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Two killed in Sunday morning tragedy

BY PCC STAFF

DONNELLSON – An early morning accident near Donnellson has claimed the lives of two area men and left another hospitalized.

According to Iowa State Patrol reports, at about 1:17 a.m. Sunday morning a 2000 Ford pickup driven by Robert LeRoy Boyd, 28, of Kahoka failed to negotiate a curve in the road on Highway 2 at 140th Avenue west

of Donnellson. Investigators believe that Boyd overcorrected crossed the center line and struck a 2005 GMC Yukon driven by Laverne Mark Faulkner, 63 of Farmington nearly head-on.

Faulkner, and a passenger in the vehicle, Michael Paul Faulkner, 39, also of Farmington, were transported to area hospitals by Lee County EMS where they were pronounced dead.

Boyd was taken to University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics by Lee County EMS and his condition is unknown.

According to the ISP crash investigation report, none of the three were wearing their seatbelts at the time of the accident.

The Lee County Sheriff's Department and Donnellson Fire & Rescue assisted at the scene.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison City Band director Tracy Madsen leads the band in Central Park Sunday night in the band shell as residents listen in. The shell is one of several structures in the park that need repair and the Fort Madison Rotary has two weeks left in its 100-day fundraiser to try and raise \$100K for the park's upkeep.

Rotary short of goal in \$100K campaign

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A plan to raise \$100,000 in 100 days has about two weeks left and has surpassed the \$20,000 mark.

The Fort Madison Rotary Club started the campaign in March with the hopes of raising \$100,000 to refurbish the band shell in Central Park, do some repairs to the Statue of Liberty replica and beef up the parks maintenance fund.

The Rotary club oversees the park's maintenance and upkeep program outside of lawn mowing and was hoping to upgrade the city's lights and park benches as well.

The city, conducting some routine inspections on the band shell, identified termite damage in the foundation timbers of the structure. City Public Works Director Larry Driscoll said drilling the timbers out and reinforcing them with the metal inserts would be a cheaper

solution than replacing the the foundation.

Current funding needs for the park include \$6,000 to \$8,000 for repainting the structure, \$30,000 for new lights in the park, and at least \$12,000 to refurbish the Statue of Liberty replica, as well as other upkeep. With Rotary celebrating its 100th birthday in 2020, the committee decided to try to raise \$100,000 for all the repairs and put

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EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



Empty Nest empty without Barney the cat

Barney has disappeared. It happened on Mother's Day (wouldn't you know). Barney has always been my cat, because I'm the one who found and fed him. Cats remember. Barney was a great cat. He would crawl up on my lap and purr and knead to his heart's content, like he was the happiest cat in the world, which he was. We thought.

He was a young cat, and we only had him (or he had us) for about six months. With Ginnie, he was a little standoffish, breaking her heart because she loved him so much. He was the kind of cat you just wanted to pick up and cuddle.

So, on Mother's Day, when Barney finally gave in and crawled up on Ginnie's lap, it was a first. Ginnie had her cat. We had found a couple of ticks on Barney's pet bed, so we got a tick collar for him, which he didn't care for one bit and kept trying to get out of. After a day of wearing the tick collar, I noticed he was acting lethargic. I took the tick collar off and could feel some tick dust on his fur.

After church on Mother's Day, we gave him a bath. He didn't like that either. But he curled up on his freshly washed pet bed and took a nice long cat nap. It was after the nap, that he crawled up on Ginnie's lap. We never saw him again. Was he saying good-bye?

Barney always wanted out at night. If we didn't let him out, he prowled the house yowling. We accommodated, you can be sure of that! In the morning, he

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Sports

Nienhiser wins \$3,000 MOWA sprint feature

BY BRIAN NEAL
PEPSI LEE COUNTY SPEEDWAY



DONNELSON- Finally mother nature provided the Pepsi Lee County Speedway in Donnellson, Iowa with some beautiful weather for a night of racing. The Morrow Brothers Ford Midwest Open Wheel Association (MOWA) 410 Sprint Cars made a return trip to the track for the first time since 2012, with Midwest Performance & Power helping to bring the action.

The 18-lap Roberts Tire Center IMCA SportMod feature took to the track first, with Jim Powell and Bobby Six leading the field to green. Six would take advantage of his starting spot to jump out into the lead on lap one over Adam Birck and Ron Kibbe.

While Six paced the field out front, Kibbe, Austen Becerra, who started 6th, Birck, Blaine Webster, who started 8th, and Brandon Dale, who started 7th, raced two and three wide for the runner up spot. On lap five Becerra emerged from that battle to claim the second spot, and then went to work on Six for the lead. Coming off turn four to complete lap nine, Becerra got under Six to take over the top spot. Just as Becerra started to pull away, the first and only caution of the race appeared on lap 13.

