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## NO SWEET CORN FEST

**CANCELLED:** Community Club votes 27-10 to cancel this year's event

BY **CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT – The West Point Community Club voted 2-1 Monday night to cancel this year's summer festival.

A group of about 50 met under the shelter house in the park that annually hosts thousands of people munching on sweet corn and other festival offerings for four days each year in August.

Justin Mehmert, one of the chairs of this year's event said the move was all about safety in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic that's rained on summer parades... and festivals, across the country.

"We weighed out the pros and cons and there was just too much risk in having it this year," Mehmert said following the vote.

"We had to put public safety first and we couldn't put everyone in

this park and feel we were acting responsibly."

The club voted 27-10 to not have the event this year with six other club members voting for an abbreviated fair that featured the carnival and some carry out food.

Deina Merschbrock, of Sonny's Supermarket told the group she advocated for an abbreviated festival.

"People think that the festival just helps the bars in town, but it goes way deeper than that. I've heard in the past that even salons get an uptick in business."

West Point Mayor Paul Walker, who's a member of the club abstained in his vote, and said he was torn on the issue.

"We have to be safe, but this impacts so many people and requires so many volunteers. What if we would have went ahead but

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## Play ball

FMHS' Jason Thurman goes airborne to avoid the slide of a Mt. Pleasant Panther Monday night at MapleLeaf Athletic Complex. It was the first night of regular season summer high school sports in the nation. The Hounds split the double header. See the Sports section inside for more on Monday's games.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

## FMAAA

### Photography takes over exhibit in June at art gallery

BY **BRIAN RIGGS**  
Fort Madison Area Arts Association

FORT MADISON – Ft. Madison Area Arts Association brings a fan favorite to new heights this month with Annual Photography Exhibition at 825 Avenue G. Connections Bank is the sponsor for this month's feature.

A reception will occur June 26th from 5-7pm. Also, an additional program will feature Ya-yun Cheng on Tuesday 30th from 5-7pm with a discussion regarding her Taiwan homeland. This gives folks the option of spreading out more for the program segment for the feature. New hours for FMAAA are

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 12-7pm.

Grace Bell of California has been photographing musicians for over 40 years. Her photos have been featured in newspapers, magazines, album covers and textbooks. She has documented

See **PORTRAITS**, page 4

## SPRING FRENZY

### Love Lee County Tour this weekend

LEE COUNTY – A group of rural Lee County shops, businesses, and gardens invite you to celebrate businesses off the beaten path this weekend, June 19-20, during their "Love Lee County" Tour.

Ten businesses, all located in rural Lee County are partnering for the event. Local wine, fresh cheese, antiques, locally distilled spirits, elk and bison products, baked goods, home decor, fashion, beautiful garden products and more can all be found as you tour rural Lee County.

"As summer officially kicks off we invite you to go for a drive to discover and support some rural Lee County gems," said Shannon Wellman, "Lee County is filled with fantastic local and family businesses that you might not have been aware of or had the chance to visit. We can't wait to show you all of the unique things we have for you to discover."

All businesses will be open on Friday, June 19th and Saturday, June 20th with some also open for Sunday hours. The diverse group includes businesses located in rural Keokuk, Montrose, Donnellson, and Ft. Madison.

Shop for beautiful plants to complete your summer gardens at Jim's Greenhouse, 2407 280th St., Montrose, open Friday-Sunday 9-7, for a large selection of annuals, perennials, herbs, and vegetable plants. Hillcrest Hostas & More, 2292 Hillcrest Rd., Donnellson, open Friday and Saturday 9-6, has a huge selection of perennials and gardens filled with hostas, daylilies, cone-flowers and more.

Pick up supplies for summer grilling season at Quarry Creek Elk and Bison Company, 1866 303rd Ave., in Ft. Madison, open Friday and Sat 9-6. Delicious elk and bison burgers, brats and meat are available and don't miss their great selection of Western Wear and boots.

