday morning in crimson and black gowns and mortarboards with about 10 wearing “Black Lives Matter” face coverings.

Superintendent Dr. Erin Slater said graduations across the country are being watched by the nation.

“You did not get to end your journey in a traditional way and that doesn’t have to be OK with you,” Slater said.

“Your journey is yours. You own it. But you’re never alone.”

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## Mt. Pleasant alum breaking barriers

He’s 6’9” tall. When Bobby Quayle (pronounced “Quail”) was in grade school in Mt. Pleasant, he was always the tallest kid in class. That’s one of the reasons he commands attention and respect. The other reason is people instantly like him. He has charisma.

Bobby Quayle was a basketball star in Mt. Pleasant from 1990-’93, earning all-conference and all-state honors. Then it was off to Augustana, a Division II college in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on a basketball scholarship. He played there two years and then transferred to Iowa State, a Division I school, to study Landscape Architecture. He decided to sit out the first year (he would have had to anyway), play intramural ball and concentrate on studies.

During his second year, Bobby participated in walk-on tryouts for Iowa State’s basketball team. Tim Floyd was the coach, and Iowa State had an excellent team. (Tim Floyd would go on to coach the Chicago Bulls.)

Being raised in rural Trenton, Iowa, Bobby learned the

principles of hard work, perseverance, and faith from his parents. They had

an uneven

basketball court and, in the winter, Bobby would go out and scoop the snow off and shoot baskets in his heavy snow boots. The stone surface was rough and every once-in-a-while a sharp corner would ricochet the ball off in another direction. Bobby learned to adjust and still make the shot.

So, when an assistant basketball coach at Iowa State told Bobby he had some good news-bad news, Bobby was prepared. Iowa State wanted him as a walk-on, but there were no openings. (The ball goes shooting off to the side. Will he make the shot?) This was okay with

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### EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



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## Obituaries/Lee County News

### OBITUARIES

## JANIE LYNN RICHERS

Janie Lynn Richers, 56, of Wever, passed away on Saturday, June 27, 2020 at 8:20 PM at the Great River Hospice House after a long fight of pain from complications of diabetes.

She was born on April 27, 1964 in Ft. Madison to James and Patricia (Troutman) Richers. Janie was a 1982 graduate of Ft. Madison High School. In her early years, Janie worked different jobs but made her career working for the family business, Richers Trucking, Inc. She started her driving career driving millions of miles with her beloved dog Mickey and was known on the road as Lady J. Janie married Jack Landis in the early 90's and they drove for Richers Trucking as a team across the country. He preceded her in death in October 1997. Janie drove until her Mom "fired" her for health reasons. She then worked in the office as a dispatcher. She knew all of the roads and warehouses around the country and was a human road map to her fellow drivers.

Janie enjoyed making other people happy, doing whatever she could for others. She also enjoyed cooking, crafts and coloring. At any family gathering she was requested to make her famous macaroni salad. Janie's biggest pride was her eight nieces and nephews and eleven great nieces and nephews.

Left to cherish her memory are her parents, Jim and Pat Richers of Wever; one sister, Paula (Jeff) Houston of Fort Madison; two brothers, Curt (Liz) Richers of Wever and Scott (Danielle) Richers of Wever; eight nieces and nephews, Ashley Houston, Amber Kuntz, Amanda Vance, Clinton Richers, Codi Bergquist, Kelsey McWhorter, Pattie Richers and Jesse Richers; eleven great nieces and nephews and many aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack; grandparents and her dog, Mickey.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. There will be no formal services at this time. A Celebration of Life will be held by the family on July 4, 2020.

A memorial has been established for the Wever Fire and Rescue Squad and online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).



RICHERS

### OBITUARIES

## DENNIS D. HAMMA

Dennis Dean Hamma, 66, of Nauvoo, Illinois, passed away on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria, IL.

Dennis was born on June 24, 1953, in Keokuk, Iowa, the son of David Hamma and Cordelia "Gee Gee" Wood. He graduated from Nauvoo-Colusa High School in 1971, later attending Monmouth College. Dennis was united in marriage to Jane Knowles on July 20, 1973, at SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo.

