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Photo by Ethan Lillard/PCC

Alex Steffensmeier stands in the front of some of the equipment used to help plant crops on fields at the Faulkner Family Farm in Farmington on Tuesday. Steffensmeier was one of about a dozen neighbor farmers that helped plant the crops after LaVerne and Michael Faulkner were tragically killed in a motor vehicle accident early Sunday morning.

Farmers unite after family tragedy

Farmington ag community pulls together after Faulkners killed in motor vehicle accident

BY ETHAN LILLARD
PCC STAFF

DONNELLSON- The goal for every generation and every human being should always be to try to make this world a better place than when they came into it.

That's the exact life lesson Chuck Westfall was trying to instill in his godson, Alex Steffensmeier, when he brought him along to help plant hundreds of acres of farm ground for his recently deceased friends.

"We're training him to pay back, too," Westfall said.

An early morning accident Sunday near Donnellson claimed the lives of LaVerne and Michael Faulkner of rural Farmington, after a vehicle driven by Robert LeRoy Boyd was believed to have crossed the center line and struck the GMC Yukon LaVerne and Michael were riding in nearly head on.

The collision took place at just at about 1:15 a.m. Sun-



MICHAEL FAULKNER



LAVERNE FAULKNER

day morning on Hwy. 2 near the intersection of 140th Avenue.

Both were later pronounced dead at an area hospital. According to the police report, Boyd was taken to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and his condition was unknown Sunday.

A visitation will be held Friday, June 14 at the Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson at noon and the family will receive friends from 3:30 to 7 p.m. A graveside service will be held at Hickory Haven Cemetery in rural Farmington at 10:30 a.m. with the processional leaving the funeral home at 10 a.m.

The accident is devastating for both the Faulkner family and the surrounding community. The impact of both LaVerne and Michael could clearly be seen in the events that followed their deaths shortly after.

Taking it upon themselves, Chuck Westfall and community members throughout the Donnellson area teamed up to help the Faulkner family finish planting its corn and bean crops on the Faulkner family farm located on the countryside in Donnellson.

"When I got the phone call from CJ (Laverne's oth-

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Partners \$8K short on fireworks

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison Partners is currently \$8,000 away from its \$20,000 fundraising goal for the 2019 Light up the Sky 4th of July campaign.

Tim Gobble, the executive director of the group said he hopes that donations continue to come so the group can meet the goal between now and July 4th, and again provide one of the best fireworks displays in the area.

"It has been stated Fort Madison has had the best firework displays in our region and we would like to maintain that status," Gobble said.

"J&S Displays has always provided our community with the best options for the funds we have available, and we're really happy to continue our great working relationship. If the community is willing and able to help support this event, please contact the Fort Madison Partners office at 319-372-5471 as we would love to reach the goal and continue the fantastic displays we've all come accustomed to."

All donations of any amount help reach the goal. Those donating \$1,000 or more will be eligible for a photograph that will be run in local news outlets.



Pilot Grove Savings Bank recently donated \$1,000 to the Fort Madison Partners Light Up the Sky 4th of July fireworks campaign. The group is about \$8,000 short of its July 4th goal.

Courtesy photo

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

MICHAEL PAUL FAULKNER

Michael Paul Faulkner, 39, of rural Farmington, Iowa, passed away at 1:17 a.m. Sunday, June 9, 2019, near Donnellson.



M. FAULKNER

He was born on April 10, 1980, the son of LaVerne M. and Karen L. (Baum) Faulkner.

Survivors include one brother: Christopher (Stacey) Faulkner of Eldridge, Iowa; one nephew: Hoyt Faulkner; one niece Amelia Faulkner and cousin (that was like a brother): Greg Cantrell. Also surviving are several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; paternal grandparents and maternal grandparents.

Michael was a graduate of Southeastern Community College. He worked as a farmer and pyrotechnician. Michael enjoyed farming, shooting fireworks with his BOHICA shoot team, watching sprint truck racing, raising cattle, hunting, Casey's for meals and he especially enjoyed spending time with friends and family.

Friends may call after 12:00 noon Friday, June 14, 2019, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson where the family will receive friends from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. that evening.

Following the visitation, the family will hold a Celebration of Life at the funeral home. They invite you to help them highlight LaVerne and Michaels' life adventures by sharing stories and memories.

A Graveside Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 15, 2019, at Hickory Haven Cemetery in rural Farmington. The procession will leave Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in his memory. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com. Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements.

OBITUARIES

LAVERNE MARK FAULKNER

LaVerne Mark Faulkner, 63, of rural Farmington, Iowa, passed away at 1:17 a.m. Sunday, June 9, 2019, near Donnellson.