Head to Apple Tree Antiques, 1805 180th St., in Donnellson, open Friday and Saturday 10-4, for a great place to search for antiques, decor, and explore cool junk. While on your hunt for home decor drop by M.B. Weber Mercantile, 2237 234th St.,

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# For the Record

## For the Record

### Fort Madison Police Report

06/11/20 – 9:33 a.m. – Fort Madison Police respond to a report of vandalism in the 1100 block of Avenue E.  
 06/11/20 – 1:20 p.m. – Fort Madison Police respond to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue H.  
 06/11/20 – 6:08 p.m. – Fort Madison Police respond to a report of a hit and run in the 1300 block of Avenue G.  
 06/11/20 – 7:41 p.m. – Fort Madison Police respond to a report of a larceny/theft at the intersection in the 2200 block of Avenue H.  
 06/12/20 – 9:20 a.m. – Fort Madison Police respond to a report of a larceny/theft on Storms Court.  
 06/12/20 – 12:42 p.m. – Fort Madison Police respond to a report of vandalism in the 1500 block of Avenue B.  
 06/12/20 – 12:42 p.m. – Fort Madison Police respond to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2300 block of Avenue L.  
 06/12/20 – 1:43 p.m. – Fort Madison Police respond to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1700 block of Avenue H.  
 06/12/20 – 4:35 p.m. – Fort

Madison Police respond to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2500 block of Avenue A.  
 06/13/20 – 3:48 a.m. – Fort Madison Police respond to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3400 block of Avenue L.  
 06/13/20 – 10:29 a.m. – Fort Madison Police respond to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of Avenue E.  
 06/13/20 – 11:18 a.m. – Fort Madison Police respond to a report of a burglary on Alta Drive.  
 06/13/20 – 4:04 p.m. – Fort Madison Police respond to a report of a larceny/theft in the 800 block of Avenue D.  
 06/13/20 – 5:58 p.m. – Fort Madison Police respond to a report of a larceny/theft in the 300 block of 12th Street.  
 06/14/20 – 2:24 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Brandon Lee Hayes, 29, of Fort Madison, in the 2200 block of Avenue G on a warrant for 3rd degree harassment. He was released on a promise to appear.  
 06/14/20 – 6:13 a.m. – Fort Madison Police respond to a report of a hit and run in the 1400 block of Avenue G.  
 06/14/20 – 7:55 a.m. – Fort

Madison Police respond to a report of a hit and run in the 1400 block of Avenue G.  
 06/14/20 – 12:28 p.m. – Fort Madison Police respond to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1600 block of 33rd Street.  
 06/14/20 – 1:52 p.m. – Fort Madison Police respond to a report of a burglary in the 400 block of Avenue E.  
 06/15/20 – 2:15 a.m. – Fort Madison Police cited and released Heather Hayes, 27, of Fort Madison in the 1400 block of Avenue E, on a charge of driving while suspended.

### Lee County Sheriff's Report

06/11/20 – 9:52 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested John Russell Chaney, Jr., 34, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a charge of violation of a no contact order. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 06/11/20 – 12:32 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on Hwy. 27. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Mohutsiwa Katlo Siyanda, 26, of Iowa City, was attempting to pass a cargo trailer driven by Matthew Scott Boland, 39, of Waverly, Mo. Siyanda's vehicle struck the back driver's side of the trailer causing Siyanda to lose control and spin out in the roadway. No injuries were reported and Siyanda was cited for improper passing.  
 06/12/20 – 10:06 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Johnny Jay Garcia, 47, of Donnellson, at the

sheriff's office on a warrant for robbery. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 06/14/20 – 6:59 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited and released Heather Marie Shoup, 26, of Mt. Pleasant, in the 2600 block of 240th Street, on charges of possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.  
 06/14/20 – 2:18 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident near the intersection of Hwy. 218 and Primrose Road. The driver Carol Geralyn Reed, 63, of Fort Madison, suffered a fatal medical emergency and left the roadway coming to rest alongside the roadway in the grass. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