A long time member of SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus in Nauvoo, Dennis started his career in the Inventory Control Dept at the Sheaffer Pen Company in Fort Madison, IA. He was later employed at Sioux Tools (Snap-on) in Sioux City, IA, before finishing his last five years of employment at the Georgia Detention Center, Blairsville, GA, as a Corrections Officer. When he wasn't working, you would usually find Dennis engaging in his favorite activity, golfing. He loved being outside, and enjoyed mowing his yard, which overlooked the Mississippi River. Dennis always felt at peace in the great outdoors.

Dennis is survived by his wife Jane Hamma of Nauvoo; two sons: Timothy (Valerie) Hamma of Warsaw and Justin (Patricia) Hamma of Hamilton; two grandchildren: Abbey and Natalie Hamma of Warsaw; two brothers: Mike Hamma of Delavan, IL; Wally (Cindi) Hamma of Nauvoo and many nieces and nephews.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Tawnya (Doug) Ammer, and his brother Timothy Blaine Hamma.

Dennis' life will be celebrated with a visitation for family and friends at the Printy Funeral Home, 720 Main Street, Hamilton IL, on Tuesday, June 23, 2020, from 9am to 11am. Funeral services will follow visitation at 11:00 am at the funeral home with Father Thomas Szydlak officiating. Burial will follow at SS Peter and Paul Cemetery in Nauvoo.

Memorials may be directed to SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo, IL or OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria, IL.

Tributes and condolences may be left at [www.printyfuneralhome.com](http://www.printyfuneralhome.com). Printy Funeral Home in Hamilton is in charge of arrangements.



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## County hits 45 COVID positives

LEE COUNTY - The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Lee County Health Department have identified one additional case of COVID-19 in the county, a middle-age adult who is currently in isolation. This makes 45 confirmed cases in Lee County to date. LCHD is also reporting a total of 33 cases as recovered.

Lee County Health Department website, [www.leecountyhd.org](http://www.leecountyhd.org), and their Facebook page, will continue to be updated with information as well.

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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### CHARLES SUPER

Charles "Chuck" Super, 75, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 9:55 PM at his home.



SUPER

He was born on June 1, 1945 in Havre de Grace, MD to Carl and Beatrice Childers Super. On December 7, 1968 he married Cynthia Smoot in Ft. Madison. Chuck was a supervisor at Cranden's Papermill. He was of the catholic faith. Chuck enjoyed fishing, woodworking, and spending time with his family. He was quite the talker and like to argue and debate with his friends and family. Chuck also enjoyed telling stories to his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Cindy Super of Ft. Madison, nieces and nephews, Kara Schmidt of Colorado, Chad & Trevor Hasbrouk of Ohio, Jason Lovullo of Pennsylvania, Renee Edwards of North Carolina and Laura Johns of Iowa; one sister, Ashley Super of Cedar Rapids. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Suzanne and Jackie.

Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A graveside service will be held in Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery at a later date. A memorial has been established for PAW Animal Shelter or the donor's choice and online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

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### LARRY G. MARTIN

Larry G. Martin, 80, of Hamilton, IL, died Friday, June 26, 2020 at his home.

He was born on May 12, 1940 in Pekin, IL, the son of George and Dorthea Smith Martin. He graduated from Pekin High School and Western Illinois University.



MARTIN

On March 16, 1991, Larry was united in marriage to Sharon K. Lomax Harrison in Hamilton, IL. She survives.

He is also survived by two sons, Jeff S. Martin (Beth Ann Storm) of Benson, MN and Bob Martin (Jody) of Keokuk, two daughters, Janine Riney (Russell) of Wayland, MO and Becky S. Johnson (Wade) of Keokuk, one step-daughter, Karla Harrison (Curt Nichols) of Hamilton, IL, one step-son, Kevin Harrison (Ginger) of Hamilton, IL, seventeen grandchildren, Josh Martin (Sherry) of Sioux City, IA, Jeremiah Martin (LeeAnn Wiegand) of Keokuk, J.R. Martin (Anika) of Moline, IL, Mollie Vandenberg (Elliott) of Granger, WY, Jordan Martin of Dubuque, IA, Kayde Martin of Keokuk, Russell Ian Riney, Julianna Riney and Carlee Riney all of Wayland, MO, Addison Johnson, Ella Johnson and Alexa Johnson all of Keokuk, Christopher Keefe and Tiffany Baxter (Jason) all of Hamilton, IL, Brandon Matlock (Rachel) of Colorado Springs, CO, Chelsea Hopp (Anthony) and Wesley Harrison all of Hamilton, IL and twenty-one great-grandchildren. Other survivors include one brother, Keith Martin (Shirley) of Pekin, IL and two sisters, Connie Dean and Sue Townsend both of Pekin, IL and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two broth-

