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Seaney, Hernandez drop first two matches at state doubles tournament.

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FMHS waves goodbye to 134 Crimson and Black



OPINION Lives are defined by the small ripples

It was 5:30 in the morning and Ginnie had just left for work. I settled back in the recliner for a little siesta, the eastern sky barely light on a drizzly morning. A text message buzzed. It was Ginnie. She had just hit a deer on the edge of Mt. Pleasant. Fortunately, she was okay, just a little shaken. Her car had some minor damage. She recomposed herself on the side of the



road before proceeding to work. I should have recognized the omen. Later in the afternoon, I watched the weather radar turn from bad to ugly. A tornado warning came in over my phone. Ginnie was making a run for home. We talked to each other on the phones, and it looked

like she was going to make it. I breathed a sigh of relief when she pulled into the garage, sporting fresh deer hair on the grill. I estimated the damage at a thousand dollars. (It was \$3,600.)

The rain started coming down in bucket fulls, driven by a ferocious wind. Then the pinging started, which soon turned to pounding. We heard glass breaking. I looked outside and saw golf balls bouncing in the yard like popcorn. It sounded like the west side of our house was going to explode. We were about ready to grab Buddy and head for the basement, but it was over as quick as it started. We tiptoed outside to survey the damage. There were drifts of hail up against the side of the house and holes the size of my fist in the vinyl siding. Whoever said "vinyl was final?" I checked the baby chicks real quick. They were fine, but full of speculation about what had just happened. The pounding on their chicken house (which the hail shredded) had to have been deafening! Our garden was stripped, with holes punched in the black soil like Swiss cheese. But the good news, we were all okay.

Ginnie called our insurance company to report the deer accident and, oh, by the way, hail just hit our house. The insurance adjuster was out the next day (can you believe it?) and calculated the damage at \$32,000! We're thinking about steel for our roof. The next day was my first book signing at the Ft. Madison Art Center. When Ginnie and I got in the car to go, we noticed candy on the floor with mice teeth marks. (!*##) A year ago I'd had mice problems, not just any ole mice, but those big deer mice. Here we go again! The knowledge of mice in my car didn't help my emotional state. I was extremely nervous about my first book signing, but have learned that nervousness is

Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison High School seniors move their tassles at the direction of Class President Austin Rose on Saturday morning at commencement ceremonies for 134 new graduates.

Dignitaries tell students to expect the unexpected

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON -With a nod to memories of the past four years, a few short addresses, and some moving of tassels, 134 of Fort Madison's best and brightest said goodbye to the safe and familiar halls of Fort Madison High School. At Saturday's Bloodhound graduation held at the Fort Madison gymnasium, school dignitaries quipped, and seniors, with decorated mortarboards with saying such as "The Best is Yet to Come" spoke to the future and what is in store for each student to cross the stage.

FMHS Principal Greg Smith gave the seniors one last bit of instruction and had them make eye contact with their families and applaud their parents for their hard work and support in getting the seniors to where they are today.

"You never know what's going to happen because that's exactly what happened to me," said Smith, who told attendees that when he graduated in the 70s he told himself he was never coming back. "God has a funny sense of humor." just like you today as my twins graduated from high school.," she said.

She told the seniors they have reached a milestone and should always reflect on what it took to get where they are.

"You have reached a huge milestone. Each one of you has shown perseverance, focus, and effort in order to be sitting here today. Please remember

Army after graduation.

this is just the beginning. Your next step is up to you. One of my favorite quotes is from AA Milne, the creator of Winnie the Pooh, and it says, 'Promise me you'll always remember, you're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think."

Emily Mitchell, the class See **CEREMONY**, page 10

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Superintendent Erin Slater said she now has an idea what parents go through on graduation day. "One year ago I sat

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FMHS graduate Adam Wilson gets hugs amid

a few tears after the graduation ceremony

Saturday at FMHS. Wilson is joining the U.S.

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Medal found at old thrift shop

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actually a positive sign. It's when I'm too relaxed that I blow it.