### Hancock County Sheriff's Report

06/08/20 – Stephen R Miller, age 26, of Carthage, IL was arrested and charged with Battery. Miller was released on his own recognizance and given a future court date.  
 06/09/20 – Andrew M Schiedel, age 31, of Fort Madison, IA was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Petition to Revoke or Modify Sentence on original charges of Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. Schiedel remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.  
 06/10/20 – Harry F McGee, age 83, of Hamilton, IL was arrested and charged with Public Indecency. McGee was re-

leased after given a Notice to Appear at a future court date.  
 06/10/20 – Leonard J Beaumont, age 23, of Ferris, IL was arrested and charged with Obstructing Justice. Beaumont was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.  
 06/10/20 – Sebastian D Powell, age 23, of Ferris, IL was arrested and charged with Obstructing Justice. Powell was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.  
 06/11/20 – Priscilla M Burnett, age 48, of Carthage, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear on Petition to Revoke Probation on original charges of Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. Burnett was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.  
 06/10/20 – Clinton D Daniels, age 34, of Plymouth, IL was arrested and charged with Disorderly Conduct. Daniels was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.  
 06/12/20 – Cody J Johnson, age 23, of Augusta, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear/Failure to Pay on original charges of Criminal Trespass to Residence and Theft. Johnson was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.  
 06/12/20 – Dustin B Grotts, age 45, of Carthage, IL was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended. Grotts was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.

06/12/20 – Tyler D Bruns, age 25, of Carthage, IL was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence. Bruns was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.  
 06/12/20 – Brandon G Gronwold, age 23, of Carthage, IL was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence. Gronwold was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.  
 06/12/20 – Jason S Hardy, age 37, of Basco, IL was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence. Hardy was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.  
 06/14/20 – Joshua L Lafary, age 40, of Canton, IL was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. Lafary remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his initial court appearance.  
 06/14/20 – Raijna M Cook, age 19, of Carthage, IL was arrested and charged with Disorderly Conduct and Criminal Damage to Property. Cook was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.  
*Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

### Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

06/12/20 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls and one assist.  
 06/13/20 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to five medical calls, one false alarm, and a smoke investigation.  
 06/14/20 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls and one assist.




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# Obituaries/From the Front

## OBITUARIES

### CAROL G. REED

Carol G. Reed, 63, of Ft. Madison passed away on Sunday, June 14, 2020.



REED

She was born on June 15, 1956 in Ft. Madison to William and Gertrude Kottenstette Helling. On July 2, 1993 she married William Reed in Ft. Madison. Carol was a Registered Nurse and was currently working for Ft. Madison Community Hospital Home Health Care. She was a member of Holy Family Parish, Altar and Rosary and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. Her greatest love was spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband Bill Reed of Ft. Madison; one son, Joseph (Alicia) Druppel of Des Moines; four grandchildren, Adam, Lucas, Aiden and Emma; her Mother, Gertrude Helling of Ft. Madison; one step daughter, Michelle Reed of Ft. Madison; one brother, Mike (Anita) Helling of Ft. Madison; three sisters, Mary (Paul) Kline of Council Bluffs, Diane (John) Rempe of West Point, Patricia Muilenberg of Ft. Madison; a daughter in law, Cindy Druppel of Lakeville, MN; numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her Father and two sons, Mark and Matt Druppel.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory after 2 PM where the family will be present from 4:30 -6:30 PM. A Memorial Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Church at a later date.

A memorial has been established for Ft. Madison Community Hospital Hospice and online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

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## Coronavirus shuts down summer fest

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didn't get those volunteers this year. That would have been a huge problem."

A representative with the amusement company that brings in the carnival was on hand and said festivals across the Midwest were starting to reopen, and even some that had cancelled their plans were now reaching back out to see if the carnival was still available.