ers-in-law, Randy Townsend and Larry Dean and one daughter-in-law, Julie Martin.

Larry had owned MMC Enterprises (Tool and Die and Pattern shop) in Keokuk for 40 plus years.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge #106 and the Southside Boat Club both in Keokuk. He was also a member of Ducks Unlimited.

Larry enjoyed fishing, traveling, golfing and investing. He also enjoyed restoring old cars, especially his 1956 Corvette. He loved listening to Paul Harvey. One of Larry's proudest moment was when he traveled with the Governor of Iowa on a trade mission to China. Most of all Larry cherished the time he spent with his family and his grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday at the Bethel Presbyterian Church in Hamilton, IL with Pastor Bob Wagner officiating. Burial will be in the Oakwood cemetery in Hamilton.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Wednesday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with the family meeting with friends from 6 - 8 p.m. An Elks Memorial service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Social distancing requirements will be in place at both the funeral home and church and attendees may be limited according to those requirements. Masks are encouraged.

Memorials may be made to the Keokuk Humane Society or the St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

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# Sports

## LADY CRUSADERS

# Mueller gets 4 RBI in HTC's first win

*Hellige shines in three-hit, six-strikeout performance*

BY PCC STAFF

WEST POINT – Freshman Brooke Mueller helped carry the Holy Trinity Catholic girls to their first win of the year on Friday with an 11-1 victory over Hillcrest Academy.

It was the first varsity win for the Holy Trinity squad since 2012, the last year the varsity team had a program.

Mueller went 2-for-4 with a double and 4 RBI for Holy Trinity to compliment freshman Mary Hellige's three hit, six strikeout performance in her first win of the shortened season.

Holy Trinity got on the board in the first and second innings going up 3-0. Raquel Schneider opened the things with a single on a fly just out of the reach of shortstop Norah Yoder. Hillcrest's Leah Bontrager would get the next two Crusaders, but Hellige work a two-out walk and Schneider, who stole second, would go to third on a wild pitch.

Hellige would steal second, and Schneider would come in to score on the play.

Hellige would give a up a single with no outs in the top of the second, but HTC would retire the next three in order. Freshman Haile Cain would single to start the bottom half of the second and Laura Mehmert would follow with a single moving Cain to third.

With Mehmert moving to second on a pass, Kelli Meierotto would score Cain on a ground out to short, and then Schneider would reach on an error at short allowing Mehmert to score for a 3-0 lead.

Holy Trinity would give up it's only run in the top of the third. The Ravens' Esther Hughes reached on an infield error and stole second. An error on the play allowed her to move all the way around to score. Hellige would then work back-to-back infield ground outs to



end the inning.

Both team would go scoreless until the bottom of the fifth when HTC would put up three more runs.

Anna Sobczak walked and stole second before Mueller drove her in on a single to center. Hellige would follow up with a single moving Mueller to third after stealing second. An error by Hillcrest's Yanitza Gutierrez behind the plate allowed Mueller to score. Hellige would come in to score after moving up on a passed ball and a wild pitch for a 6-1 lead.

After the Ravens' Sarah Miller doubled to start the six, Hellige got two of the next three hitters to strikeout and one to foul out to end the inning.

Holy Trinity would put up five more in the sixth to invoke the 10-run rule. Meierotto would walk with one out and then Schneider would collect her second hit of the night to right field to move Meierotto to second. Sobczak would wear a pitch to load things up.

Mueller would then double to left clearing the bases. Hellige would then pick up Mueller with a triple to right for a 10-1 lead. Kayla Box would fly out to center for the second out, and then Cain would seal the deal with a two-out single to center plating Hellige for the win.