L. FAULKNER

He was born on August 13, 1955, in Carthage, Illinois, the son of Roy Eldon and Thelma Ruth (Hudson) Faulkner. On March 23, 1978, he married Karen L. Baum in Kahoka, Missouri. She preceded him in death on December 24, 2011.

Survivors include one son: Christopher (Stacey) Faulkner of Eldridge, Iowa; one grandson: Hoyt Faulkner; one granddaughter: Amelia Faulkner; nephew (that was like a son): Greg Cantrell; four sisters: Marcia (Gary) Stiller, Sharon Dimit, Pat (Richard) Millmier and Donna (Nik) Wasielewski and fiancé: Debbie Smith. Also surviving are ten nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife: Karen and one son: Michael.

LaVerne graduated from Central Lee High School. He was a farmer and Wal-Mart Distribution maintenance supervisor/manager. LaVerne enjoyed farming, fishing, deer hunting, recounting hunting stories and he especially enjoyed spending time with friends and family.

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Pen City Current obituary policy

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Obituaries/Lottery Numbers

OBITUARIES

VIRGINIA ANN (FOLKER) CARNES

Virginia Ann (Folker) Carnes, 90, of Gladstone, Illinois passed away peacefully on June 6, 2019 at Monmouth Nursing Home in Monmouth, Illinois.

She was born March 14, 1929 in Burlington, Iowa to Cyrus and Aletha (Boyd) Folker.

Virginia was known for her work ethic, whether it was assisting on the family farm with her MANY siblings (16! Edith Carol, deceased as an infant) or the many labor intensive jobs she went on to have the rest of her adult years. Virginia was a worker. But she also had one of the sharpest senses of humor of anyone you could ever hope to meet. Virginia also liked to race and loved her GTO's.

Survivors include her sisters: Verna (Clair) Lubke of Warsaw, Missouri; Sharon Folker of Burlington, Iowa; Delores Moser of New Boston, Illinois; and brothers: Ronald (Ellen) Folker of Statesboro, Georgia; James (Roxie) Folker of Revere, Missouri; and Steven Folker of Farmington, Iowa.

Virginia is also survived by her children: Timothy Harmon of Burlington, Iowa; Debi (Dennis) Lovins of Daytona Beach, Florida; Rick (Thais) Harmon of Lomax, Illinois; Annette (Marty) Remick of Burlington, Iowa; and Jesse (Michelle) Carnes of Gladstone, Illinois; Paul (Debbie) Carnes of Oquawka, Illinois; 17 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren.

Besides her parents, Virginia was preceded in death by her sisters: Edith Carol Folker; Verlene Butts; and Joyce Rutledge and brothers: Cyrus Folker; Marvin Folker; Paul Folker; Dale Folker; Norman Folker; and Robert Folker. Virginia also was preceded in death by her children: Randall Lee Harmon and infant sons: Danny Ray Harmon and J.R. Lindsey.

The family will greet friends beginning at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington, Iowa with the service at 11:00 a.m.

Burial will be at Christy Cemetery, near Mount Sterling, Iowa. Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be made at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

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OBITUARIES

ANDREA "ANDI" HESSE

Andrea "Andi" Hesse, of Crystal Lake, passed away at her home on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at the age of 74. She was born March 13, 1945, in Omaha, Nebraska, the only child of the late Gerald Wayne and Grace Elizabeth (nee Schuler) Hale.



HESSE

Andrea received her bachelor's degree in Sociology from Iowa State University. In 1967, she was united in marriage to Richard Hesse in Fort Madison, Iowa.

Andrea will be remembered for her love of nature. She appreciated her time gardening and found much enjoyment in canning her own fruits and vegetables. Andrea also had a love for animals and her hobby of photography.

Andrea will be dearly missed by her husband, Richard; her son, James; and brother-in-law, Ray (Trudy) Hesse. She was preceded in death by her parents & her in laws, Walter & Virginia Hesse.

Services for Andrea were held on Friday, June 7, 2019 at Davenport Family Funeral Home and Crematory, Crystal Lake, IL. Donations may be made in Andrea's memory to PAWS Chicago, <http://www.pawschicago.org/how-to-help/donate/tributes-and-memorials/>.



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Sports/Weather

Lady Hounds win 3 in QC

BY PCC STAFF

DAVENPORT – The Fort Madison Lady Hounds tallied three wins in less than six hours on Tuesday as part of a Quad Cities tournament.