Curt's 55 year old Science Fair medal found in a junk shop The book signing went fine. One of the attendees presented me with a gift. While rummaging

through a junk shop in Iowa City, she had come across a medal with my name on it. It was for a second-place finish in our high school science fair 55 years ago.



As a freshman, I had made a ripple tank—a shallow tank of water, with a light overhead and a simple, motor driven vibrator that caused ripples. Place an object in the tank, and you could see ripples forming around it like wind in a wind tunnel. The lady couldn't resist picking up this old medal for me. Holy cow, what a surprise! How my medal wound up in an Iowa City junk shop, I have no idea. But the amalgamation of memories formed around my brain like ripples in the the ripple tank. What a nice gift! I remember the science teacher, saying my ripple tank was far superior to any ripple tank he could buy.

Then, one fellow, an old classmate of mine, bought 15 of my books for his high school senior Sunday School class. Cool. Maybe my book will make a ripple. We drove home on a high, ever watchful for roaming deer.

Pulling into the Empty Nest farm yard, I drove straight to the chicken house to check on the chicks. My headlights picked up a cat snooping around the foundation of the chicken house. I tapped the horn and hollered out the window, "You leave my baby chicks alone!"--Ripples forming around an otherwise spectacular night.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at curtswarm@ yahoo.com or find him on Facebook. Curt's stories are also read at 107.3 FM in Farmington.

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Obituaries/Opinion

OBITUARIES

LOIS (HEINE) SCHLIPMAN-GREENE

Lois (Heine) Schlipman-Greene, age 80, passed away on September 29, 2016 in Lakewood, Colorado.



Lois was born in Keokuk, Iowa on March 12, 1936. She was the daughter of the late Robert Heine and Esther (Eck) Heine. Lois spent most of her life in Keokuk, Iowa; Los Alamos, New Mexico; and Lakewood, Colorado; places that were etched in gold in her heart. Lois received her nursing degree at the Uni-

versity of Iowa, and her career included nursing and politics. She was also an active member in her church. Lois had many hobbies and interests including genealogy, photography, classical music, history, politics, traveling, playing the flute, and playing dominoes.

Lois leaves behind four beloved children, Robert W. Schlipman, Nancy J. Holley, Joan E. Spears, and Douglas P. Schlipman; an adored son-in-law, Matthew S. Spears; five cherished grandchildren, Anthony M. (Lauren) Spears, Amy E. (Logan) Guenthner; Erica Schlipman, Kyia Schlipman, and Chilar Schlipman; one precious great-grandson, Liam D. Spears; one aunt, Irene Smith; and three cousins, David Kirchner, Sharon (Wes) Brown, and Cindy Smith. Lois was preceded in death by a son, Jerry Alan Schlipman; and a grandson Douglas Schlipman, Junior.

A graveside inurnment ceremony will take place on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Montrose Cemetery, Lee County, Iowa, where Lois will join her parents, and rest in peace in the arms of the Lord. King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family with the services.

A memorial has been established in her memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.



ROBERT "BOBBY" WHITMER

Robert "Bobby" Whitmer, 67, of Farmington, passed away at 4:15 A.M. Saturday May 27, 2017 at the Donnellson Health Center.

Born April 21, 1950 in South Carolina he was the adopted son of C.R. "Cap" and Regina Olobry Witmer.

Survivors include his sister Donna (Jim) Snead of Keosauqua, Iowa. He is also survived by several cousins living in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Monticello, Iowa and Kentucky and aunts living in Milwaukee and Monticello.

He was preceded by his parents.

Bobby enjoyed riding his bicycle around Farmington. He loved animals especially dogs. He was always smiling.

His body has been entrusted to the Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

A graveside service will be at a later date in the Greenglade Cemetery at Farmington.

A memorial has been established in his memory. Contributions may be mailed to the Schmitz Funeral Home PO Box 56, Donnellson, Iowa 52625.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

The Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements.



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Sports FMHS' Seaney, Hernandez bow out at state

Speed, flat shots aren't enough for duo at state meet

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC FDITOR

DES MOINES - "Man that kid's fast. He should be running the 100 or somethin,".