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds has essentially reopened the state at full capacity as long as everyone is abiding by protective measures. Lee County Speedway is now open fully for business, and the Old Thresher's Reunion in Mt. Pleasant is still in the works on a limited basis.

But the Iowa State Fair and the Lee County Fair have both been cancelled for 2020 due to the coronavirus.

Sheriff Stacy Weber said his staff was ready to have a presence at the festival, but cautioned the group about limited supplies of personal protective equipment, and the heavy bar traffic following the carnival each night.

"That's going to be tough to social discipline," Weber said. "I like munching on corn and chicken as much as anybody, but these are some of thing you'll have to address, too."

Mehmert said the committee is learning from the coronavirus like everyone else is and 2021 should be a better year. He said planning can start taking place now to help address some of those issues should there still be protective health measures in place next summer.

## Weekend tour to feature rural shops

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in Donnellson, open 4-7 Friday and 10-5 Saturday and Sunday, which features original, refurbished and hand designed pieces, textiles, and primitives for your home.

If you find yourself hungry on your tour stop at one of the following businesses for a meal or delicious summer treat:

Hinterland Dairy, 2149 Franklin Rd., open Friday 4-6 and Saturday 10-4 will have West Point based The Farm at Adelaide's on site grilling cheeseburgers, hamburgers and brats. Explore the Hinterland Dairy farm store for fresh cheese curds, quark, aged cheddar and more. Harvestville Farm, located

at 1977 Hwy 2 in Donnellson will be featuring specialty wood-fired pizzas on Saturday from 11-2 and the "Pitchfork Cafe" offers sandwiches and lunch options and is serving Friday and Saturday 11-2. Harvestville Farm, open Friday & Saturday 10-5 and Sunday 11-4 has a great selection

of Father's Day baskets & goodies with curbside pick-up available. Apple-Berry Orchard, 2469 Hwy 2, Donnellson, will be open Friday and Saturday 1-5, for delectable apple cider donuts, strawberry rhubarb pie, apple pastry sticks, hard cider, wine and more. Pre Order and pay online by June 18th.

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## Sports/From the Front

# Holy Trinity girls fall to Cardinal, 11-1

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

ELDON – Without any varsity experience on the field, Holy Trinity Head Coach Loren Menke said a lopsided season-opening loss still held promise.

The HTC girls fell 11-1 to Cardinal of Eldon in Monday's statewide opening of the summer sports season, after the coronavirus pushed start dates back and contracted practices this spring. It was the first time a Holy Trinity Catholic girls varsity squad had taken the field in eight years.

Mary Hellige went the distance for Holy Trinity giving up 14 hits, but five came in the first inning before the freshman settled into her first varsity outing.

"Mary pitched a very good game, especially after the first inning where she didn't get great help," Menke said. "Then she settled down and pitched very well for three innings and we

got some good defense. It was a very promising start in my mind and I hope the girls see it that way, too."

Holy Trinity got on the board first when Brooke Mueller reached on an infield error and then swiped second before coming around to score on another error off Laura Mehmert's shot to short.

The Crusaders were retired in order in the second and third innings, but Mehmert and Raquel Schneider got things going with one out in the top half of the fourth. Mehmert singled to short center and then Schneider singled to short right field, but Mehmert was gunned down at second. Kelli Meierotto would ground out to the pitcher to end the inning.

Anna Sobczak would be the only other Crusader to get on when she was walked with two outs in the fifth, but the Comets put the game away in the bottom half.

See **CRUSADERS**, page 7

# Taiwan artist to be part of exhibit

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numerous music festivals and concerts including the Playboy Jazz Festival at the Hollywood Bowl, the Kool Jazz Festival, and the Long Beach Blues Festival. She served as still photographer with KPBS Television on their Jazz Clubdate series (1989-1992) and two specials: Three Generations of the Blues (women in 1983 and men in 1985). The photos in this exhibition are taken from some of the venues listed above.