The Hounds got the best of Davenport Central in the key matchup of the day when senior Vanessa Golowach wore a pitch with the count full and the bases loaded to move Cassie Powers home with the winning run for a 6-5 win in a five-inning contest.

The Lady Hounds trailed 5-2 going into the home half of the fifth. Olivia Williams and Kylee Cashman each singled to start the rally and then Maycee Featheringill laced a double to deep left center scoring both runners with no outs.

Powers then singled to center moving Alyson Helmick, who was pinch-running for Featheringill to third. Powers moved to second on a throw to third trying to get Helmick advancing. Helmick come around to score on a wild pitch to tie the game at 5. Logan Johnson and Ivy Geerdes would get back-to-back walks to load the bases for Dalyn Wondra.

Wondra would pop into an infield fly rule for the first out, but Golowach would then work the count full in the next at bat before getting plunked for the game winning run.

Williams was 3-for-3 hitting with a couple RBI and a run and pilfered a couple bags to lead the Lady Hounds from her lead-off spot. Featheringill had a couple hits and two RBI.

Powers went the distance giving up five runs, four earned on 11 hits including a home run. She's 4-3 on the year.

In the opener, Fort Madison rolled Tipton 7-2

behind a complete game, six-hit performance from Neeley Rehm. The eighth-grade hurler struck out eight while not surrendering an earned run. She also went 2-of-3 at the plate with an RBI.

Fort Madison led 1-0 through until the bottom of the third when the Lady Hounds brought five over the dish. Jassmine Bass led off with a single in the nine hole. Williams would get plunked and Johnson would fan for the first out. Then Featheringill, Powers and Geerdes put together a string of singles with one out. After Wondra grounded out to short for the second out, Rehm drilled a single straight up the middle scoring two to make it 6-0, but would get caught stealing to end the inning.

Fort Madison would score one more in the fourth inning and Tipton would salvage a run in the fifth and sixth but Rehm would slam to door when she picked off Tipton's Keeli Claussen to end the game 7-2.

In the final game of the day, the Lady Hounds found themselves against a young Easton Valley with only one senior on the squad.

Fort Madison would jump out to a quick 7-1 lead through three highlighted by Williams 2 RBI double in the bottom half of the third.

Freshman Katie Dennis was in the circle for Fort Madison and threw just 71 pitches allowing one earned run, fanning six and not allowing a walk.

Williams went 3-for-4 at the plate with the 2 RBI. Dennis also had a couple RBI on two hits for the Lady Hounds. Helmick went 2 for 2 with a two runs scored and couple walks.

Fort Madison has won six straight dating back to June 5 and is now 8-6 on the year. Dennis is 3-1 on the year with a meager 2.51 ERA.

Reichelt's 3 RBI double key to Hounds split

BY ETHAN LILLARD
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON-Coming into Tuesday's contest against Washington, Fort Madison's baseball team was riding high on a three-game win streak. The Bloodhounds were originally set to take on the Demons May 24, but the games were rained out and the doubleheader was moved to Tuesday at Fort Madison High School.

The Hounds were within one run of Washington through three innings in game No. 1, but a big top of the fourth helped the Demons take game one 10-4. Fort Madison flipped the script in game two, walking away with a 9-1 bounce back win behind the arm of Dayne Cordray.

GAME ONE

Washington started game one with back-to-back singles before a sacrifice groundout plated the first run of the game for the Demons. The groundout was followed by another single, as Washington took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first.

Fort Madison had plenty of opportunities to

snatch the lead in the first two innings, loading the bases on two separate occasions, but couldn't make anything happen.

"Tonight we put together some good at bats and hit balls right at people," Fort Madison Head Coach Ron Walker said. "We're at least getting in the box now and competing in that situation and giving ourselves a chance to drive in some runs."

Singles were the theme for the Demons through the first three innings, as two singles, two walks and a fielder's choice gave Washington a 3-0 advantage heading into the bottom half of the third inning.

Back-to-back walks to Dayne Cordray and Vasin Thurman allowed Brandon Reichelt to collect the first RBI of the game for Fort Madison and trim the lead to 3-1 in the third. Two straight strikeouts were followed by Vasin Thurman coming around to score on some heads up base running and a passed ball at third, as Washington's lead dwindled to 3-2.

The momentum the Bloodhounds were able to build in the bottom of the third was short lived, as Washington came alive at the plate in the top half of the four scoring six to put the game at 9-2.