Those were the words from Ballard High's Mark Moser as he left the court at Saturday's Iowa high school state tennis meet in Waterloo, after downing Fort Madison's Johnny Hernandez and Dante Seaney 6-1, 6-4.

Seaney had just jumped about six feet up the back fence to get to an overhead smash from Moser that ended the match. The Hounds were down 2-4 in the second set before rallying and taking the next two out of three trying to force a 3rd set. Seaney and Hernandez are used to tracking balls down in their doubles matches.

In the previous game of the second set, a

15-stroke rally was stretched when Hernandez went to the fence to get to slam and kept the ball in play in a point won by the Hounds to get some momentum going.

After pushing the set to 4-5 the Ballard duo of Moser and Brody Echer proved to be too much from the service line and won the last game to send the Bloodhound duo back to Fort Madison.

The first set was over quickly at 6-1 with Seaney and Hernandez not being able to find their usual energy and momentum, the same combination that allowed them to blow through the district doubles tournament with out losing a match.

Hernandez said he and Seaney weren't on the same page at times during the matches.

"Maybe one of the thing we could have done

This is very different. There's a lot more people. It's different. We don't have this kind of competition in southeast lowa." -Dante Seaney, State qualifier

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better was communication," Hernandez said. "And a lot of my volleys weren't on point today."

Seaney said the competition was beyond anything they had seen this year.

"This is very different," Seaney said. "There's a lot more people. It's different. We don't have this kind of competition in southeast Iowa. Our conference is a smaller conference for tennis and these guys are very good and have been training



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FMHS' Dante Seaney gets ready to flip a ball at the net back to Ballard in their second match of the day at the state tennis tournament in Waterloo.

for a very long time. We just picked up our rackets three years ago."

Head Coach Dean Hogan said the boys should be proud of how far they've come and they have enjoyed the tournament.

"It's the experience itself. Being the only two boys in school out here facing these boys that have had a lot more expe-

- Clara W.

rience then our kids. And they came back - another game and they may have had the opportunity to win that last set," he said.

"The set their goals high because I asked them to and they expected more of themselves. They think they didn't play as well as they could have, but it's the nerves and emotion of this and they aren't used to that

level. They should be proud of what they did up here."

Both Seaney and Hernandez are going into the military after high school. Seaney, an Holy Trinity grad will be going into the U.S. Marine Corp in two weeks and Hernandez, who graduates from FMHS Saturday will be joining the national guard at the end of June.



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Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 5000 block of Avenue O. 05/25/17 - 3:46 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2200 block of Avenue M. 05/25/17 - 4:58 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Robert Alan Ulik, 36, of Fort Madison on the 3000 bl0ck of Avenue E on a charge of driving while barred. He was released with a court date. 05/25/17 - 8:35 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1300 block Avenue E.

05/26/17 - 6:00 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2200 block of Avenue E. 05/26/17 - 6:09 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1500 block of Avenue H. 05/26/17 - 6:24 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Anthony James Durham, 31, of West Point in the 1500 block of Avenue H, on a charge of trespassing. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

> Lee County Sheriff's Department report

05/25/17 - no time given - Lee County Sheriff's deputes arrested Tiffiny Renaee Atterberg, 42 of Nauvoo, at the Hancock County Jail on warrants for probation violation and failure to appear/contempt of court. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 05/25/17 - 12:29 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Russell Arlo Young, Jr., 41, of Fort Madison at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a warrant for willfull-serious injury. He was taken to the Lee

County Jail and held. 05/25/17 - 2:20 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jason Michael Creighbaum, 38, of Limon, Colo. at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 05/25/17 - 2:22 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Alisa Lee Carson, 20, of Jenoa, Colo. at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalis.