Albert Fraune was born in March 1914 and died in October 1999. After his return as a radar repairman in the Army, he returned to Ft. Madison. He worked at Gleasons, Ajax Fence Company, Sante Fe Railroad, and Sheaffer Pen Company. He never owned an automobile and was known for walking the town with camera in hand. His portrait photography was spot on and the photos in the show are Ft. Madison circa 1952-1960. The owner of the collection has 600 photos but they are on slides and must be converted. Special thanks to Dodd's Printing for helping reproduce the photos from Richard Bohenkamp's collection. Richard describes Albert, "If he liked you, he really liked you. If not, he never would." This is kind of a "Who's Waldo" as we hope community members can help identify the people depicted in the portraits.

"My name is Ya-yun Cheng, and I am from Taiwan. I went to school in Wisconsin in 1993 and received a MA degree in UW-Madison majoring in Applied Linguistics. After returning to Taiwan, I worked for an international trading company for about 19 years, during which I had opportunities to learn and deal with the business world. Now I have my own English classroom where I teach students mostly from 13 to 18. In the past decade, I grew very fond of the city New Orleans, and have been going back there whenever I have the chance. It was when I was accompanying and helping my friend Jerry Granaman take photos there that I developed an interest in photography myself. I know for sure I will take up photography now as it has given me a purpose in life. I am eager to show the world what a beautiful island my homeland is. We have not only all the amazing nature scenery to offer, we also have our own unique culture. I would very much like to introduce Taiwan to the world through the photos I take, via my eyes."



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*Wishing you a very happy  
Father's Day*

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# Classifieds/Public Notices

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE WEST POINT  
CITY COUNCIL  
WEST POINT, IOWA  
52656  
JUNE 8, 2020**

Mayor Paul Walker called the properly noticed regular meeting of the City Council of the City of West Point to order in the Conference Room of the Public Library, 317 Fifth Street, West Point, Iowa 52656 on June 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. In addition to Mayor Walker, the following indicated Council Members were present: Joe Loving; Brian Meierotto; Will Stuekerjuergen; Dan Waters; and, Bruce Wellman. Absent: None. Tentative agenda was approved by consensus. On motion opened public hearing on accessory building variance request at 207 Fourth Street. Discussion was held regarding Planning & Zoning determination for variance request at 602 Avenue E (which was the next tentative agenda item). On motion closed public hearing on accessory building variance request at 207 Fourth Street. On motion adopted Resolution No. 787-20 allowing accessory building at 207 Fourth Street. On motion opened public hearing on accessory building variance request at 602 Avenue E. On motion closed public hearing on accessory building variance request at 602

Avenue E. On motion adopted Resolution No. 788-20 allowing accessory building at 602 Avenue E. On motion opened public hearing on voluntary annexation of County Road 103/J40. On motion closed public hearing on voluntary annexation of County Road 103/J40. On motion adopted Resolution No. 789-20 approving voluntary annexation of County Road 103/J40. The Council reviewed the Public Works Department report. Upon invitation Police Officer Dustin Fullhart presented the Police Department report. Mayor announced the following: Father's Day Breakfast and Independence Day Fireworks have been cancelled; sidewalk replacement program has been utilized at Holy Trinity Catholic school; and, thanked Public Library staff for summer programs continuing. On motion approved Boards and Commissions reappointments. Mayor reported meeting date and time for upcoming meetings of the Library Board; Municipal Utility Board; and, next regular Council Meeting of July 13, 2020. Dennis McGregor presented the City Administrator's report. On motion approved Resolution No. 790-20 setting salaries and wages for FYE21. On motion approved Resolution No. 791-20 amending employee health insurance coverage. On motion approved Resolution No. 792-20 for 28E Agreement with Donnellson for

law enforcement services. On motion approved Resolution No. 793-20 authorizing the transfer of budgetary funds. On motions approved tobacco permits for four businesses. On motion approved City Clerk registering for Clerk's Academy online course from July 29-31, 2020 (with costs to be shared with Municipal Utility System). On motion minutes of special Council meeting of May 4, 2020 were approved as presented. On motion minutes of prior regular Council meeting of May 11, 2020 were approved as presented. On motion minutes of special Council meeting of May 26, 2020 were approved as presented. On motion Treasurer's Report for May 2020 was approved as presented. On motion warrants payable for June 2020 were approved as presented. On motion meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m., June 8, 2020.