As a cone was clipped onto the track in turn four to bring out the yellow. On the restart Becerra moved back out front, with Six, Birck, Daniel Fellows, who started 18th, Webster and Dale battling for second. Becerra would go on to lead the final five laps to pick up his second win of the season at the track, and breaking Fellows four-race wining streak. Six was second, Birck was third, Webster was fourth, with Fellows rounding out the top five.

Up next was the 25 lap MOWA 410 Sprint Car feature, with Paul Nienhiser and Bill Balog drawing the front row. Balog grabbed the lead on lap one over

Nienhiser and Lynton Jeffrey, but action was slowed on laps two through four when a cone was clipped to bring out the yellow with George Crawford spinning in turn one on lap 4 to bring out the yellow. On the restart of lap 5 Nienhiser got under Balog to lead the lap, but Balog would get back by him on lap six. Mason Daniel slipped under Balog on lap 10 to grab the lead, but Balog used the top side of the track coming out of turn four on lap 14 through lapped traffic to take the top spot back.

Then just as the lap was scored complete Harold Pohren spun in turn one to bring out a yellow. Balog jumped back out front on the restart, with Daniel and Nienhiser close behind. On lap 17 Nienhiser used the momentum off the middle of the track in turn 4 to grab the lead away from Balog. Then just after the lap was scored complete Crawford spun in turn 2 to bring out another yellow. Nienhiser moved back out front on the restart, and would go on to pick up the win and the \$3,000 top prize to go with it. Daniel was second, Jeffrey was 3rd.

Levi Smith and Mitch Boles led the field to the drop of the green flag in the 18-lap Budweiser IMCA Modified feature, with Boles grabbing the lead on the start over Smith and Jeff Waterman, who started 6th. Boles would hold the top spot until lap three when Waterman got under him to take over the lead. Chad Giberson spun in turn four on lap eight to bring out the yellow.

On the restart Smith would spin in turn one to bring the yellow light back on. The following restart saw Waterman jump back out front, with John Oliver Jr., who started eighth, and Brandon Lennox, who started ninth, close behind. Oliver Jr. would follow in Waterman's tire tracks over the next seven laps, waiting for an opportunity to get the lead away from him. Then coming off turn four to complete lap 16, Waterman slid up the track, which allowed Oliver Jr. to shoot under him for the lead. Oliver Jr. then held Waterman off over the final laps to claim his second win in a row at the track.

Waterman was 2nd, Dennis LaVeine who started seventh finished third.

The final feature to take to the track was the 15-lap Discount Tire & Service IMCA Sport Compacts, with Ricky Miller Jr. and Larry Miller on the front row.

Just as the green flag waved the yellow light would come on, as Wesley Talley spun down the backstretch and collected Brandon Reu to bring out the yellow.

On the original restart Larry Miller moved out front to lead lap one over Dylan Schantz and Trent Orwig, who started sixth. Larry Miller held the top spot until lap two, when Reu, who recovered from his involvement in the caution on the start, slipped under him to take over the top spot.

Then after the lap was scored complete, the caution appeared for debris in turn four. Reu would jump back out front on the restart, with Larry Miller and Kimberly Abbott, who started 7th, following. After lap 4 another caution appeared for debris and then Reu grabbed the lead on the restart, with Larry Mill-

er and Orwig close behind.

The action was slowed for the final time on lap seven, when Mike Hornung Jr. lost a right front tire down the backstretch to bring out the yellow. Reu moved back out front on the restart, with Orwig and Larry Miller following. While Reu worked the bottom of the track, Orwig tried the middle to get the lead away from him over the next three laps. But Reu was able to hold him off until lap 12 when Orwig edged him out at the line to take over the top spot. Orwig then held off Reu over the final laps to claim his first win of the season at the Pepsi Lee County Speedway. Reu was 2nd, and Barry Taft finished 3rd.

The Pepsi Lee County Speedway will be off on Friday, June 14th. But will return to action on Friday, June 21st, as it will be the 2nd Annual 305 Sprint Car Nationals presented by Mohrfeld Electric. Also racing for track points will be the I-Smile Silver IMCA Late Models, Donnellson Tire & Service IMCA Stock Cars, Roberts Tire Center IMCA SportMods, and Discount Tire & Service IMCA Sport Compacts.

For more information about the Pepsi Lee County Speedway you can visit their website at www.lee-countyspeedway.com, like them on Facebook, or call Brian Gaylord at 319-371-6744.