She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. It should be noted a criminal charge is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report

05/25/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls. 05/26/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls and one assist



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3 BR • 2 BA • 2 car garage 1,168 sq. ft. • 0.54 acres Lovely family home comfortably situated at the end of a

cul de sac, where you can enjoy the woods and the privacy! There is an inviting deck off the back of the home overlooking the woods and beautiful vinyl fencing. There are newer mechanicals and a newer roof, 2 fireplaces and lots of storage!! Don't miss out on this beauty. Listing #20163951 • \$129,000



5BR • 2.50BA • 2 car garage 2,834 sq. ft. 14,868 sq. ft. lot Amazing family home on a large corner lot in Farmington, IA. 2 fireplaces, beautiful woodwork, a beautiful open front porch, a large yard and an oversized garage!! Listing #20164117 • \$127,500



2BR • 1BA • 1 car garage 1,224 sq. ft. 7,250 sq. ft. lot

A house with character! Wraparound porch, original hardwood in formal dining room/ living room combo, main floor laundry, nice size eat-in kitchen including appliances, dining room has original fireplace, basement and 1 car garage. Listing #20162543 • \$53,000



5BR • **1.75BA** • **1** car garage **1,904 sq. ft.**• **1,903 sq. ft. lot** Great family home on large corner lot in the middle of Ft. Madison. Large living / dining area with original craftsman woodwork and built-ins, 14 x 22 garage on the alley with 2 additional storage sheds. Nice front porch, rear deck, and a great sunroom on the East.

Listing #20162346 \$86,950



4BR • 1.50BA 1,706 sq. ft. • 7,250 sq. ft. lot

This spacious home has it all, the character of a turn of the century home; beautiful woodwork, beamed ceilings, window seat, columns, and large covered front porch, yet also includes MANY updates. Call today for your private viewing!

Listing #20164725 • \$92,000



3BR • 1.75BA • 2 car garage 1,772 sq. ft. • 0.57 acres

Great family home with LOTS OF NEW! New kitchen, bathroom, windows, most flooring, wrap around deck, ceiling fans, light fixtures, furnace and central air! Beautiful neutral decor and window treatments make this a must see! All this and a 2 car heated garage

Listing #20164861 • \$157,500.



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3 BR • 2 BA • 1 car garage







2BR • 1BA • 2 car garage

2,260 sq. ft. 6,784 sq. ft. lot

Lots of new! Semi open floor plan, new flooring, great open basement family space, and many updates including heat/ air units, kitchen back splash, counters and more! Fenced in back yard with stamped concrete patio and awning. Call today to see this great home in a quiet neighborhood. Listing #20164544 • \$139,900

4BR • 2BA • 2 car garage 1,260 sq. ft. • 4.59 acres

Custom Designed, Energy Efficient home with an open floor plan, cathedral ceilings, on a hard surface road. Includes large deck extends the entire back length of the house, master bedroom that opens up to the back deck, jack and jill master bath and second bedroom. The property also includes an oversized 2 car garage with a heated workshop attached.

Listing #20164982 • \$191,500

3BR • 1BA • 2 car garage 1,488 sq. ft. • 16,247 sq. ft. lot Has been owned by this seller since 1960!!! Large eat-in kitchen with newly tiled floor includes stove, microwave, washer and dryer, main floor laundry (in bedroom), formal dining room with built-in hutch, and spacious living room. The house sits on a HUGE lot and has a nice 2 car garage in back. Home has Gas Heat and central air with maintenance-free siding on house and garage. Listing #20165151 • \$55,900 **930 sq. ft. • 7,280 sq. ft. lot** This 2 bedroom home in Montrose has been a rental property and sells as is. Priced way below assessed value to sell quickly! **Listing #20164279 • \$38,500**



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5BR • 3BA 3,119 sq. ft. 14,500 sq. ft. lot

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Listing #20162159 • \$149,500



3 BR • 1 BA • 1 car garage 1,248 sq. ft. • 0.37 acres

Well-kept ranch on a beautiful, large corner lot in West Point, IA. New wooden privacy fence surrounding the entire back yard. There is also an attached garage and storage shed. A large wooden deck leads to the front door where you can sit and enjoy those beautiful Iowa summer sunsets! PLUS a covered deck in the back for those rainy days. This house is a rare find. Listing #20164234 • \$119,900



2BR • 1.75BA • 2 car garage 679 sq. ft. • 6,500 sq. ft. lot Nice, small home. Seller has purchased and remodeled. Excellent condition. Listing #20164161 • \$62,500