**EXPENDITURES FOR  
MAY, 2020**

Archie's, repairs....445.11  
Baker & Taylor, books .....400.22  
City Clerk-FM, fees .....610.00  
Daily Democrat, publications .....143.93  
Delta Dental, premiums .....101.02  
Ebert Supply, supplies

.....6.60  
Floorcrafters, carpet cleaning .....602.00  
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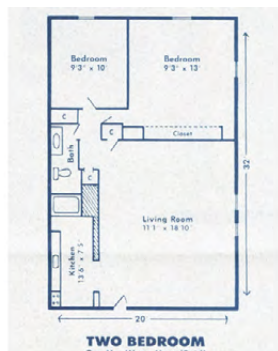
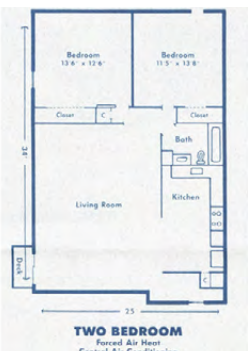
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## Sports

# Hounds/Lady Hounds split with Mt. Pleasant

BY PCC STAFF

MT. PLEASANT – Landes Williams and Jason Thurman both had three hits in a 10-4 win in the second game and split a double header on the road at Mt. Pleasant.

Mt. Pleasant won the first game 8-5.

The Hounds trailed 3-1 after four innings, but in the top of the fifth Matt Hopper and Garrett Hannum both drew walks to lead off the inning. Landes Williams would single to load the bases and Thurman drew a walk to score Hopper. Brandon Reichelt then sacrificed Hannum home with a deep fly ball to center to knot the game at 3.

The Panthers went down on three straight fly balls on just six pitches in the bottom half of the fifth to hold the score at 3-3.

Kane Williams got plunked to start the top of the sixth. After Tate Johnson flew out to right, Matt Hopper, Garrett Hannum, Landes Williams, and Thurman recorded consecutive singles. Kane Williams crossed on a wild pitch giving the Hounds their first lead of the night at 4-3 and then Hopper and Hannum both scored off Williams' and Thurman's bat for a 6-3 lead.

Jaxon Hoyle would score an unearned run in the bottom of the fifth after being walked and moving around on two additional Hound walks before scoring on a hit batsman. Fort Madison would get a strikeout and flyout to retire the side.

The Hounds would put the game way in the top of the seventh with four runs on five hits. Thurman would hold the Panthers scoreless in the seventh in a relief role.

Landes Williams went 3 for 5 with two RBI, while Thurman went 3 for 4 with 3 RBI. Hopper had two hits for the Hounds in the win.

In the opener, Vasin Thurman led the way for the Hounds at the plate going 2-for 3. Reichelt went 1 for 2 with an RBI in the 8-5 loss.

Fort Madison trailed 8-1 going into the seventh inning before putting a scare into the Panthers late.

Jason Thurman wore a pitch to start things and then Reichelt doubled to center, scoring Thurman. Vasin Thurman then singled, scoring Reichelt. Reiburn Turnbull singled, moving Thurman up. Tate Johnson got beamed and Colten Engeman and Kane Williams both drew walks to force in two runs without any outs.

But Hannum would fan, and then Landes Williams would hit into a game ending double play at third to end the rally and the game.

Jace Burgher started the game but left in the game at the start of the second after sliding hard into third in the first inning and couldn't take the mound to start the next inning. Kane Williams came on in relief and threw four innings giving up five runs on six hits and fanning three.