Things started to come back around for Fort Madison in the bottom of the fifth inning. Cordray walked, Reichelt singled and Fehseke also singled to load the bases for Fort Madison with just one out. Another single from Tate Johnson plated both Thurman and Reichelt for the Hounds final runs of the game, getting to within 9-4.

A double coupled with a Fort Madison fielding error gave Washington the final run of the game, as the Demons went on to take game one by the final of 10-4.

"You never feel like you performed well when you know you could have done better," Walker said. "Obviously we know we didn't play our best game. Our energy was down ...

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FRI 14 June	Light Rain High- 62.8° F Low - 62.2° F
SAT 15 June	Heavy Rain High- 68.8° F Low - 68.7° F
SUN 16 June	Rain High- 82.9° F Low - 69.5° F
MON 17 June	Rain High- 71.4° F Low - 67.8° F

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2nd Annual Franklin Car Show

Tractor Show (new this year) • Craft/ Vendor Show
June 15th, 2019, 9 a.m to 2 p.m

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
PROCEEDINGS
FORT MADISON
CITY COUNCIL
6/3/2019**

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Randolph presided with Council Members Greenwald, Morawitz, Rink, Mohrfeld, Lair and Cangas present. Council Member Andrews was absent.

On motion, Council approved the agenda. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 5/21/2019; Liquor License Renewal: Fareway, 1820 Avenue H, effective 7/24/2019; Resolution No. 2019-36, granting property tax exemption for William C/Rebecca Sue Griffiths, 6 Woodland Heights Court; Partial List of Cigarette Permits and Payment of Claims.

On motion, Council approved to reconsider an ordinance amending Title 8, Chapter 7, Section 2, to allow for a change in the sewerage rate. On motion, a Call the Question was approved. A motion to amend the ordinance failed. A second motion to amend the ordinance was approved. On motion, an amended ordinance amending Title 8, Chapter 7, Section, to allow

for a change in the sewerage rate was approved. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2019-37, requesting the revision of a grant application for Regional Transportation STP Funds for the Reconstruction of Old Highway 61 between 10th & 20th Streets.

On motion, approved the appointment of Stephanie Knoch to the Civil Service Commission, to fill an unexpired term, term expiring March 31, 2021. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a Standard Consultant Contract with Poepping, Stone, Bach & Associates, Inc., for Public Improvement Project 2019-03, Connecting Phase 3! Fort Madison Hospital Connector. On motion, Council approved sewer rehabilitation projects on Richards Drive from 27th Street to R Lane and at 18th Street and Pat's Alley for a total cost not to exceed \$50,000.

Council discussed the options for the intersection of 53rd Street and Avenue O. Council discussed a possible docking/lease agreement with American Cruise Lines.

At 7:24 P.M. on motion, Council adjourned until June 4, 2019, at 5:30 P.M.

/s/ Bradley A. Randolph, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

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ROAD USE 11080.28
CAPITAL PROJECTS 6586.21
WATER 53794.06
WASTEWATER 8304.95
SOLID WASTE 1265.74
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TOTAL 121287.17

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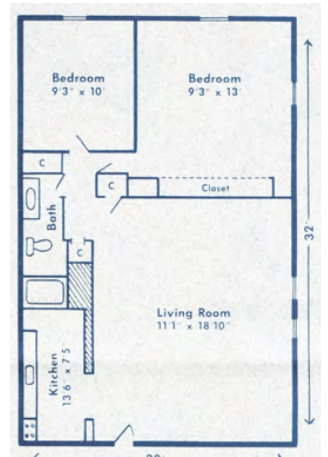
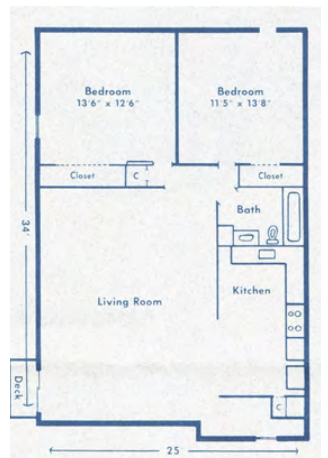
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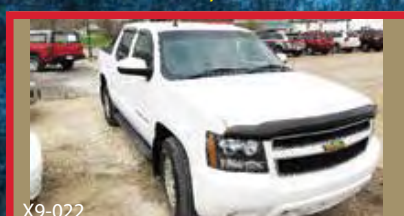
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Sports/From the Front

Cordray sparkles as Hounds salvage nightcap

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We didn't compete for seven innings and were pretty flat. You can't do that against a good team."

Gerdes was hit with the loss throwing 66 pitches over three innings, allowing five hits and five earned runs. Johnson paced Fort Madison with two RBIs, while Reichelt and Fehseke each collected two hits at the plate in game one.