3BR • 3BA 2,754 sq. ft. 3,550 sq. ft. lot Gorgeous, turn-key home with large patio minimum maintenance. UPDATES GALORE!!! Practically perfect in every way, this 1841 home includes the latest improvements while keeping its Victorian charm. Listing #23006122 • \$99,999



4 BR • 1.75 BA 3 car garage • 2,052 sq. ft. 8,700 sq. ft. lot

Beautiful 4 bedroom home with large rooms, recently redecorated and ready to move into. This home features stainless steel appliances, main floor laundry, eat in kitchen and formal dining room, main floor office or bedroom, open staircase, large living room and big bedrooms. Newer roof, siding and gutters on house. 24' X 36' insulated garage and workshop, plus carport. Large wrap porch great location near Old Settlers Park. Listing #20163776 • \$129,500



2BR • 2BA • 3 car garage 1,404 sq. ft. • 1.42 acres

Upgrades, improvements, updates...call it what you like, this home has had MANY in the last 2 plus years. This seller has completely refurbished the hill to the north of the home with new landscaping finishes. This is a must see property!!! It has enough room for your family and then some!!!

Listing #20164991 • \$129,900



3BR • 1BA 1,432 sq. ft. • 5,500 sq. ft. lot

This UPDATED, MOVE-IN READY, CHARMING 3 bedroom home will make an awesome family home!!! This gem has all new windows throughout, exterior doors, deck, plumbing, & NEW roof on house & garage. So come check it out! This is a MUST SEE!!! Listing #20165237 • \$92,500



2 car garage • 2,527 sq. ft. UNIQUELY beautiful 9.38 river bluff acreage. This home boasts many updates including complete master suite, heat and A/C, Septic system, deck, roof & gutters, flooring, and the list goes on. This private property includes fenced in barn area for animal lovers, mature fruit trees plus trees have been dropped for a beautiful panoramic river view that will last for years! Owner also plans to leave a John Deer mower and new snow blower!!

Listing #20162733 • \$269,000









3 BR • 2.50 BA 2 car garage • 1,194 sq. ft. 10,400 sq. ft. lot

Great family home is move-in ready. Nice-sized kitchen with all appliances, dining area, and nice living room all on the upper level. Completely re-modeled family room with a wood burning fireplace on lower level. Many updates include newer flooring, roof and HVAC system. Listing #20164531 \$114,900



Land 14.65 acres • 638,514 sq. ft. Just outside city limits, perfect for housing development or small form for horses or small

small farm for horses or small livestock, over half tillable. City water is available. 30' X 60' building is totally insulated, heated and air conditioned with 200 amp service. Listing #20162574 • \$249,000 **3BR** • 1.75BA • 1 car garage **888 sq. ft. • 9,450 sq. ft. lot** RARE RANCH with large fenced back yard and attached garage! Updated windows and kitchen, newer HVAC and water heater. Family Room in the basement. Just waiting for your own personal touch! Listing #20163423 • \$74,900

Land 50.82 acres 2,213,719 sq. ft.

Ideal 50 acre m/l parcel to develop. Close to new 4-8 Middle School and Baxter Rec Plex. TREMENDOUS DEVELOP-MENT OPPORTUNITY. Listing #20162779 • \$559,020





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Speakers tell classmates to embrace change

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valedictorian addressed the students about change being a part of life. Mitchell moved to the high school the summer before her freshman year.

"In the beginning, I refused to accept the fact that everything was about to change. I was hesitant about being involved and meeting new people. I didn't want to appear that I was actually happy being here. I didn't want to embrace the changes - I feared them," she said. "No matter what we do, change will be a part of our life. I challenge you all to go out and create change. You have the ability to be who you want. If you don't like the direction your life is going - change it."

Jonathon Specht, a selected speaker voted by the students, spoke to 10 things that he learned at FMHS, including the power of Google, thanking the creator of copy and paste, hallway roadrage, and following their dreams.

"I dreamed of having a loving, supportive group of friends and family. Moving to Fort Madison helped me create some of these dreams. You'll meet some of the best friends of your life."