Mehmert, Cain, Hellige, and Schneider all had two hits for the Crusaders. Cain, Hellige and Meierotto each had an RBI to go along with Mueller's four.

The Crusaders (1-5, 0-5) host Van Buren Monday night before they travel to West Burlington on Tuesday, and then visit Highland on Thursday.

# Grayhounds take doubleheader from Lady Hawks

BY PCC STAFF

BURLINGTON – The Central Lee girls softball team dropped its third game in a row Saturday after a two-game sweep at the hands of the Burlington Grayhounds at Wagner Field.

The Grayhounds jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the fourth inning after the Lady Hawks' Sophie Turner and the Central Lee defense had held Burlington check through three. Turner gave up four hits through three innings but got out of each inning without surrendering a run.

In the fourth, with two outs, Burlington's Megan Topping singled and Brynn Cassidy walked. Bryanna Mehaffy would single to center field loading the bases. Burlington starter Adessa Brandenburg would help her own cause with a two-run single to center scoring Topping and Cassidy.

Brandenburg would get a courtesy runner who would swipe second. An error on the play brought Mehaffy around the score. Lydia Allen-Barnes would then single to left scoring another run for a 4-0 lead.

Central Lee would get one back in top of the fifth. Andrea Benner singled to start the inning, but would get forced at second on a fielder's choice off Makayla Morrison's bat. Zoe Eschman would pop out to short for the second out.

Macy Watkins would reach on an infield error moving Morrison to third. Daly Brisby would work a walk to load the bases with two outs. Shanna Buford would draw another walk scoring Morrison, but Halo Arrowood would line sharply to second to retire the side.

Turner would allow just two hits the rest of the way, but the Lady Hawks couldn't get anything going in the sixth or seventh for the 4-1 loss.

See LADY HAWKS, page 6

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## Sports

# Summer isn't flawless, but the lights are on

I was leaving Iowa City, heading south as the sun was setting, when I saw the ballpark lights burning near Lone Tree.

Down U.S. 218, the lights were on at Highland High School.

There was something comforting about the lights. Something that made it look like a normal summer.

Let's face it — we needed something comforting after all of the social distancing in April and May because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The limited baseball and softball season is part of the gradual reopening of the state. And the sports world has been watching.

[ESPN.com](https://www.espn.com) had a story on opening night. Highlights from games have been shown on national news shows.

For the most part, the season has gone as planned, even when considering the negative things that have happened.

Some school districts voted to not have a season. Other districts or stadiums have shut down games for a quarantine period because athletes, coaches or stadium workers have tested positive for the virus, or have been in contact with someone who has the virus. Some conferences have limited the number of fans at games. Some games have had to be postponed because umpires weren't available. And there are mixed reviews from around the state about how much social distancing is being practiced at the ballpark.

All of this was expected. The recovery from the coronavirus was not going to be smooth.

But schools have done a good job of making sure conditions are as safe as possible. And there was no crazy scheduling from coaches trying to cram in as many games as possible in the limited time that was available for the season.

The IHSAA and IGHSAA put a lot of confidence in school districts to do the necessary things to make sure this season would be as safe as it could be, and the districts have followed through. In a lot of ways, it was going to be an experiment for what can be done in the fall when schools reopen.

Many fans haven't stayed away. Community Field's parking lot was packed with cars on Friday night when Burlington and Notre Dame played in baseball. The goal is to get through the state tournaments, to crown champions in both sports. Then analyze what worked and what didn't as schools prepare to reopen for the first time since March.

It's unclear what the fall sports seasons will look like. Will fans at volleyball games be required to wear masks, because the matches are indoors? Will there be limits on fans for all events? Are there contingencies built in if a team can't play for a couple of weeks because of a positive test or exposure to the virus?

This summer may help answer those questions.

For now, the lights are on. And it's a good sign.

John Bohnenkamp is publisher of Hawkeye Maven and contributing sports writer for the Pen City Current. His writings can be found on Facebook at Hawkeye Maven or online at [www.si.com/college/iowa/](http://www.si.com/college/iowa/)



# Hawks hold off Falcons Friday night in eight innings

BY PCC STAFF

DONNELLSON – Central Lee took advantage of a two-out throwing error to walk away with a 2-1 win extra inning affair Thursday night over visiting West Burlington.