Hopper closed out that set pitching the sixth, striking out two and allowing one hit.

The Hounds are now 1-1 on the year and take on Burlington Thursday night at Burlington High School with a 7 p.m. start time.

BY PCC STAFF

MT. PLEASANT – Fort Madison broke out for 10 hits in the nightcap of a two-game split with Mt. Pleasant to open the season Monday night.

A three-run first inning courtesy of some sloppy play from the Panthers, including two errors and a passed ball on a third strike, helped the Hounds rebound from a 5-3 loss in the opener at MapleLeaf Athletic Complex.

Ivy Geerdes, Lexi Whaley, and Alyson Helmick all scored in the inning off miscues to open a 3-0 first inning lead. The Panthers would counter with one in the bottom half of the first and second innings.

Whaley would then send one over the fence to left field on a 0-1 pitch with one out in the third to extend Fort Madison's lead to 4-2. Sydni Coleman would score her second run of the game in the fourth when she came around to score on Samantha Broecker's RBI single to center. Dennis would get the next hitter to fly out to kill the threat.

The Hounds went to work with two outs in the fifth. Maycee Featheringill reached on a fielder's choice and Clary Feurman was hit by a pitch moving Featheringill to second. A fielder's choice by Lauryn Helmick moved everyone up one and then Featheringill stole home for a 5-3 lead.

Emily Steffensmeier drew a walk to load the bases and Logan Johnson got plunked on a fifth pitch at full count to score Fuerman. Mt. Pleasant wouldn't score in the bottom half.

Geerdes would double to right to start the sixth inning and come around to score on a single from Whaley to set the final score at 7-3, as Dennis set the bottom of the Panther lineup down in order in the seventh.

Dennis gave up just five hits and three runs, all earned while striking out five for the win.

Whaley went 4 for 4 in the win with two RBIs. Featheringill was 2 for 4, while Logan Johnson, Steffensmeier, Geerdes, and Wondra all had hits for Fort Madison.

In the opener Neeley Rehm went the distance giving up five runs, three earned, while scattering six hits and striking out six.

Fort Madison outthit the hosts 7 to 6, but committed five errors including three in the first inning to spot the Panthers a 3-0 lead after one inning of play.

Fort Madison got a single to right from Geerdes with two outs in the 1st inning, and then Steffensmeier doubled to left in the third inning, but neither hit produced any runs for the Hounds.

It wasn't until Rehm reached on a fielding error with one out in the fifth inning and then was driven in by a Steffensmeier infield single that Fort Madison got on the board. Dalyn Wondra then hit a one hopper off the fence in dead center in the top of the fourth to drive in Steffensmeier. Kylee Cashman would single and move Wondra to third, but Geerdes ground out to second to end the threat with the Lady Hounds down 4-2.

Rehm would set the Panthers down in order in the bottom of the fifth and then get the Hounds within one when she doubled down the left field line scoring Maycee Featheringill who reached on a fielder's choice and moved into scoring position on an error. Mt. Pleasant would get Lauryn Helmick to fly out to right to end the inning down just one 4-3.

Mt. Pleasant would score an unearned run in the bottom of the sixth to extend the lead to 5-3 and then shut down the Hounds in the top of the seventh for the win.

Steffensmeier was 2-3 at the plate with a double and an RBI to lead Fort Madison. Cashman, Logan Johnson, Rehm, Geerdes, and Wondra all had hits for the Hounds.



FMHS junior Kylee Cashman beats out an infield single in the fourth inning of the Lady Hounds' 5-3 1st game loss to Mt. Pleasant. Fort Madison came back to win the second game to split the season-opener.

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

## Crusaders at home Tuesday night

**CRUSADERS** - Continued from Page 4

The Crusaders put the first seven Comets on base and gave up four runs before recording the first out. But a line out, a fielder's choice, and Hellige's first strike out ended the inning.