GAME TWO

Cordray drew the start in game two and delivered with his most dominant performance of the season.

After forcing Washington into a three-up, three-down top of the first, Fort Madison took control. Landes Williams started the home-half of the first with a bunt single before Jason Thurman singled himself in the two hole. Gerdes flew out the next at bat, but moved Williams to third. Cordray then walked to load the bases, before Vasin Thurman struck out to leave the bases loaded with two outs for Reichelt.

Unlike game one when the Bloodhounds left the bases loaded on two different occasions, Reichelt came up with a bases-clearing double that gave Fort Madison a 3-0 lead.

"Next thing I know we had two outs and the bases loaded and I thought, 'Here we go again,'" Walker said. "Then Brandon Reichelt delivered a nice three-run double with two outs that really set the tone for the night."

Cordray hit his only real snag the following inning, as the Demons loaded the bases on three walks, before plating their first run on a single to trim the lead down to 3-1.

The Bloodhounds returned the favor their next trip to the plate, starting the home half of the second with walks from Johnson and Jace Burgher before another Williams bunt single plated Johnson and moved Burgher to second. Gerdes came through with a single following a walk, plating Williams for a 6-1 Fort Madison lead.

A three-up, three-down top of the third was followed with another big inning from Fort Madison.

Fehseke walked and Burgher singled before Fehseke came all the way around to score on wild pitches. Williams then walked, leading to a Jason Thurman single that



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The ball gets behind the Bloodhounds' Jason Thurman as a Washington baserunner slides into second. The Hounds split a make up double header with Washington Tuesday night.

scored Burgher to push the lead to 8-1.

Gerdes then walked to load the bases again before Thurman came away with a walk of his own to bring in Williams for the 9-1 lead.

Cordray dealt the rest of the way, allowing just two more hits as Fort Madison went on to win by the final of 9-1.

"We came back in game two and competed well," Walker said. "We had a great approach attacking the game.

"(Dayne) competed well and really attacked the zone. He was in control the whole game."

Cordray tossed 111 pitches over his complete game, allowing just three hits and one earned run while striking out eight batters. Reichelt led the way at the plate with three RBI, while Gerdes had two RBI.

The Bloodhounds are now 7-5 on the season and will take on Washington again this Thursday at Washington.

Friendship in the field goes back 50 years

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er son) that his dad and brother were gone, I just told my wife I had to take off," Westfall said. "I left on my own and came out here."

Westfall has been farming around the Donnellson area for more than 50 years now. With LaVerne being slightly younger, he and Westfall had farmed around the same area for more than four decades.

"I lived two to three miles down the road," Westfall said. "We've been friends for 50 years probably, LaVerne and I. And I helped raise his sons."

LaVerne and Chuck raised LaVerne's sons on the same down-home roots that were instilled in them. When Westfall's wife recently passed away around two years ago, those roots shown through brighter than ever as Michael was one of the first ones to come and show support to Westfall.

"She passed away two and a half years ago and Michael was one of the first ones there," Westfall said choking back tears. "So it's just payback."

While Westfall was great friends with the Faulkner family and helped to spearhead the efforts, there were many others from around the area who helped to make it all possible.

"There's been a lot of people call to help," Westfall said. "A lot of people have asked and I don't know half of their names ... I'm just a little pea in the pod. I just brought the planter."

Continuing to showcase his modesty, Westfall balked when asked how many acres he had helped plant so far, but did say regardless of how many acres, every last cent is going to go back to his long-time friend's family farm.

"That young man who planted them could tell you exactly how many acres," Westfall said pointing to his godson Steffensmeier. "I would say 300 to 400 of their own ... I'm going to do another guy's that Michael planted 100 acres for him and the check goes to the Faulkner Family Farms. I don't want

a penny for it. It all goes to them."

Even while having his own farm to tend to, it was an immediate instinct for Westfall to drop what he was doing and go help when he was called to action. The same goes for the other dozens of farmers involved in the process.

When asked why he and his friends felt so compelled to take time away from their own farms to help the Faulkner family with the process, the answer was simple.

"That's what (we) grew up doing," Westfall said. "That's what we do in the Midwest. That's what happens out here. This is not New York or California, this is the Midwest. When somebody's in trouble, you stop what you're doing and go help."

While Steffensmeier may not have known the Faulkner's as well as his godfather, he perfectly encapsulated the feelings of everyone involved with the process with just three words.

"It's a privilege," Steffensmeier said.

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