In the bottom of the eighth, Tommy Eschman, who had come in to pinch run for Luke Simmons and advanced to second on a Adam Boeck's ground out to 2nd, took off for third with two outs and a 1-1 count on Corbin Pohren.

The Falcons' catcher Brady Diewold threw down to Zach Krantz at third to catch Eschman, but the throw sailed into left field allowing Eschman to come home with the winning run.

The win keeps Central Lee perfect at 5-0, with a tough test today at 1 p.m. in Donnellson against 6-1 Fort Madison.

Dylan Stueker went seven innings for the Hawks striking out 10 Falcons, while giving up eight hits and one walk. Evan Pohren came on in the eighth and gave up one hit and no runs to get the win.

The Hawks got things going when the Falcons committed three errors in the bottom of the first. TJ Stutes got on when he was hit by Gabe Zurita. An error on Zurita allowed Stutes to move to second. Then back-to-back errors by the Falcons' Hayden Vandenberg at third allowed Stutes to come around to score before Simmons would strike out swinging.

West Burlington would get the run back in the top of the 2nd. Vandenberg started by doubling Boeck's first pitch to center. Ty Hill would single to left moving Vandenberg up, and Krantz would send an RBI single to center scoring Vandenberg with no outs.

Stueker would get Diewold to fan, and then Simmons would catch Hill trying to swipe second before Riley Ruther would strike out to close out the inning.

The Hawks would have two on with two out in the bottom of the second, but Zurita would get Johnny Snider looking at a third strike to strand Stueker and Corbin Pohren.

Both pitchers would breeze through the third inning and Stueker retired the top of the fourth in order.

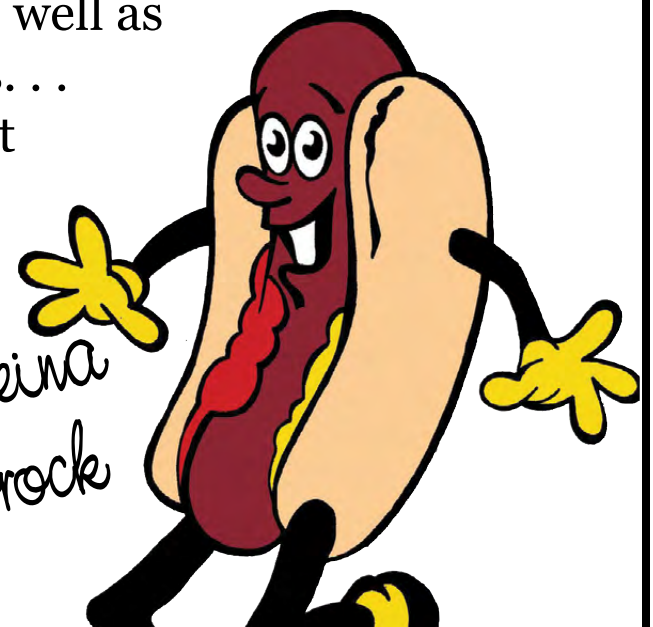
Simmons and Boeck would work a walk to start the bottom half of four. Eschman, again in a pinch-runner role, would get thrown out at second for the first out, but

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## Sports/Classifieds

# Lady Falcons win conference clash

BY PCC STAFF

WEST BURLINGTON – Central Lee's Sophie Turner and West Burlington freshman Lauren Summers had things under control for almost five innings, but West Burlington would break out in the bottom of the fifth and pull away for a 4-0 shutout Thursday in a Southeast Iowa Superconference showdown.

Zoe Eschman started the game with a double to center, but she would get stranded as Summers would get the next three Lady Hawks to strike out swinging to retire the side.

Reagan Engberg would then start the bottom half with a hit to right, but Turner would settle in and get the next three outs to sit the Lady Falcons down.

Turner would get right back to it striking out the next two Central Lee hitters, before Sophie Turner grounded out to end the bottom half of the second.