OFFICIAL RESULTS - Morrow Brothers Ford MOWA 410 Sprint CarsA-Feature: 1. Paul Nienhiser, Chapin, IL; 2. Mason Daniel, Carrollton, MO; 3. Lynton Jeffrey, Sydney, NSW, Aust.; 4. Bill Balog, North Pole, AK; 5. Jamie Ball, Knoxville, IA; 6. Austin McCarl, Altoona, IA; 7. Jordan Goldesberry, Springfield, IL; 8. Cory Bruns, Lincoln, IL; 9. Kyle Schuett, Philo, IL; 10. Brinton Marvel, Pittsboro, IN; 11. Jacob Patton, Bethalto, IL; 12. Dustin Adams, St. Louis, MO; 13. Brayden Gaylord, Wever, IA; 14. Jeremy Standridge, Springfield, IL; 15. Colton Fisher, Mediapolis, IA; 16. Brayton Lynch, Springfield, IL; 17. George Crawford, Springfield, IL; 18. Harold Pohren, New London, IA; 19. Josh Schneiderman, West Burlington, IA; 20. Dustin Barks, Farmington, MO (DNS)
Heat 1: 1. Mason Daniel; 2. Josh Schneiderman; 3. Brayton Lynch; 4. Dustin Adams; 5. Kyle Schuett; 6. George Crawford; 7. Dustin Barks
Heat 2: 1. Austin McCarl; 2. Paul Nienhiser; 3. Bill Balog; 4. Jordan Goldesberry; 5. Jacob Patton; 6. Jeremy Standridge; 7. Brayden Gaylord
Heat 3: 1. Lynton Jeffrey; 2. Jamie Ball; 3. Cory Bruns; 4. Colton Fisher; 5. Brinton Marvel; 6. Harold Pohren

Budweiser IMCA Modifieds A-Feature: 1. John Oliver Jr., Danville, IA; 2. Jeff Waterman, Quincy, IL; 3. Dennis LaVeine, West Burlington, IA; 4. Brandon Lennox, New London, MO; 5. Bill Roberts Jr., Burlington, IA; 6. Craig Spegal, New London, MO; 7. Chad Giberson, Richland, IA; 8. Mitch Boles, New London, IA; 9. Levi Smith, Donnellson, IA; 10. Dugan Thye, Burlington, IA
Heat 1: 1. Jeff Waterman; 2. Dennis LaVeine; 3. Craig Spegal; 4. Chad Giberson; 5. Levi Smith
Heat 2: 1. John Oliver Jr.; 2. Mitch Boles; 3. Bill Roberts Jr.; 4. Dugan Thye (DNS); 5. Brandon Lennox (DNS)

Roberts Tire Center IMCA SportModsA-Feature: 1. Austen Becerra, Bowen, IL; 2. Bobby Six, Warsaw, IA; 3. Adam Birck, Canton, MO; 4. Blaine Webster, Ottumwa, IA; 5. Daniel Fellows, Keokuk, IA; 6. Brandon Dale, Arbela, MO; 7. Jeff Frana, Ottumwa, IA; 8. Ron Kibbe, Danville, IA; 9. Patrick Profeta, Keokuk, IA; 10. Steven Berry, Ottumwa, IA; 11. Tyler Burton, Quincy, IL; 12. Michael Benjamin, Montrose, IA; 13. Brian Bergheger, Keokuk, IA; 14. Brandon Lambert, Carthage, IL; 15. Jim Powell, Hannibal, MO; 16. Kyle Hamelton, Keokuk, IA; 17. Josh Holtman, Quincy, IL (DNS); 18. Derek Goble, Burlington, IA (DNS)
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Heat 2: 1. Bobby Six; 2. Adam Birck; 3. Patrick Profeta; 4. Brandon Dale; 5. Brian Bergheger; 6. Tyler Burton
Heat 3: 1. Steven Berry; 2. Jeff Frana; 3. Brandon Lambert; 4. Jim Powell; 5. Josh Holtman; 6. Daniel Fellows

Discount Tire & Service IMCA Sport CompactsA-Feature: 1. Trent Orwig, Ottumwa, IA; 2. Brandon Reu, Donnellson, IA; 3. Barry Taft, Argyle, IA; 4. Larry Miller, Burlington, IA; 5. Kimberly Abbott, Camp Point, IL; 6. Wesley Talley, Monmouth, IL; 7. Mike Hornung Jr., Keokuk, IA; 8. Dylan Schantz, Luray, MO; 9. Ricky Miller Jr., Gorin, MO; 10. Cody Bowman, Mt. Pleasant, IA; 11. Josh Barnes, Keokuk, IA (DNS)
Heat 1: 1. Barry Taft; 2. Dylan Schantz; 3. Kimberly Abbott; 4. Ricky Miller Jr.; 5. Wesley Talley
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Obituaries/Education News



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Each year, the Fort Madison Rotary presents three \$1000 scholarship to area graduates. The 2019 winners were Jace Fedler, Abby Camp and Makenna Hall, pictured here with Student Chair and President Elect Heather Huebner (far left) and President Jan Garza (far right.)

OBITUARIES

BARBARA J. LOZANO

Barbara J. Lozano, 74, of Ft. Madison passed away on Sunday, June 09, 2019 at 2:30 AM at her home.