Hellige would hold the Comets scoreless in the second and third inning, but Cardinal would tack on two more in the fourth for a 6-1 lead.

But again in the top of the fifth, the first four hitters reached before Hellige got Alexia McClure to fly out to center. Rachel Lewman and Ava Ferrell then scattered back-to-back base hits, with Ferrell's scoring Maddie Cloke to make it 11-1 and invoking the 10-run rule.

"I didn't feel like the score was an accurate picture of the game," Menke said. "We fought hard. We gave up four runs without recording an out, but then we got out of that and kind of held them until the fourth inning."

Menke said overall he was happy with the way the girls played despite some mistakes that he said can be corrected.

"I think we're more competitive that I even thought we'd be. We definitely had some nerves, but I don't know if that was it, or just some timely miscues. Just a couple of those can cost you a lot," he said.

Schneider and Mehmert had the only hits for the Crusaders. Kayla Box and Sobczak both reached on walks. Hellige threw 90 pitches over five innings of work in the loss.

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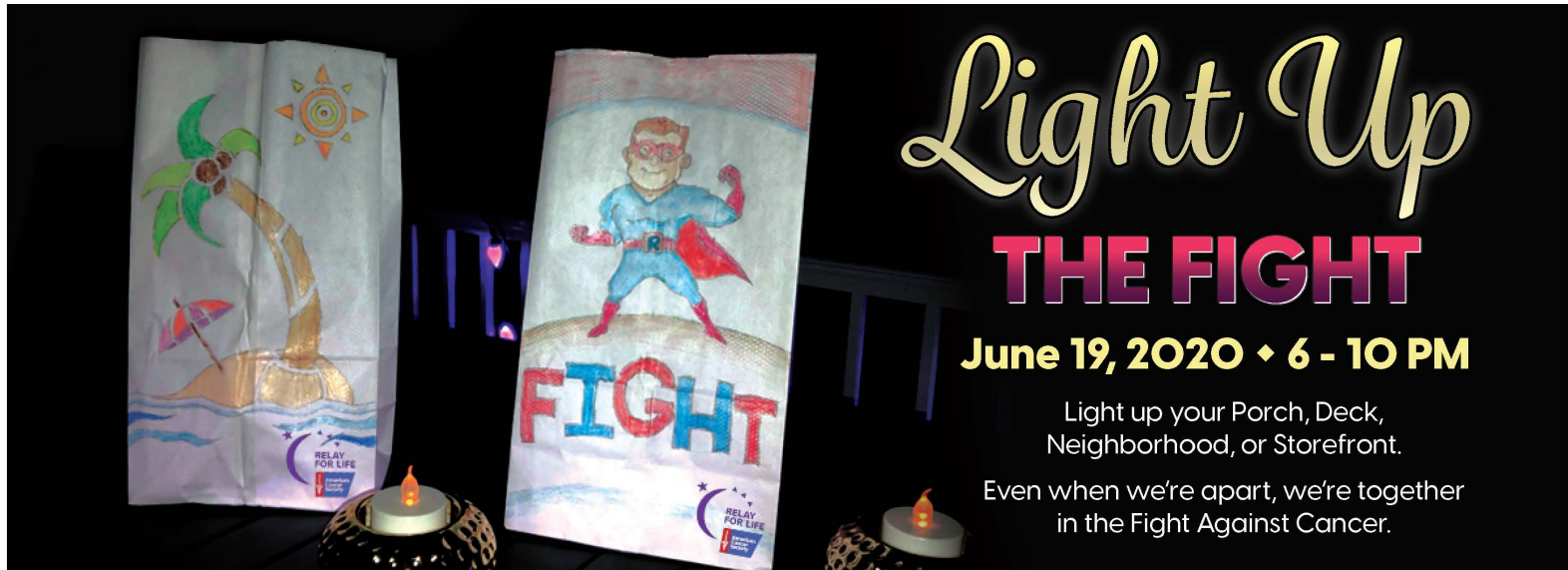
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