Central Lee would put two on with one out in the top of the third. Makayla Morrison and Eschman would both single, but would get stranded when Macy Watkins fouled out and Daly Brisby fanned.

Neither team would get much going in the fourth and Central Lee was retired in order in the fifth.

Elise Oleson singled and Abby Bence would come in as the runner in the bottom half of five. Anna Engberg would ground out to Watkins at second moving Bence to second. Raven Messamaker reached on a bunt that moved Bence to third and then Reagan Engberg would ground out to Turner at the mound for the second out with Bence holding at third.

Addyson Kellen would then triple to deep center plating Bence and Messamaker with two outs. An error on an infield fly to short allowed Summers to reach and Kellen to score. Madelyn Stutsman would fly out to right to kill the inning.

The Hawks would finagle a walk in the sixth, but couldn't bring the run around and then the Falcons' Logan Kelly homered to center to set the final score with no outs in the top of the 7th.

Summers would get Megan Hopp to pop out to second and Turner to ground out to second before Andrea Benner fanned to end the game.

# Central Lee stays perfect at 6-0 with win over Falcons

**HAWKS** - Continued from Page 5

Falcons' coach Pat McKasson brought Vandenberg on in relief of Zurita. Stueker would stroke a single to left moving Boeck to 2nd.

Vandenberg would get Myhre to strike out swinging and Pohren to ground out to first to strand Boeck and Stueker.

Stueker would get the first two outs in the bottom of the fourth, but Caleb Allen and Tate Nelson would both single to center. Jace Figuereo singled off Stueker at the mound loading the bases, but Zurita would pop out in foul territory leaving all three Falcon runners on the bases.

Central would put two more on with two outs in the bottom of the sixth, but Vandenberg would get Myhre swinging again to end the inning.

Stueker would retire the side in the top of the 7th and Vandenberg would give up a single to Pohren and a walk to Stutes, but would get Jadon Hawk to fly out to second to force the extra inning.

Stueker led the Hawks at the plate going 2-2. Corbin Pohren and Simmons had the only other hits for Central Lee.

Vandenberg led West Burlington (2-3) going 2-4 with two doubles and run scored. Hill and Figuereo each had two singles for the Falcons. Vandenberg suffered the loss on the unearned run giving up three hits and five walks against four strikeouts.

# Fourth inning letdowns give BHS sweep

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Arrowood, Benner, Turner, Hopp, Morrison and Eschman all had hits in the loss. Turner (4-3) went the distance surrendering four runs all earned on 10 hits, while striking out two in the loss.

Mehaffy led Burlington going 3-4 with a run scored. Brandenburg was 2-4 with 2 RBI and went seven innings giving up six hits and one run unearned while striking out four.

In the second game, the Lady Hawks again squan-

dered in the fourth giving up three runs, in the 5-1 loss. Carley McGinity laced a two-run single to left scoring two with no outs. The other run came on a passed ball that allowed McGinity to score.

Central's run came off a Watkin's double scoring Zoe Eschman in the bottom of the first. Watkins led the Hawks at the plate going 2-for-3 with a double and the RBI. Buford also went 2-for-3. Eschman and Hopp each had a hit for Central Lee.

Hopp (1-1) went six innings giving up five runs, three earned on 10 hits, while striking out one.

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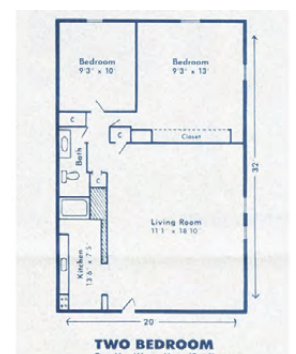
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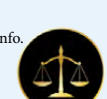
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## From the Front

## Crazy final school year wraps for 2020 seniors

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FMHS senior Gracie Gobble, a co-student body president, said 2020 was a year of loss for many that touched the lives of the student body.

"This has been a season of terrible losses. People have lost their lives and family members. Others have lost their jobs, their savings and plans for the future, Gobble said.

"Many of us I know have suffered these things, too."

She said it may have seemed foolish to feel sad about potentially losing a graduation ceremony.

"But I disagree," she said.