She was born on April 11, 1945 in Keokuk, IA to Roy and Ruth Ihrer Campbell. On May 6, 1978 she married Carlos "Joe" Lozano and he passed away on October 12, 2002. Barb worked at IAAP, she was an Avon representative, a security guard for Pinkerton's at DuPont and retired from Celestica in Mt. Pleasant. She was an avid reader, enjoyed sewing and loved her TV shows on IPTV.

Survivors include one son, Charlie Lozano of Ft. Madison; three daughters, Christina Happs of MO, Barbara Aucker of Clarinda, IA and Vanessa Barr-Wagner of Salem, IA; two brothers, Charles Ihrer and Terry Campbell. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and a brother, Mike.

The family will meet with friends on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 from 10-11 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A graveside service will follow at 11 AM at Sacred Heart Cemetery. A memorial has been established for IPTV and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

The Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes.

HTC girls get sweep at Danville

HTC JH improved to 6-2 with a 10-4 win at Danville June 7th. The winning pitcher was Rachel Menke going 4 innings striking out 3. Menke also had a walk, double and 2 runs scored at the plate. Breanna Peterson was 2 for 2 with a run scored. Jenna Hellman had a single, walk and run scored. Laura Mehmert and Kayla Box each walked twice and scored twice.

HTC JV improved to 7-1 with a 6-1 win at Danville June 7th. The winning pitcher was Mary Hellige going 6 innings striking out 9. Hellige also had a walk and run scored at the plate. Halie Cain had a double and run scored. Brooke Mueller had a single, double and 2 runs scored and 2 RBI. Kayla Box had 2 singles and 2 runs scored. Laura Mehmert had 2 singles and 3 RBI.



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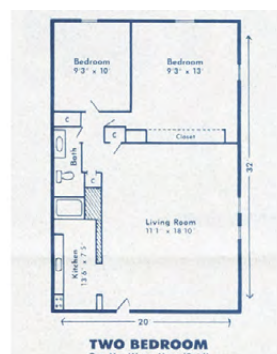
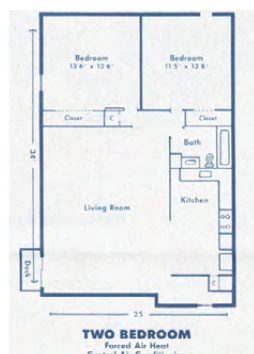
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WED 12 June Rain High- 62.0° F | Low - 48.6° F

THU 13 June Clear High- 66.6° F | Low - 56.8° F

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From the Front/Weather



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Fort Madison Rotarian Larry Smith smooths out some mulch that was donated by Matt Mohrfeld at Matt's Greenhouse in front of the stone monument at Central Park last week. The Rotary is toward the end of a fundraising effort to raise \$100,000 by June 23.

Rotary campaign short of its goal

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some money into the maintenance fund for further park improvements in years to come.

FM Rotarian Larry Smith works on spreading mulch around the stone park sign earlier this week. Matt's Greenhouse donated 25 bags of mulch for the upkeep. Rotarians are in the midst of a \$100,000 fundraiser that wraps up June 23. Courtesy photo.

The Picnic in the Park scheduled for June 23 will be the final wrap up the the 100-day campaign.

Farm just not the same without barn cat

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was ready to come back in and spend the day sleeping.

Did something get him during the night? Could it have been one of those minks that killed our chickens? I saw a YouTube video of a mink taking down a full grown groundhog, so it's possible that a mink could have gotten him. Barney was such a fast tree climber that I thought he could escape most anything.

Did he get run over? We live on busy Highway 34, and looked in all the ditches around the house. No Barney. Or did he just run off? I talked to our veterinarian and he said that cats can disappear for months at a time and then return. There's hope he will come back, and we keep looking for him.

We had Barney neutered, so he wasn't out looking for a mate. Was he mad at us for the tick collar and bath? Was he sick from the tick collar and crawled off in a culvert to die? We don't know. We just want our Barney back!

He was a skilled hunter, even snaring full-grown rabbits. He was in the process of eradicating our lawn of moles, chipmunks and any other creepy-crawly thing. He patrolled our barn and



garage relentlessly, sometimes leaving his prey on our doorstep as proof of his hard work, like the cleaning lady who leaves the seat up on the toilet and cleanser in the bowl.

We named him Barney because he was going to be our barn cat, but he quickly wormed his way into the big house and our hearts. He's a gray tiger with a pure white chest, like a nun. If you see him, please send him home. We promise—no more tick collars! We miss our muse, I mean mews cat. Even Buddy misses him! It's sad, the Empty Nest Farm is down to just Buddy.

We don't know where he came from, or where he went. Was he sent? Barney come home!

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at curtswarm@yahoo.com or visit his website at www.empty-nest-words-photos-and-frames.com.

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