He too, challenged the departing students to embrace change. He said change will be hard. Moving to Fort Madison was hard and he never thought he would be accepted here as he was in his hometown and then he thanked his mother for moving him to Fort Madison as he said it was the best decision they had ever made.

After the ceremony, Timothy LeMatty III said the specialized classes at FMHS would help him prepare for later course work.

"I think just a couple of classes in psychology and sociology really prepared me, and Andrew Troxel taught those. I think it will help with other course work."

LeMatty and his best friend Grant Niggemeyer have both committed to military service.

"I've got about 75 days left and then I'm heading to San Diego with my best friend," Niggemeyer said as friends and family began to descend on the two.

Senior class president Austin Rose, who's very rarely ever seen without a smile on his face, said FMHS will always hold a special place for him.

"The past four years have gone really fast.," he said. "But this is such a welcoming environment. People are really nice here and I've learned a lot and made new friends and it's prepared me for the next four years. Rose will be attending Clarke College in Dubuque and will be on the men's basketball team.

JAMES WILLIAM "BILL" LAMBORN

James William "Bill" Lamborn, 75, of Donnellson, passed away at 4:13 P.M. Saturday, May 27, 2017 at the Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Born August 19, 1941 in Farmington, Iowa the son of Samuel and Esther Troutman Lamborn. On September 17, 1965 at Keokuk, Iowa he married Alice M. Finton. She preceded him in death on February 26, 2000. On August 11, 2001, he married Janey Therme Fuchs.

Survivors include his wife Janey of Donnellson. Three sons: Chad (Vickie) Lamborn of Donnellson, Ty Lamborn of Keosauqua, and Eric Lamborn of Donnellson, step-daughter Tracy (Gary) Frahm of Miles, Iowa, step-son Brian (Jamel) Fuchs of Urbandale, Iowa. Four grandchildren: Kayla, Jeremy, Nicole, and Ali, five step grandchildren: Kayla, Jeremy, Nicole, and Ali, five step grandchildren, two great grandchildren. Also surviving are three sisters: Nancy (Rich) Lowe of Independence, Missouri, Chris (Kent) Anderson of Mt. Pleasant, and Jan (Todd) Loges of Farmington. One brother-in-law Mike Jacobsmeier of Mt. Pleasant. Two aunts: Wanda Adams and Mary Davis and Mother-inlaw Melba Steinhilber and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Alice and one sister Linda Jacobsmeier.

Bill was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Farmington, was a member and Past Commander of the Farmington American Legion Post #231. He served as District Legion Vice Commander. He was a member of the Houghton Knights of Columbus Council #3905. He served in the United States Army.

Bill graduated from Farmington High School in 1959 and the Gale Institute in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In his early years, he worked with his father in construction. He later owned and operated Home Town Lumber in Donnellson and the Houghton Ready Mix Concrete. Bill worked for Ideal Ready Mix until his retirement, he continued working part-time as an estima-



tor for Jones Contracting up until the time of his death. He loved traveling, especially cruising to Alaska and the Panama Canal, visiting his sister and brother-inlaw in Florida each Winter and driving his step granddaughter to

New York City. He enjoyed going to Hawkeye Football Games and hosting picnics for family and friends each summer at the farm.

Friends may call after noon on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at the Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson where the family will meet with friends from 4-7:00 P.M. that evening. There will be a Christian Wake Service Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Farmington with Father Dennis Hoffman as Celebrant.

Burial will be in the Greenglade Cemetery in Farmington with full military rites by the Farmington American Legion Post #231.

Memorials may be made to the Donnellson Fire and Rescue, Farmington Fire Department and the Farmington EMT's.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

The Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements.



The J. Patrick Koellner Scholarship is given by Lee County Bank to a graduating senior from Fort Madison High School and from Holy **Trinity Catholic High** School. At left, Lee County Bank President, Mike Culbertson, presents a \$1,000 check to Alyssa Hemann, a 2017 graduate of Holy Trinity Catholic High School, and wishes her great success in her future endeavors.

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