"For decades students have walked across this stage, shaken their principal's hand, and moved their tassel to other side of their cap."

She said the coronavirus changed the way we live and on the evening of March 15, a senior weekend, turned into a four-week weekend. On April 17, "the truth set in" that they wouldn't be finishing their senior year.

"We never got to say goodbye and thank our favorite teachers. We did not have that final assembly where we stood in the middle of the gym to sing, "School's Out," she said.

"Fortunately, we were able to come together once last time, and that makes this even more meaningful to be standing delivering this speech to you today."

Jada Sheppard told her fellow classmates she was proud of each and every one of them. And, specifically this year, they shouldn't take anything for granted.

Central Lee High School Principal Nicole Herdrich called the Hawks commencement a "slightly different, yet very special graduation ceremony."

"The last few months have been very different, to say the least, and difficult. But it is my sincere hope the graduates and their families have felt both loved and supported by the Central Lee Community School District," Herdrich said.

She said despite the success of the simulated graduation cer-



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Central Lee seniors sit socially distanced as Principal Nicole Herdrich addresses them prior to getting diplomas from the Central Lee Community School District school board on Sunday afternoon.

emony, a move that both Central Lee and FMHS participated in due to the uncertainty of an in-person commencement, the traditional ceremony helped put a final touch on the year.

"We are here together to help celebrate your high school graduation. I'm so happy, and to be honest, very relieved, that we were able to hold this live graduation ceremony, because I don't like to take back promises to some of my favorite people," she said.

The Class of 2020 was in first grade with Herdrich through fifth grade. Then four years ago she assumed a leadership role again with the students when they entered the high school.

Herdrich compared the students to the Iowa native geodes, which are tough and rugged on the outside, but sparkle on the

inside.

"Live your passion and share your interests. Value relationships, communicate openly and be committed. Most of all love... and be loved," Herdrich said.

Vanessa Hupp said adversity was one of the final lessons these seniors will take from high school.

"We've been able to adapt and overcome adversity like no other graduating class," Hupp said.

"I don't think that great things come from playing it safe," Hupp said. "You have to take risks and put yourself out there into the unknown. In any given moment we have two options - to step forward into growth or step back into safety. Graduation isn't the end, it's the beginning."

## Quayle's career path bringing sports to underserved countries

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Bobby because he didn't think he could keep up with the rigors of Iowa State's basketball program and the requirements of his studies. Besides, he met Hope, who was also in landscape architecture, and would eventually be his wife. (He made the shot—he had Hope!)

Upon graduation, Bobby and Hope were off to Chicago, where they would hook up with an international company that sent them to Morocco. Their intention was to oversee the management and design of properties that were being developed there. However, the business collapsed, and they were halfway around the world with no job. (Ding! The ball goes shooting off to the side.) But Bobby was playing pick-up basketball. To make a long story short, Bobby wound up playing professional basketball in Morocco for three years. "Why not do something

you're good at and you enjoy!" (Ding!) They had three children.

They came back to the states and Bobby was an assistant basketball coach at Central College in Pella before they took off for Cyprus where they joined the company they work for now: Global Sports Partners (GSP). While in the US he also picked up his Master's degree in Coaching and Athletic Administration from Concordia University at Irvine, California. GSP organizes sports development projects all over the world. At the last count, they're in 22 different countries doing everything from soccer, to American football, baseball, basketball and adaptive sports. They teach life as well. Sports has the ability to break down barriers, whether it's cultural, racial, political or ethnic. GSP's three driving principles are (1) Improving Performance, (2) Increasing Participation, and (3) Inspiring Purpose. Bobby Quayle is in his element.

He has a passion for teaching the game of basketball and mentoring coaches to see the opportunities that the game has in teaching character. Bobby believes and lives a quote attributed to John Wooden and others that, "Basketball is about more than basketball."

Bobby's father recently passed away, and Bobby came home from Cyprus just in time to see his father before he passed away. He's helping his mother get things in order and will be in Mt. Pleasant until mid July. If you want a little pick-up game of basketball or just to catch up, his email address is [coachbobbyq@gmail.com](mailto:coachbobbyq@gmail.com). Bobby can play either center or power forward, but prefers power forward - where he has more vision.

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